

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve 2016
5:00 p.m.



Welcome to Northbrook on this glorious Christmas Eve. This service is a celebration of faith, specially intended for our children's participation. Everyone has a part to play in this worship service. **Please watch for the directions printed in red indicating where your child may come forward.** Young children may be accompanied by parents.

Prelude—*A Child is Born, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Welcome

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

*** Opening Carol 133**—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymnal

Prayer for Light and Lighting of Christ Candle

The Burnham Family

Jesus, who brings hope to hopeless situations,
we light this candle for the hope that you bring.

Jesus, who brings peace into turmoil and conflict,
we light this candle for your promise of peace.

Jesus, who came to show God's love for us,
we light this candle for your love to fill our hearts.

Jesus, who brings joy where there is sorrow, and happiness where there is despair,
we light this candle for your joy to ring around the world.

Jesus, Light of the world, we light this candle for the light you bring,
the light that can never be extinguished. And hear us as together we pray:

**Shine your light of hope, peace, joy and love in us and through us
this Christmas and always. Amen.**



First Story—Luke 1:26-33

Emily Stetson

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of a greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,

and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Gabriel comes forward at this time

Hymn 113—Angels We Have Heard on High, v. 1 and 3

Hymnal

Second Story—Luke 2:1-5

Dave Tengler

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

Mary and Joseph are invited to come forward.

Hymn 121—O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1 and 4

Third Story—Luke 2:6-7

Claire LaSota

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Children dressed as herdsmen are invited to come forward and join the Holy Family.

Hymn 123—It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, v. 1 and 2

Fourth Story—Luke 2:8-14

Mike Wicker

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'



Children dressed as shepherds, angels and animals are invited to come forward at this time.



Fifth Story—Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11

Matt Bauhof

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' They set out and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Children dressed as Kings and stars are invited to come forward at this time.

Children's Choir—*Away in a Manger*

All Children may return to be seated with their families in the pew.

We Bring Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem—*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

Christmas Prayer

Communion

We welcome everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to share in this meal. We serve by Intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. Return to your place via the side aisles. If you are more comfortable to remain where you are, we will gladly bring the bread and cup to you. For those who desire it, you will find gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice on the table.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 glory, and the honor forever. Amen.

Communion Solo—*O Holy Night*

trad.

Elizabeth Riggan, Soloist

Communion Songs—

145—What Child Is This

128—Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



Lighting of the Candles

Hymn 122—*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

As the light comes to you, tip your unlit candle toward the flame.

Hold your candle upright as you pass it to your neighbor.

We will extinguish our candles when the lights come back up.

Closing prayer

* Hymn 134—*Joy to the World*

* **Benediction**

Postlude—*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

* *All who are able, please stand.*



Thanks to all who worked to bring you this Worship Service:

Pastor: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

Director of Music: Angel Gippert

Praise Band: Dan Gross on percussion, guitar, Pete Zajicek on piano

Soloist: Elizabeth Riggan

Instrumentalists: Carl Gippert (Soprano Saxophone), Rob Olson (Trumpet), Jeff Pethoud (French Horn),
Ken Stetson & Dakota Tuomi (Alto Saxophone), John Thomas (Tenor Saxophone)

Sound: Michael Bauhof

Visuals: Jeff Wilhelmi

Communion Servers: Nancy Best, Grant Burnham, Brian Long, Judy Owen

Costume arranging, casting, and general inspiration: Terri Hurbis

Angel Gabriel: Grant Tengler

Mary: Gabi Gippert

Joseph: Hunter Tengler

Angels: Grace Burnham, Grace Daniels

Shepherds: Annie Burnham, Ann Daniels

Stable Animals: Alex Burnham, Lila Daniels

Herdsmen: Jonah Taylor, Griffin Taylor

Kings: Owen Hurbis, Kae'Yanna King, Kai'Yah King

Rest of the cast: You!