

PENNINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Day Service

December 25, 2011 10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

*HYMN #40

“Joy to the World”

PRAYER (*unison*)

God, creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son Jesus to be one of us. Grant us now in this time of celebrating his birth, that we who have been born again through his grace, may daily find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN # 31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

THE CHRISTMAS STORY OF LIGHT FROM JOHN’S GOSPEL

*HYMN # 5

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN LIGHT FROM MATTHEW AND LUKE’S GOSPELS

OUR LIGHT

*HYMN #53

“What Child is This”

*HYMN #56

“The First Nowell”

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

“When the World Was Dark”

The Iona Community

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Receive our humble gifts as a sign of our gratitude for who you are and all that you do. May this offering bring light to those who stumble in the darkness. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (COMMUNION THIS MORNING IS BY INTINCTION. ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN INVITED BY THE USHERS. IF YOU WANT COMMUNION SERVED TO YOU IN YOUR SEAT PLEASE LET AN USHER KNOW. GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE AT THE CENTER STATION.)

*HYMN #29

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

POSTLUDE

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** Congregation is invited to stand.*

Bold is to be said by congregation

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We extend a warm greeting to newcomers and visitors and invite you to join fully in the life of our church. If you are looking for a church home, have questions or would like to receive our Focus newsletter, please speak with the pastor or leave your contact information on the Friendship Pad.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING will be distributed to The Crisis Ministry of Trenton and Princeton to support their Emergency Heat fund, and to the Presbyterian Church USA's Aid Fund for church workers in need. Envelopes have been provided in the pews for this special offering. All gifts which are not in the special envelopes will support the church's on-going ministry.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FROM THE STAFF OF THIS CHURCH:

Pastor: Nancy Mikoski Pastor Emeritus: Bill McQuoid

Seminary Students: Pam Meilands and Justin Pannkuk

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Shannon Smythe

Sr. High Ministry Coordinator: Todd Tracy

Office Administrator: Mary Coleman Treasurer: Marji McAvoy

Music Director: William Alford Organist: Donald Dolan

Children's Choirs: Michele Alford Bell Choir: Laura McMillan

PPC Nursery School Director: Hope Anderson Nursery Care: Jessica Kvarta

Housekeeper: Betty Liverman Custodian: Tommy Allen

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