Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 5:00 p.m.

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

In the sanctuary and live streamed

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Festal Fanfare from the Fourth Concerto J. S. Bach

Arr. Van Denman Thompson

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful Ades

Adeste Fideles

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, People: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the Amen.)
O God, give us such love and wonder that with shepherds, magi, and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy child, the promised King, and with our gifts worship him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation sits.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Krech/Mayne Family

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, all stand to sing

Hymn 23 Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Psalm 96_____ Unison

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;

tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it. Let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.

For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 4 Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor Alme Siderum

The congregation sits.

Epistle Titus 2:11-14

Meditation O, Holy Night Adolphe Adam, 1847; arr. Gary Burch Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Gospel Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Sermon Surprised by Joy Mike Krech

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Luke 2:9-10 (KJV)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice In Dulci Jubilo

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria in Excelsis Refrain of Hymn 23 Gloria

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory

Pastoral Symphony (from Messiah) G.F. Handel, 1742

arr. Virgil Fox

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer_(debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to one of the tables.

Carefully take a piece of bread, and/or a small cup.

Eat and drink while at the table and place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.

Hymns during Communion

25 Away in a Manger

Mueller

45 O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby

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After the Passing of the Light

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night! All is calm all is bright Round you 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 host 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 Alleluias to our King: Christ the Savior is born.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

Worshipers may carefully depart the partially darkened sanctuary, or remain for prayer. In the interest of safety and health, talking with others should be avoided.