

Grove Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve

10:00 PM

Saturday, December 24, 2016

Christmas Selections

Greg Bitler, Dr. Fred Brown

Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet Isaiah

*Carol

Hymnal No. 49

"Once in Royal David's City"

*Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*Jesus is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness And He shares in all our gladness.*

Greetings and Reading

Crèche and the Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Leader: Advent is the time to proclaim.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Leader: We proclaim a hope that is stronger than any trial.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Leader: We proclaim a victory that is stronger than any defeat.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Leader: We proclaim a peace that is stronger than any conflict.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

*Leader: We proclaim a freedom that is stronger than any
bondage*

People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

*Carol

Hymnal No. 31

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Hark! The Herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Prayers for the Needs of the World and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Carol of Dedication

Hymnal No. 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*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!
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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! (refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest. (refrain)

Annunciation

Luke 1: 26-38

The Angel Gabriel visits the Blessed Virgin Mary

Musical Offering

Kessey Kieselhorst

Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

Mary's disquiet, reflection, inquiry, submission

Carol (please remain seated)

Hymnal No. 25

"Away in a Manger"

*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord
Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord
Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look
down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever
and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in
Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

Nativity

Luke 2: 1-20

The Shepherds go unto the manger

Christmas Meditation

The Magi

Matthew 2: 7-12

Carol (*please remain seated*)

Hymnal No. 60

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

[The ushers will pass the light through the pews as Kessey Kieselhorst sings “*Silent Night*” in the original German. It is requested that no lit candles be tipped. The unlit candle should dip toward the flame.]

[Soloist]

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles Schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh', Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh'!*

[Congregation]

*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.*

[A Capella]

*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.*

*Dismissal Blessing

Luke 2: 25-35

Simeon holds the Babe

Organ Postlude

***Please rise as able**