

Presbyterian Church Of Johnstown

Rev. Oluf Kongshaug

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2012

7:00 PM

No Matter Who You Are; No Matter Where You Are On Life's Journey; You Are Welcome Here. We pray you can experience the peace of God through worship today.

PRELUDE

“Away In A Manger”

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM (#178)

(The children take Baby Jesus to the Manger outside)

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LESSON

Matthew 2:1-2 and vs. 10-11

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MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

The Story of the Star

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LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL #187

“Away in a Manger” (verses 1 and 3)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

CAROL #190

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (verses 1 and 2)

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth. Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night. God with man is now residing. Yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ the newborn King.

LESSON

Isaiah 9:6-7

CAROL #184

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (verses 1 and 3)

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King: Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King.”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die: Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King.”

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM

Madison Blair

“Heaven Everywhere”

TEXT

Isaiah 52:7-10

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

It’s time for the stories of the Star!

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT #195

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love’s pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”