

*CAROL OF SENDING #186, verses 1-3 "Silent Night"

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.

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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE verse 4 of "Silent Night"

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Once Again My Heart Rejoices" by Johann Cruger

Cary Castellaw



This year, Stockbridge Presbyterian Church commissioned original Advent drawings from local artist, Collin Roberts. Please enjoy this special artwork as a gift.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Cary Castellaw, Interim Music Director
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, and
Abigail Jenkins

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2012 - 6:00 pm



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Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Cary Castellaw

“He Whom Shepherd Men Cam Praising” by Paul Manz

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Roberts Families

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96)

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

All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

All: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

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

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

Leader: 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.

All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN # 182 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*CHRISTMAS PRAYER (unison)

Amazing God, open our hearts and minds so that we can hear once again the angels’ song, and know that Christ is born. Touch the world with joy this holy night, and fill us with peace and wonder. You have blessed us with the miracle of the birth of the Christ child, our Savior and Lord, and we are grateful. Amen.

SOLO “Gesù Bambino” by Pietro Yon

Laura Wigington, Soprano

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN # 221 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7

page 600, Pew Bible

SECOND READING Luke 2:1-20

page 54, Pew Bible

HOMILY “The Promise Fulfilled”

Rev. Susan Bennett

OFFERTORY “Silent Night” arr. James Galway

Arlene Lathrop, Oboe
Laura Wigington, Flute

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION - Served by John Elliott, Sherry McGee, Betsy Sierra, and Tony Williams, all of whom rotate off Session in 2012.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . all the faithful who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, . . . Great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . all glory and honor are yours,

Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Those who are able may come forward up the center aisle, row by row, take a piece of bread, and then dip it in the cup. Return to your seats by the outside aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats. If you would like to respond when the elder offers you the bread, say “Amen.” If you would like to respond when the elder offers you the cup, say “Praise God.”

COMMUNION PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES