

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Prelude *Manger Medley* arr. Hayes

Welcome Rev. Dixie Brachlow

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Clark Family

Call to Worship (John 1:9-14)

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People: **We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!**

***Opening Carol #188** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible p.56-New Testament)

Carol # 185 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:46-55 (Pew Bible p.57-New Testament)

Anthems *We'll Dress the House with Holly Bright* Burt
Christmas Dinner Stookey
Christ in The Strangest Guise Burt

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-7 (Pew Bible p.58-New Testament)

***Carol #203** *Away in the Manger*

Offering and Offertory ** *Redeemer* Bryson

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:8-14 (Pew Bible p.58-New Testament)

Anthems *Sing a Joyous Alleluia* Spevacek
Some Children See Him Burt

Sermon "The Sign of the Manger" Rev. Richard L. Haney

Lighting of the Candles

As the lights are dimmed and we sing Silent Night, ushers will light the candle of the worshiper at the end of each row. That person will light the candle next to them and on down the row. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright; the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted. You may extinguish your candle as "Joy to the World," begins.

Carol (see insert) *Silent Night, Holy Night*

***Carol** (see insert) *Joy To The World*

***Benediction** Luke 2:15-20

Response to Benediction *Are Ye Who with the Christ Child*

***Postlude**

*All who are able, please stand

**Tonight we are receiving the Christmas Joy Offering. The Christmas Joy offering of our denomination is taken to support "the unmet needs of families who have given their lives to the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), some of them after their retirement, others while they continue to serve." Monies collected also assist students at racial ethnic schools and colleges. "As we celebrate the love of Jesus that the angel heralds-overflowing into, through, and beyond our lives - may our gifts bear joyful witness to that uncontainable love."

There is no nursery provided tonight, but parents are welcome to take restless children to the nursery at any time during the service.

Thanks to Gene & Peggie Rosen and Billy Putze for the luminary decorations for our Christmas Eve services.

from MERRY
CHRISTMAS
*all of the staff
and session members!*

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin other 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.

Joy to the World!

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 world! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make
His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the cure is found.

He rules the world with truce 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.