

First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2020

REV. DR. WILL BROWNE

PRELUDE: *Selected*

Lew Cassels

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Halvorson Family

MUSIC: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Marcus Prudentias

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: *Building the Christmas Story* Dr. Will Browne

Music: *Away in a Manger*

205 (all verses)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER... "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC: *Selected*

Steve Hancock, baritone

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 44:1-6*

The Edward Maassen Family

MUSIC: *I Wander as I Wander*

arr. Jack Schrader

Ellie Sutphin, flute

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: *Luke 2:1-20* The Edward Maassen Family

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: *What a Baby!*

Dr. Will Browne

MUSIC: *What Child is This?*

184 (v. 1)

CREED:

(unison)

**Great God of power, we praise you for Jesus the Christ,
who came to save us from our sin.**

**We thank you for the prophet's hope,
the angel's song, the birth in Bethlehem.**

**We thank you that in Jesus you became one with us,
sharing our human hurts and pleasure.**

**Glory be to you, O God, our God,
giver of love, good beyond measure.**

Glory be to you, O God of our day and every day.

**Glory be to you through Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords, King of Kings,
Eternal Son of God, very God of very God,
God in Christ Immanuel ... God with us!**

MUSIC: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

198 (v. 1)

CELEBRATION OF GENEROSITY

***DOXOLOGY**

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*Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost.*

MUSIC: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

185 (v. 1)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

***MUSIC:** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

186 (all verses)

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

*During the last verse raise your candle high in the air.
At the conclusion of the hymn extinguish the flame.*

***POSTLUDE:** *Selected*

Lew Cassels

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE SESSION AND STAFF

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