

Presbyterian Church of Johnstown
Rev. Kevin Heckathorn

December 8, 2013

10:30 AM

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” – John 1:14a
(NIV)

PRELUDE

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adeline Almendinger

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Jesus Christ, God’s gift to the world, shall come!

**Those who feel despair will know hope. Those who are
oppressed will know freedom.**

Those who are lonely will know love.

**Those who are suffering will cease in their turmoil and
know inner peace.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ, Lord over all the earth, your time is now!

**Fill our hearts with joy that the King of Glory may come
in! Amen.**

GREET ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN #180

“What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest?”

“Amazing Love”

see insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, you have provided a light to shine into the darkness of our
lives through Jesus Christ. Yet even with this light we have chosen to
live in the darkness at times in our lives. We spend our time focused on
things that carry little importance and neglect to focus on the amazing
gift that has been given to us by you. We pray that you would forgive us.
Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit so that Christ might be made
known in our lives and in our world. It is in His Name that we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, we rejoice to know that Christ Jesus was born so that we might be
forgiven and saved! This is the Good News! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI # 142

“Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

see insert

OFFERING

Offertory

Sounds of Celebration

“Silent Night”

*Doxology #384

Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM

Teen Choir

“God With Us”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Luke 2: 1-3

Bethlehem

Pat Blair

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-14

Pastor Kevin

MORNING MESSAGE

"Accessible"

***CLOSING HYMN**

“There’s a Song in the Air”

There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky! There’s a
mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry! And the star rains its fire while
the beautiful sing, for the manager of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There’s a tumult of joy O’er the wonderful birth, for the Virgin’s
sweet boy is the Lord of the earth. Ay! the star rains its fire while the
beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from
afar has swept over the world. Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down
through the night from the heavenly throng. Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring, and we greet in His cradle our Savior and King! Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

“Bethlehem’s Boy”