

**ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2016**

**10:30 a.m.**

\* Stand if you are able

**Bold:** Said by all

Musical Prelude:

**GATHERING**

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

**Call to Worship (responsive):**

(projected)

One: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.

**All: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and his name shall be called,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

Lighting the Christ Candle: Kyoungsoo Hwang and Noah Schomburg

\* Gathering Hymn: *"Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime"* (N.B.P. #144)

**Prayer of Adoration:**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**God of grace and truth,**

**you give the gift of yourself,**

**but we take no notice as we are caught up in our own gifts, given and received.**

**You offer us new life in the baby born in Bethlehem but we make sentimental that birth and we reject new life.**

**Your light comes into the world but we dwell on the darkness, you come to us as a human and yet we cannot see you in the human lives around us.**

**Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are, and direct who we shall be. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Children's Hymn: *"Angels From The Realms Of Glory"* (N.B.P. #146)

Children's Story

(children return to sit with their families for the rest of the service)

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

### Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

As we listen to the familiar story of your coming among us as a child of flesh and blood, open our minds and hearts so that we may hear the wondrous events with new understanding, with wisdom, and with joy. Amen.

### Scriptures:

(projected)

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *"Have You Heard?"*

*(Jay Althouse)*

### **SERMON: "JOY!"**

*Silent Reflection*

## OUR RESPONSE

Anthem: *"Shout The Glad Tidings"*

*(G.F. Handel)*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

\* Doxology

(N.B.P. #79)

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Prayers

The Lord's Prayer:

(projected)

## SENDING

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

(N.B.P. #139)

\* Benediction:

\* Sung Benediction: *"Go Now In Peace"*

(projected)

\* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude