

Providence Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

"Sing We Now of Christmas"	Bell Choir, Carol Young	arr. Krug
"Still, Still, Still"	Sue Payne, Pastor Hilary	Austrian Carol
"O Holy Night"	Amanda Yeager, Barb Hazlett	arr. Lanier
"Calypso"	Women's Ensemble	arr. Raney
"Ukrainian Bell Carol"	Alyssa Conway, Riann Edson	arr. Phillips
"Birthday of A King"	Men's Ensemble	arr. DeCesare
"Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella"	Dr. Carole Parsons	arr. Ritter
"What Her Heart Remembered"	Rick Herbster	Michael Card

*Responsive Call to Worship

The hope and fears of all the years are met right here tonight.

Tonight, there will be heavenly peace and mercy mild; God and sinners, reconciled.

All heaven and nature sing; the weary world rejoices.

The wonders of God's love are made flesh tonight. The angels sing "Gloria," and we have nothing to fear.

Readers are from Session

Reader: This is the light of peace, to honor the child who will teach us the way. Mary knew that her baby would be the one to end all war. We witness to the light, doing our part to create a nonviolent world. We welcome the Prince of Peace, who casts out all fear.

Reader: The light of love always shows the way. For the holy family on a dark night in Bethlehem, and for all who come to worship the child, who

Reader: We welcome hope, peace, joy, and love tonight. The light of the world is born, bringing all that and more! It is a light for the ages. God's people answer the call to keep the light and shine it for all to see. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

God of hope, Joyful Spirit, Prince of Peace and Lord of Love, we wait for you to come live among us. Tonight we learn a new name for you: God with us, Immanuel. It is as old as the ages and as new as a newborn baby's cry. We wait, believing what all our prophets told us is true: that your grace is sufficient and that your love will transform the world. Guide us and keep us, Lord. As you step into our world again, may you find your people ready. Amen.

After this carol, please remain seated for the remaining carols until "Silent Night"

ANTHEM *"Innkeeper"* Roger Emerson

Carols *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* # 113 vs. 1, 3

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" # 119 vs. 1, 3

Carols *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* #128 vs. 1, 2

"Away in a Manger" # 115 vs. 1, 3

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

Tonight's offering goes to the PCUSA denomination's "Christmas Joy" offering which provides assistance to current/retired church workers and Presbyterian-related schools/colleges equipping communities of color.

Offertory *"On Christmas Night"* Kosche

Carol *"What Child Is This?"* # 145 vs. 1, 3

Fourth Lesson John 1: 1-5, 14-18

Sermon *"Sacred Disruptions"*

Christmas Prayer for a Weary World

Congregational Candle Lighting

Carol *"Silent Night"* # 122

Benediction

*Recessional Carol *"Joy to the World"* # 134

*Postlude *"Joy to the World!"* Page

**Those who are able please stand*