

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Saturday, December 24, 2016

Worship 4 pm

Christmas Eve

+ All who are able may stand

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

A Service of Lessons and Carols

CALL TO WORSHIP/ ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light—the light of hope.
Those who live in darkness will have light shined upon them—the light of peace.

Our hearts will leap when we see our Lord come—a leap of joy

Our hearts will fill with light and warmth as they have a new command written on them—the command to love.

The hope, peace, love and joy be with us as we light the candle of Christ.

CHORAL INTROIT WITH BELLS

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

CAROL

“Watchman Tell Us Of the Night”

#20

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

CAROL

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#9

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

FORTH LESSON Matthew 1:1-17

The Family Tree of Jesus

ANTHEM “The Promised One”

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

SOLO “Mary’s Song/ Breath of Heaven” Kim Suer

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

An angel comes to Joseph in a dream

SOLO “Joseph’s Song” Jeff Carter

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

A family journey ends with a birth

CAROL “Away in a Manger” #25

EIGHTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

CAROL “Angels We Have Heard on High” #23

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

HOMILY AND SYMBOLIC ACTION

CANDLE LIGHTING

Candles will be lit as we begin to sing and remain lit throughout the song.

CAROL “Silent Night, Holy Night” #60

Go forth in the hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas!