

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 25, 2016

Worship 11:00am

## Christmas Day

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+ *All who are able may stand*

*Regular type, one speaks; bold type, everyone speaks.*

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### Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

**P: Let the sea roar, let the hills sing, let us all praise the coming of our Lord!**

***All (sung): This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud the babe the son of Mary.***

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: **On this day, gracious Lord, you came to be with us as Word, as light, as flesh. Teach us to know you so well that our lives may befriend this world you have made; in the grace of God, the power of the spirit, and the love of Christ, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

First Reading

Titus 3:4-7

+Hymn of Praise

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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## Call to Reconciliation

We are but imperfect human beings, created by God as good but fallen short of God's intention for our existence. Let us admit our errors and seek God's grace; let us pray:

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that our hearts have not been open to all that you have revealed to us in the birth of your son. You sent Christ to be born as a helpless child, and yet we have not attended to the suffering of children. You chose humble Mary to be the mother of Jesus, and yet we have not attended to the struggles of women. The Holy Family could find no room to stay but an empty stable, yet we have not attended to the cries of the homeless. You announced the birth to lowly shepherds, yet we ignore those who tend our farms and fields. Forgive our lack of attention and free us for joyful compassion that we may know Christ is serving others. (moment of silence.)**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

The good news is for the here, the now and the always. The grace of Christ abounds—we may rejoice in his forgiveness! Thanks be to God. Amen. Please turn to someone near you and share the forgiveness of Christ.

## Response of Praise

*Angels We Have Heard on High v.3*

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## Passing of the Peace

L: By offering the peace of Christ to one another, we recognize each other's place in the family of God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.*

## Special Music

## Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**On this Christmas Day, as we read the word of God may we feel the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ who came to show us the way. Amen.**

Second Reading

John 1:1-14

Hymn

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

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Sermon

Rev. Sharon Carter

## **Responding With Thanks and Praise**

Affirmation of Faith      from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA)*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life...In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us the courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain v.3*

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Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world in which the Prince of Peace took flesh and form;  
and let us respond by saying

L: Hear us, O God

**P: Your mercy is great.**

## **Going Forth to Love and Serve**

+Sending Hymn

*Joy to the World!*

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+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude