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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4:00 PM FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
DECEMBER 24, 2020
CHRISTMAS EVE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ADVENT LITANY

For those walking in darkness, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting hope.

For those living in fear and dread, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting peace.

For those living in hopelessness and despair, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting joy.

For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

CANDLE CELEBRATION

HYMN - "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs 1, 3 & 4

O come all ye faithful,

Joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him,

Born the King of angels!

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels;
Sing in exultation;
Sing all ye citizens
of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC - "Jesu Bambino"- Marie Dykstra

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Christmas Meditation

John 1: 1-14

HYMN - "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Good Christian friends rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!
Good Christian friends rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

For your word which endures
We give you thanks
For your promises to which we hold
We give you thanks
For such intimacy with you
We give you thanks
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
We give you thanks
For those gathered here today
We give you thanks
For family, friend and stranger
We give you thanks
For those who minister your grace
We give you thanks
For the hope that lives each Advent
of a love that has no end
We give you thanks, Amen

CHRISTMAS CAROL - "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

CHRISTMAS CAROL - "Joy to the World" vs 1, 2 & 4

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION