

Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2009

8:30 P.M.

Prelude Music

Beth Jenkins, Music Director, Organist/Pianist

“Once In Royal David’s City,” “Good King Wenceslas” arr. by David Willcocks

Richard Karschner, trumpet

“Mary, Did You Know?” arr. by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Marsha Dunlap, soprano

“O Come, All Ye faithful” arr. by Marty Parks/ Ed Hogan

Ginette Myers, violin; Kathy Myers, piano

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter” by Gustav Holst

Janine Hall, mezzo

“Breathe of Heaven” by Chris Eaton/ Amy Grant

Molly Bower, alto

“Wexford Carol” arr. by John Rutter

“Alleluia! Christ Is Born” by David Lask

The Worship Choir; Richard Karschner, trumpet; Kathy Farrell, organ

Call to Worship (responsively)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

But the angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Isaiah 60:1-3; Luke 2:10,11)

***Procession; “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

Lighting of the Christ Candle of the Advent Wreath

John and Nancy Hines, and family

“God With us, Emmanuel”

The Worship Choir

L: During our Advent journey we’ve anticipated the coming Savior.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

L: We’ve anticipated the One who is called Wonderful Counselor.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

L: We’ve anticipated the One who is called Mighty God.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

L: We’ve anticipated the One who is called Prince of Peace.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

L: We’ve anticipated the One who is called Everlasting Father.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

L: Tonight our waiting is over as we celebrate the One who is Emmanuel, our God, who is with us.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Candle Lighting

Congregation singing with choir: “God with Us, Emmanuel”

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel. God with us, Emmanuel

ALL Pray: Gracious Lord, throughout this Advent season we have come to know you by many names. Tonight as we celebrate your birth, we thank you for being our Emmanuel. Remind us that no matter where we are, or where we’ve been, you are with us. We gather in the glory of this night to welcome you as Savior and Lord. We pray this in the wonderful name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” “Angels We Have Heard on High”** (See bulletin insert)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Eve Prayer

***“Away in a Manger” “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Jim Farrell

Sermon: “The Significance of Jesus, Emmanuel”

Prayer (in unison)

Holy God, you have gladdened us this night by fulfilling your promise of redemption. For this we give you thanks and praise. Too often we have let our own thoughts and plans become so important that we have not given time or attention to your will. Cleanse our hearts, we pray, of all selfishness, anxiety, and concern for earthly pleasure so that we may joyfully receive and trust your only begotten Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ—Emmanuel—God with us. Help us to understand more fully how great and how unending your love is for us. Grant us grace to know that Jesus has taken our sin away to make us holy and pleasing for you; grant us faith to believe. Send your Holy Spirit to help us demonstrate your love in our lives so that those around us may learn to know you and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. Claim our complete loyalty. Establish the peace of Jesus in every heart. Accept the offering of our lives and of our gifts in the service of Christ’s kingdom. In the name of the Savior who has come, even Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Gift Giving to the Lord

“Hark the Herald”

by David Phelps/ arr. by Lari Goss

The Worship Choir; Molly Bower, soloist

***“Silent Night, Holy Night”**

***Candle Lighting**

(The pastor lights a candle from the Christ candle; the ushers light their candle from the pastor’s candle. The ushers then light the candle of the worshipper seated nearest the aisle. The unlighted candle should be tipped toward the lighted candle.)

***Benediction**

{Before leaving your pew, please extinguish the light of the candle in your hand, but take the Light of Jesus Christ in your heart! Candles may be discarded in the vestibule as you leave.}

***Postlude: “Joy to the World”**

arr. by John Rutter

“Ding Song! Merrily on High”

arr. by Charles Wood

Richard Karschner, trumpet