



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

4:30 p.m. Family 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

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WELCOME

Stuart Spencer

PRELUDE

Glory to God

Jesus' Joyful Choir

Lloyd Larson

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Johanna and Randall Kenner

*CAROL (*See insert.*)

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Bailey Pruner

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

O come, let us adore Him.

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

O come, let us love Him.

Shepherds brought their worship to you.

O come, let us worship Him.

Angels sang your praises, Jesus.

O come, let us glorify Him.

The wise men brought their gifts to you.

O come, let us give our hearts to Him.

Jesus, what shall we do tonight?

O 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

I Saw Three Ships

Jesus' Joyful and Cherub Choirs

arr. Mary Kay Burton

“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?

SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 9:2-7	Chris Moon
ANTHEM	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Chime Choir John F. Wade
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:1-7	Bailey Pruner
*CAROL (See insert.)	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	GO TELL IT
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:8-20	
MESSAGE	“Christmas Is Also for Supervillains”	Stuart Spencer
CAROL (See insert.)	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	MUELLER
OFFERING	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Credo Bell Choir Linda Lamb
CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Stuart Spencer
	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.	
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		
CAROL (See insert.)	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night!</i>	STILLE NACHT
BENEDICTION	<i>(Please extinguish your candles following the Benediction.)</i>	
POSTLUDE	<i>Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C major</i>	Colton Martin Dietrich Buxtehude

*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. The minister will light the ushers’ candles; the ushers will light the candle of the first person in each row; the first person in each row will light the candle of his or her neighbor until all candles are lit. 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.

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 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!

O Come, All Ye Faithful 
was originally written in Latin. The first phrase in the Latin text is “Adeste, fideles,” which literally translates as “be present or near, ye faithful.”

“And suddenly there was with the  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 am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”
(John 8:12)

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

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 songs 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 – 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 Pruner, followed by great goodies and coffee!

TMPC MEN’S RETREAT, JANUARY 22-24, 2016 – This weekend will offer lots of time for wintery fun in the Poconos: skiing, skating, and more. We will welcome Dr. Doug Hoglund, Senior Pastor of the Woodside Presbyterian Church, as our speaker. Brochures for the weekend are available on The Table of Well Wishing. Men can also find retreat information and register online at www.tmpc.org/retreats.

MEXICO CITY SUMMER MISSION TRIP – This coming summer our congregation will again send a group of missionaries to Mexico City, **July 16-23, 2016**. Our team will take part in leading Vacation Bible School and in doing renovation work. On Sunday, **January 3**, Pastor Spencer will hold an informative meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room for those who may be interested in joining our team. College students and adults are welcome to attend!

USHERS AND GREETERS – Today’s ushers are Rosanne Bell, Tom Bell, Robbie Kay, Melissa Mantz, and Brad Michael.

	Disciples: All Members of the Congregation
Teaching Elder/Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Monday</i>).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Friday</i>).....	Bailey Pruner
Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth.....	Patty Gatto
Communications and Administration.....	Cynthia Tuleja
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Organist/Accompanist.....	Colton Martin
Choir Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Worship Music Leader.....	Grant Farmer
Seminary Interns.....	Kevin Vollrath and Joel Wood
Sexton.....	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Sue Schaub