



Christmas Eve 3:30pm Service of Lessons and Carols 2011

**Processional Carol** “Joy to the World”

**Introit** “Away in a Manger”

Preschool Singers, Elizabeth Shikrallah - flute

**Call to Worship** (Leader, **People**) (Isaiah 9: 2 – 7)

People who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them light has shined.**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

**And we will call him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

People of God, let us worship Christ the Light.

**Instrumental**

“O, Holy Night”  
Isabella Scotti, Piano

**First Lesson** Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 7

*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah*

**Carol** “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” vss 1 & 5

**Second Lesson** Luke 1: 26 – 35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary announcing that she will bear a holy child*

**Carol** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” vss 1 & 3

**Third Lesson** Luke 2: 1 – 7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary births her child*

**Children’s Sermon**

*Children of all ages are welcome to join Pastor Blake  
on the steps of the chancel for the sermon*

**Song** “What Child is This”  
Carrie Anne Juba, Soprano

**Fourth Lesson** Luke 2: 8 – 16  
*Angels appear to shepherds to announce the birth of the Messiah*

**Carol** “The First Nowell” vss 1 & 4

**Fifth Lesson** Matthew 2: 1 – 11  
*Magi from the East seek the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

**Carol** “As with Gladness Men of Old” vss 1 & 3

**Offering our Gifts to God** – The Christmas Joy Offering

**Anthem** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  
NPC Sunday School Students

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Candle Lighting**  
*Ushers will come forward to receive the light and share it  
with the congregation. Remember to **dip the unlit candle**  
toward the lighted candle. For battery candles, tighten the  
bottom for light.  
Please extinguish candles after the benediction.*

**Carol** “Silent Night”  
*Remain seated until we sing all verses then we will repeat  
the first verse and stand to lift the candles in praise to God.*

**Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**

**The chancel flowers are** given by Keith J. Whiteside in loving memory of his parents, John and Etta J. Whiteside, and his brother, John Merritt Whiteside.

The **3:30 Christmas Eve bulletin** is given by Carrie Juba in loving memory of her mother, Carrie Lynne Juba.

**Welcome!** We welcome all who visit with us tonight and cordially invite you to worship with us on a regular basis. On Sunday, December 25, there will be **only one** worship service at 10:00 a.m. This will be an informal service for the whole family, and there will be no Sunday School.

Poinsettias can be picked up for delivery immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 25, or if you can help the Deacons deliver poinsettias on Monday, December 26, come between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

To everyone: God's blessings upon you. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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