

**WELCOME!** – We extend our warmest welcome to you this Christmas Eve so that you might be reminded that God loves you and has come to you in a very unique and extravagant way through Jesus Christ. Our worship expresses the joy of Christ’s birth and His life on this Earth by which He accomplished salvation through His work on the cross for those who believe. This Christmas season may you richly experience the new life that Christ offers, and know that you are always welcome here in our church family!

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** – In your box of envelopes for tithes and offerings is an envelope for a Christmas offering. Our Session would like everyone to be aware that it has been the longstanding policy of TMPC that any tithes and offerings that are given using the Christmas envelope are credited to Benevolence accounts for use by the Mission Committee and will not, therefore, be credited to the General Fund account, which is the subject of our pledges. We are grateful for all gifts to both the Mission Committee and the General Fund!

**CHILDREN’S CHOIRS** – Our children have joyfully presented their music today to the glory of God. If you know of a child who would like to register for one of our choirs, please contact our Choir Director, Tricia Murphy, at [pmurphy@tmpc.org](mailto:pmurphy@tmpc.org).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25** – There will be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and no Christian Education Hour. Sing carols with us and enjoy a special Christmas story read by Pastors Spencer and Heckman, followed by a Christmas Brunch in Fellowship Hall. Join us, even if you’re in your jammies! Invite a friend or neighbor along, too!

**PRO-ACT FAMILY CLASS AT TMPC IN JANUARY** – Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church (TMPC) is partnering with Doylestown Presbyterian Church (DPC) and The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania aggressively to address the growing problem of addiction to drugs and alcohol in our community through the presentation of the Family Education Program. This program seeks to help individuals and families learn about addiction and how to deal with it successfully – all within a context of grace. All sessions are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Starting on **January 4** and continuing on the following two Wednesdays, TMPC will offer the Family Education Program in our Conference Room. To register, please visit <https://www.councilsepa.org/programs/pro-act>.

**NEW-MEMBER CLASS IN JANUARY** – Our next New-Member Class will be offered on **January 7** and **January 8**. Pastors Spencer and Heckman will lead two sessions, the first on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the second on Sunday from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Those who wish to become members are asked to attend both sessions. Childcare is available upon request. Please reply by email ([ctuleja@tmpc.org](mailto:ctuleja@tmpc.org)) if you plan to attend.

**MEN’S RETREAT: JANUARY 27-29** – The men of Thompson Church are heading north for a Winter Retreat at the end of January. We are hoping for plenty of snow and ice! Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Doug Hogle, Senior Pastor of the Woodside Presbyterian Church. Our theme for the weekend is “Don’t Be a Caveman!” Come and experience rich fellowship, deep spiritual renewal, and plenty of fun. Brochures can be found on The Table of Well Wishing or online at [tmpc.org/retreats/](http://tmpc.org/retreats/).

**USHERS AND GREETERS** – Today’s ushers are Susan Achenbach, Rosanne Bell, Tom Bell, Robert Bell, Talyana Bromberg, Joanne Clark, and Colleen Koh.

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# Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve

## December 24, 2016

### 4:30 p.m. Children's Service

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

##### WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP REFLECTIVELY

“Love came down at Christmas;  
Love all lovely, love divine.  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Stars and angels gave the sign.”

Christina Rossetti

##### WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP MUSICALLY

Improvisations on *The Oxford Book of Carols*

Colton Martin  
Colton Martin

##### WELCOME

Stuart Spencer

##### PRELUDE

*Mary Had a Baby*

Cherub Choir  
arr. Tricia Murphy

##### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Murphy Family

##### \*CAROL (See insert.)

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

##### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Bailey Heckman

Lord Jesus, you came to us as a baby in a manger.

**Oh come, let us adore Him.**

You were born and placed in a feeding trough for animals.

**Oh come, let us love Him.**

Shepherds brought their worship to you.

**Oh come, let us worship Him.**

Angels sang your praises, Jesus.

**Oh come, let us glorify Him.**

The wise men brought their gifts to you.

**Oh come, let us give our hearts to Him.**

Jesus, what shall we do tonight?

**Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Amen.**

##### \*GREETING

The peace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you.

**And also with you.**

##### ANTHEM

*Good King Wenceslas*

Chime Choir  
arr. Frances L. Callahan

##### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Bailey Heckman

##### ANTHEM

*Oh Come, Little Children*

Jesus' Joyful Choir  
arr. L. Bailey, B. Mayo

##### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

Riley Kay

##### \*CAROL (See insert.)

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

##### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-16

##### MESSAGE

“Imagine Light”

Stuart Spencer

##### A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

“Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen!”

Robert Louis Stevenson

##### \*CAROL (See insert.)

*Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

##### OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Colton Martin  
Gustav Holst

##### CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bailey Heckman

##### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Stuart Spencer

##### VIOLIN DUET

Annabella Murphy and Madeline Gallagher  
*Silent Night, Holy Night!* (Introduction)

##### CAROL (See insert.)

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

STILLE NACHT

##### BENEDICTION

*(Please extinguish your candles following the Benediction.)*

##### POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

Colton Martin  
Jacques Lemmens

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**THE LIGHT OF LIFE** – The lights have been dimmed to symbolize the darkness of the world before the birth of Christ. The burning candles represent the Light that has come into the world and into our lives through the gift of Jesus Christ. To light your candle, tilt it over the one that is already lit. *Please do not tip the lighted candle!* **Parents, please supervise your children as they light and hold their candles. Thank you!**

“Mary was an ordinary teen chosen for an extraordinary task. Instead of worrying about how God would bring everything about, she chose to believe God, even at the risk of her reputation. Are you willing to follow God's plan for your life even if there is a risk involved?”  
*(The NLT Kids Bible; commentary, p. 1233)*

“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”  
*(Luke 2:10-11)*

Jesus wants to be born in your heart. Will you make room in your heart for Him?



*Go, Tell It on the Mountain* is an African-American spiritual that dates back to 1865 and has been recorded by many artists since that time.

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!’ ”  
*(Luke 2:13-14)*

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”  
*(John 10:10b)*



“I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”  
*(John 8:12)*