



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Worship Service

5:00pm

December 24, 2015

The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole is a church where every member is a minister, passing on the faith, as we...

Gather to love God and others;

Grow to know and follow Jesus; and

Go to make a difference in the world.

Thoughts for Reflection

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."

~C.S. Lewis

"Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus."

~Neal A. Maxwell

"I am not alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses."

~Taylor Caldwell

"Jesus was God's gift to the world, not just for Christmas, but for every single day – your whole life through – and even beyond for all eternity."

~Anonymous

The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole welcomes you to the
5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

There is no Childcare available tonight.
Enjoy the Intergenerational Worship Service.

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE GOD LOVES

Prelude J.H. Brass Quartet

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Ben Pascal

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Leader: Let us gather to celebrate the birth of Christ the King!

People: With hearts filled with praise we come!

Leader: Let us gather to celebrate the Light shining into the darkness!

People: With hearts seeking the Light of God, we come!

Leader: Let us celebrate the faithfulness of the Love of God!

**People: As people of faith, as well as those seeking faith, we gather
before the One who gives us hope, peace, joy, and love
through Jesus Christ the Lord!**

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Prayer of Confession

Diane McGee

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed that light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

WE GROW BY LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

The First Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 Allen Family

Christmas Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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| The Second Lesson: | Luke 2:1-7 | Deb Keenan |
| Children's Choir: | Away in the Manger | |
| The Third Lesson: | Luke 2:8-14 | Pascal Family |
| Christmas Carol: | Angels We Have Heard On High | |
| The Fourth Lesson: | Luke 2:15-20 | Amy Boillot |
| Christmas Carol: | O Come All Ye Faithful | |
| A Time for Reflection | | Rev. Ben Pascal |

The Cost of Christmas

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are welcome to share in the sacrament. Those who are not ready to take communion may receive a blessing from one of the pastors.)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer *(forgive us our sins)*

Receiving the Elements

(As you receive the elements this evening, move to the server nearest you. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat, and then return to your seat. The pastors are available to pray with you as you head back to your seat.)

WE GO, CELEBRATING GOD'S LIGHT IN OUR WORLD

The Darkening of the Sanctuary

Vicki & Bob Jones, Webb Family

(The lights in the sanctuary will be turned off and the Christ-Candle will be brought in as we read from the Gospel of John 1:1-14, the good news of God's light coming into our world. From the one Christ-candle we will light our individual candles.)

Hymn of Reflection

Silent Night

Leader: Jesus said: "I will give you as a light to the world, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

People: All nations will come to his light and kings to the brightness of his rising.

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

People: Jesus said: "You are the light of the world, so, let your light so shine before all people that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven."

Closing Song

Joy to the World!

Benediction

Postlude

As you quietly leave the sanctuary, please carefully extinguish your candle and deposit it in one of the baskets in the lobby. Merry Christmas!!

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

A Christmas Joy Offering is collected at Christmas every year. Half of the proceeds go to provide aid for retired Presbyterian ministers whose pensions have not kept up with the cost of living and the other half provides scholarships for minority college students. You may also designate your offering to go directly to the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. As the Lord has blessed you, share that blessing with others.

PCJH has a special Christmas gift for each child tonight. The gifts will be available to pick up from under the tree after the service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE

~Rev. Ben Pascal
~Rev. Steve Weber

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