

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
December 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve

In consideration of other worshippers, please turn off all electronic devices

ENTER TO SEEK, DEPART TO SERVE

PRELUDE *Prelude 1C, WTC1, J.S. Bach* Adam Dydak

WELCOME Steve Hollaway

****HYMN** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* B – No. 193

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14 (p. 91, NT) Kathy Martin

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Steve Hollaway

POETRY READING Nathan Hollaway
“How the Light Comes: A Blessing for Christmas Day” (Jan Richardson)

SOLO *O Holy Night”* (Adolphe Adam/Capeau) Becca Hollaway

*****HYMN** *“Joy to the World”* B – No. 171

SOLO *“O Christmas Tree”* Adam Dydak

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7 (p. 58 , NT) Martha Ball

DUET Barbara Temple and John Henry Tripler
“Mary’s Boy Child” (Jester Hairston)

POETRY READING Nancy Greenaway
“Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem” (Maya Angelou)

****HYMN** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* B – No. 178

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-20 Jacques Boudreau

R-No. hymns refer to selections in the Red Hymnal

B-No. hymns refer to selections in the Blue Hymnal

DUET MEDLEY
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Cameron and Travis Greenlee

POETRY READING Lisa Starr
“Quilting” (Lisa Starr)

SERMON EXCERPT Steve Hollaway
“Christmas Day” (Phillips Brooks)

****RESPONSIVE READING** Steve Hollaway & Congregation
“A Christmas Creed” (Walter Russell Bowie)

(If you are a believer, please stand and join in reading the words in bold type.)

L I believe in Jesus Christ
and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

**P I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town;
and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world,
in towns both large and small.**

L I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room,
and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ
from my life today.

**P I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored
and the proud could never understand;
whose life was among common people,
whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.**

L I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be
invincible:

**P I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms,
whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth,
who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them,
who by love brought sinners back to purity,
and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.**

L I confess my ever-lasting need of God:

**P The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed,
the need of new life for empty souls,
the need of love for hearts grown cold.**

L I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.

**P I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God,
born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.**

(Remainder of service is printed on back page of bulletin.)

*** All who are able, please stand*