



Central Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2012
5:00 p.m.

ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE ARE WELCOMED INTO THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *A Tender Rose Has Bloomed* Rasley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Mosley Family

WELCOME Dr. Dan Festa

***HYMN** *Once in Royal David's City* p. 49

OPENING PRAYER

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 22:15-18
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed, the nations of the Earth will be blessed.

CAROL *People, Look East* p. 12

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9
Christ is a branch out of the root of David

CAROL *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* p. 2

THE THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

CAROL *Prepare the Way* p. 13

THE FOURTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-38	
The angel Gabriel visit the Virgin Mary		
CAROL	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	p. 16
THE FIFTH LESSON	Matthew 1:18-23	
<i>Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus</i>		
CAROL	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	p. 60
THE SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	
<i>Luke tells of the birth of Jesus</i>		
CAROL	<i>What Child Is This</i>	p. 53
THE SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-20	
<i>The shepherds go to the manger</i>		
CAROL	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	p. 36
THE EIGHTH LESSON	Matthew 2:1-11	
<i>The Wise men are led by the star to Jesus</i>		
CHOIR	<i>Hope, Peace, Joy and Love</i>	Martin

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use debts and debtors.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY	<i>Of the Father’s Love Begotten</i>	Smith
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***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #592*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

HYMN#66	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>
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NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14
John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation

CAROL	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	p. 41
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LIGHTING OF INDIVIDUAL CANDLES

CAROL	<i>Joy to the World</i> (Hold candles high on last verse)	p. 40
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adams/Brickman
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EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.

*We are grateful for our choir and our narrators, Drs. Laura and Dan Festa.
Thanks to all for your hard work! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a
safe and blessed New Year.*

*** Those who are able, please stand.**
Narrators: Drs. Laura and Dan Festa
Ushers: Connie and Bill Detmers
Communion Steward: Dr. Laura Festa

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Hope is like a candle burning in the night.
Hope paints every shadow with its gentle light.
Glowing like a promise till our faith is sight,
Hope is like a candle in the night.

Peace is like sweet music sounding pure and strong
Singing songs of comfort when the night is long
Turning drums of hatred into heaven’s song.
Peace is like sweet music pure and strong.

Joy is like a flower blooming in the soul
Sending forth it’s fragrance to heal and make us whole.
And when bitter winds are blowing,
When birds refuse to sing,
Joy can turn our winter into spring.

Love is like a diamond wrapped in purest gold.
Nothing is more precious, nothing bought or sold.
Pearl of heaven’s glory, wondrous to behold.
Love is like a diamond wrapped in gold.

Joy is like a flower,
Peace is like sweet music.
Hope is like a candle in the night.

Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Patsy & Al Glover

Jo Weaver

The (Bill) VonTungeln Family
Lynda Vick & family
and Nell Horne,

Jemmie D. Moseley & Family

Mary Kientz
Sue & Frank Merritt

Bonnie Rauls

Erin Faucette Shaw and Ryan

Valerie Reichen and
Donna & Marlin Shipman
Laura & Zac Cosner

Dana Neal & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Buchanan
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Marie Bennett
Laura & Rick Pierce
Karen & David Perdue

*For the Glory of God
In memory of Clarence & Edith Lyon and
Weldon & Juanita Glover
In memory of J. T. Weaver
In honor of and in appreciation for my
caregiver, Roxanne
In memory of Nancy VonTungeln*

*In memory of Earl Wayne Vick, Jr. and Leon
Horne
In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis, Jr.
In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs.
B. Bryan Moseley, and Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G.
Davis, Sr.
In memory of Sonny Kientz and Bob St. Clair
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William. D. Merritt,
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Kitchens, Sr., John R.
Kitchens, Jr., and Peggy Wilson
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Brown and
Robert W. Rauls
In honor of the Faucette, Johnson, Versey, &
Kincade Families and Ruby Carey
In honor of the Shaw, Hall & Coleman
Families, and in remembrance of Cleashindra
Hall*

*In memory of Murray Reichen
In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner, Sonny &
Joyce Boshers, Janet & John Reeves, Kay
Reeves, Charles E. Moore, Harvey & Dona
Graumann, John & Mary Cosner, Jim
Smedley, Dora VonTungeln , James Ray Doss,
Peggy Wilson, Bettie Jo Isabel, Sonny Kientz ,
Jack Perdue, Murray Reichen.
In memory of Betty Ward
In honor of Beatrice and Grady G. Magee
In memory of Jerry Lackey and Randy Lackey
In memory of James “Red” Bennett
In memory of Jane & Bill Mullikin
In memory of Jack Perdue, III*

Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary (cont.)

Elise & Jim Argue

In honor of Ruby O. Carey and Karen & David Perdue

Gary Johnson

In memory of Oneida and Bob Orgain

Robert, Carol & Emil Brown
and Sydney & Laura Hayes

In honor of Cynthia, Matt, & Anna Johnson

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George M. Brown and Mr. &
Mrs. Bunyan Bell*

Tommy Dunlap & Marty Shell

*In memory of Margie Watson, Nell & Bob Dunlap,
Georgia Diffey, Randi Shell, and Lester Shell*

Announcements

2013 Offering Envelopes are available. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Tuesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

We Will Take our Christmas decorations down on Saturday, January 5, 2013. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

