

Brookside Christian Reformed Church
Candlelight Service
December 21, 2008
6:00pm

Please note that the service and all hymns will proceed unannounced.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening prayer

Reading "Isaiah 40" from Prophets Now

Anthem "Advent Canticle" Mark Shepperd

Hymn "Savior of the Nations Come"

Savior of the nations, come, show yourself, the virgin's son.
Fill with wonder, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.

Not by human power or seed did the woman's womb conceive;
Only by the Spirit's breath was the Word of God made flesh.

Christ in glory, intercede for your creatures' suffering need.
Let your resurrecting power soon complete the victory hour.

Reading "Mary, Nazareth Girl" Ann Weems

Anthem "Mary, Did You Know?" Lowry and Greene, arranged by Schrader

Reading Micah 5:2,4,5

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Reading Luke 2:1-7; Isaiah 9:6

Anthem "See Amid the Winter's Snow" John Goss, arranged by Willcocks

Hymn "Once in Royal David's City"

Women:

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

Men:

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all;
And his shelter was a stable and his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

All:

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on to the place where he has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by
We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high:
There his children gather round bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Reading "O Lord, You Were Born!" Ann Weems

Song "What Shall We Sing for the Child?" Helvey

Reading Luke 2:8-16

Hymn "The First Noel, the Angel Did Say"

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Reading John 1:1-5, 9-14

Anthem "A Cradle Carol" Dan Forrest

You are encouraged to read the words of the song as the choir sings.

Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak, Why come to earth as one so meek?
A newborn babe helpless and small; And yet Creator of us all.
Thou has no beauty, form, nor grace; No fortune, rank, no fame, no place
That men should see Thee and adore a babe so humble and so poor.

But to the soul whose eyes are healed, To whom the Truth has been revealed,
Thy glory challenges the sun; Thou art a thousand joys in One.
Though strangers see a babe in straw, Thy children see the Lord of all
Who laid aside His rightful reign to take away our sin and shame.

This sacrifice of love divine, This condescension to mankind
With beauty robes Thy frame, and sanctifies Thy simple name.
O aid my worship mighty King, that I might with the angels sing,
"Glory to God on high!" Now crowned again beyond the sky!
Oh, help me see Thee and adore this little child, my God and Lord.

Reading "A Visit We Remember" by Frederick Buechner

Anthem "Night of Silence" Dan Kantor, arranged by John Ferguson

The candles of those seated on the aisles will be lit during this song. Please light the candle of the person next to you, and join in singing "Silent Night" at the director's signal.

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!

God's blessing

Postlude

Your offering for John Knox Food Pantry will be received as you leave the Worship Center.

Ministry of Music: Christmas Choir; Choir Director: Lisa Vanderkamp;
Accompanists: Bev Becksvoort, Janet Krosschell;
Flute: Judy Zwart, Ellen Frazee; Oboe: Marge Hoogeboom;
Clarinet: Lee Heyer, Kara Miedema; Violin: Krista Vermeer;
Viola: Rebecca VandenBerge; Cello: Beth Becksvoort; Trumpet: Ken Huisman;
Soloists: Connie Porte, Brenda Beck;
Readers: Terry Alsum, George Harris, Jo Meyer; Pastor: Paul DeVries