



Christmas Eve



Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church
Monday, December 24, 2012 – 7 p.m.

Meditate on Luke 2:1-10

Call to Worship: Luke 2:8-11

†Hymn of Praise

’Twas in Judea’s countryside, while shepherds did in fields abide,
There watching o’er the flock by night, the angel hailed them, shining bright.

“Fear not,” the angel first proclaimed, for lo, the men were sore afraid;
“Good tidings of great joy I bring: to you this day is born a King.”

“In David’s city you shall find the babe, and this shall be the sign:
In swaddling clothes he’ll be arrayed, and in a manger gently laid.”

Then swiftly angels filled the sky and sang their praise to God on high;
With “Peace on earth, good will to men,” they winged their way toward heav’n again.

To Bethlehem the shepherds sped and found the babe as had been said;
They spread abroad what they did see, then homeward travelled, joyfully.

Today no angels light the sky; no guiding star, no manger nigh;
But men still hail that joyous birth and spread the news to all the earth.

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Music: Tallis’ evening hymn, Thomas Tallis, 1560 (hymn tune #341)

†The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hades. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

†Prayer of Praise and Adoration

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Hymn of Praise “Angels we have heard on high”

Angels we have heard on high / Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply / Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? / Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be / Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see / Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, / Christ the Lord, the newborn King.





Children’s Hymn #640 “Gentle Mary laid her Child”

Trinity Hymnal

The Epistle Reading: *I John 1:1-4 & 4:1-3a*

†Hymn #157 “It came upon a midnight clear”

Trinity Hymnal

†A Christmas Psalm: *Psalm 98* (responsive reading, use pew Bibles or ESV translation)

†Psalm 98 “Sing to the LORD, a new song voicing”

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

1543/Geneva, 1551

1. Sing to the LORD, a new song voicing,
 For might-y won-ders He has done.
 His right hand and His arm most ho-ly
 The vic-to-ry for Him have won.
 The LORD dis-played His just sal-va-tion;
 His vin-di-ca-tion He has shown,
 Re-veal-ing to the hea-then na-tions
 That judg-ment is-sues from His throne.

3. Join to the harp your glad rejoicing;
 A psalm of adoration sing,
 With trumpet and with cornet voicing
 Your joyful praise to God the King.
 Let oceans roar with all their fulness,
 The world and all that dwell therein.
 Acclaim the LORD’s great power with boldness;
 Exalt Him ever and again.
4. Let all the streams in joyous union
 Now clap their hands and praise accord,
 The mountains join in glad communion
 And leap with joy before the LORD.
 He comes, He comes to judge the peoples
 In righteousness and equity;
 He will redeem the world from evil
 And righteous shall His judgment be!

2. He has remembered all His mercy,
 His faithfulness to Israel.
 The ends of earth have seen His glory;
 In victory did He excel.
 Now make a joyful noise before Him;
 O all the earth, His praises sing!
 With loud acclaim let all adore Him
 And let the joyful anthems ring!

†The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 2:12-20*

†Hymn: #150 “All my heart this night rejoices”

Trinity Hymnal

Christmas Message: **Surely He Has Borne our Griefs**

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Hymn of Response to God’s Word: #159 “Good Christian men, rejoice”

Trinity Hymnal

Hymn of Meditation: #161 “Silent night”

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction

†Silent Prayer

†Postlude

