

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Christmas Eve 2016

December 24, 2016

6:00 p.m.

\* Stand if you are able

**Bold:** Said by all

Musical Prelude:

GATHERING

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome:

Prayers for the People:

The Lord's Prayer

(projected)

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Jane Ashenden & Steven Braithwaite

One: In the beginning was the Word.

**Many: And the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

One: In him was light.

**Many: And the light was the life of all people.**

One: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Many: We are easily distracted by darkness and by what we lack.**

**All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world and let our lives reflect your love and light this night and always.**

\* Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

N.B.P. #139

**First Lesson:** God announces enmity between humanity and the serpent.

**Genesis 3:8-15**

Jay Bailey

**Second Lesson:** God promises Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

**Genesis 22:15-18**

Bruce Murray

\* Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" N.B.P. #122 (vv. 1, 3, 4, 7)

**Third Lesson:** Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

Sharon Wilson

**Fourth Lesson:** The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

**Micah 5:2-4**

Linda McDougall

\* Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

N.B.P. #165

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

**Fifth Lesson:** The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary.

**Luke 1:26-38**

Jackie Nesbitt

**Choir Anthem:** "Mary Did You Know?"

(Lowry/Greene)

**Sixth Lesson:** Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

**Matthew 1:18-23**

The Auld Family

**Seventh Lesson:** The shepherds go to the manger.

**Luke 2:8–16**

*The Jonker Family*

\* Hymn: *"The First Nowell"*

N.B.P. #136 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

**Eighth Lesson:** The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

**Matthew 2:1–11**

*Grace McConnell*

**Ninth Lesson:** John writes of the great mystery of the incarnation.

**John 1:1–14**

*Joshua Main*

\* Hymn: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

N.B.P. #159 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

**Gratitude to God in our Offerings and Tithes**

**Offertory Anthem:** *"Have You Heard?"*

*(Jay Althouse)*

**Doxology:**

N.B.P. #79

**Prayer and Blessing:**

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**Hymn:** *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* (remain seated)

N.B.P. #154

*Please be careful. As you receive your light, the lighted candle is always held upright with the other candle being tipped to receive the flame. At the close of the service, please return your candle to the boxes near the doors.*

**Benediction:**

**Choir:** *"Hallelujah Chorus"*

*(G.F.Handel)*

\* **Exit of the Word**

**Musical Postlude**