

Cornelius Presbyterian Church pc(usa)

December 24, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Carols, Candelight and Communion Service

Welcome to Christmas Eve at Cornelius Presbyterian Church



Music for the Season as we Glorify God Pianist: Jonna Eichorn

"What Child is This" arr. Jerry Ray
"Coventry Carol" arr. Bob Burroughs
"Angel" Jason Tonioli
"In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Jason Krug
"Yuletide Reverie" David Paxton

Words of Welcome Rich Eichorn

Special Music:

"Ding Dong, Merrily on High" Traditional arr. David Burndrett
Piano & Double Bass: Jonna Eichorn & Gina Jackson

Gathering Prayer for Christmas Eve

God of Love and Light: we come together on this sacred night to awaken to the miracle of Christmas. Once again we are amazed by the birth of the Christ child. In this season of giving, we are reminded to share our blessings and that the smallest effort can make a difference in someone's life and in the world. We pray for peace, that war may end; for food, that none may go hungry; for forgiveness, that our world may begin to heal. We pray for dignity and respect with justice and equality for all. Emmanuel, on this silent and holy night, hear our Christmas prayer. Amen.

*Carol #143 (red hymnal) "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Lighting of the Christ Candle Billy MacDonald & Carolyn Cook

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1) Hymn #113

Offering

An Offering is accepted for the Good Samaritan Fund whose purpose is to "feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and give clothes to those in need" in Cornelius and the surrounding area.

Special Offertory Music:
"Nocturne in E flat" Frederic Chopin
pianist: Leigh Payne

Lessons and Carols

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7 Keeley Smith

Carol #88 vs. 1-4 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

The Second Lesson: Psalm 98 Rich Eichorn

Carol #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful!"

The Third Lesson: Luke 1: 26-35, 38 Peg Horton

Special Music:

"Away In the Manger" Traditional arr. David Burndrett
Piano & Double Bass: Jonna Eichorn & Gina Jackson

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2: 1-12 Tony Morand

Carol #147 vs. 1-4 "The First Nowell"

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2: 13-20 Charlotte Craig

Special Music:

"How Beautiful This Silent Night" by Ruth Elaine Schram
Solo: Carolyn Cook

The Sixth Lesson: John 1: 1-5 Will Morand

Special Music:

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" arr. Ralph V. Williams
Duet: Charlotte Craig & Amy Morand

The Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 9:6 Rev. Didi Wayland

Meditation: "His Name is Wonderful" Rev. Didi Wayland

Special Music:

"On This Christmas Night" by Mary Kay Beall
Duet: Carolyn & Erin Cook

Celebration of Our Lord's Supper

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Spreading the Light

Please wait until all candles are lit as we sing together

*Carol #122 (red hymnal) "Silent Night"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1 #119

*Postlude "In Dulci Jubilo" arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.

* Indicates those who are able may stand.



“Born, in Bethlehem, is a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord!”

Cornelius Presbyterian Church



*Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship & Praise Service: 10:30 AM*

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