

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

December 24, 1989

11:00 A.M.

THE PERIOD OF PREPARATION (the first order after we are seated) Be thoughtful, be reverent, for this is the house of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

The Prelude....."Cradle Song"..... Higgins

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: "Behold, I Bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

People: "Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us."

Minister: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

All: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given!" "O come, let us adore Him."

*The Hymn of Procession No. 170....."O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*The Affirmation of Faith (p. 12)..... The Nicene Creed

*The Gloria Patri

THE GREETING AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hymn No. 159..... "What Child Is This?"

The Time of Silence and Prayer

The Children's Sermon

The Offertory."It Came Upon the Midnight Clear".. Warriner

*The Doxology

The Anthem....."Christmas Lullaby"..... Choir

The Scripture Lesson..... Luke 2:1-20

The Christmas Message

*The Hymn No. 161..... "Joy to the World!"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

The Postlude....."God Rest Ye Merry,..... English Carol Gentlemen"

*Please Stand

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WELCOME VISITORS - We are glad you are sharing this time of worship with us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. If you are not an active church member in this community, we encourage you to make this a day of decision for Christ and His Church.

Our Session will receive you on the profession of your faith, by restatement of your faith, or by the transfer of your membership. Please speak with the minister or one of the ushers, following the service, if you wish to inquire about membership.

Please remember to pass the Ritual of Friendship pad down your pew and back to the center aisle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1989

Congratulations to former member Wayne Murphy and his wife, Ferris, at the birth of their second son, Caleb Andrew. Caleb is the grandson of Ed and Pegge Murphy, and the great-grandson of Ollie Conine.

The JOY GIFT OFFERING is received each year at Christmas to provide assistance to retired ministers and workers of the church. If you would like to make a donation to the Joy Gift Offering, please use one of the envelopes provided.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK:

Today 7:00 p.m. - **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
COMMUNION SERVICE**

Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Members of the Pairs and Spares class will meet for a covered-dish holiday celebration at the home of Debbie Griffeth.

A "Happening" for Senior Adults has been planned for January 26-27 at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, sponsored and planned by Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's Committee on Senior Adults. It is for **all** adults, especially those 55 and over. Beginning with a Friday evening dinner and program, then a "big band," playing the music of the '40s and '50s, for listening and dancing. Continuing on Saturday morning with breakfast and interest groups, led by top-notch speakers and leaders. It is called "CELEBRATION '90." Registration forms are available in the church office. Cost: \$15.00, all inclusive! (\$17.00 for registration received after January 19.)

TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS:

Margaret Brown (friend of Westlunds)
Pam Brown (friend of Westlunds)
Linda Bruhl (friend of Nancy Phillips)
Jessie Carden and Family in the death of her sister-in-law, Blanche C. Summers
Martha Miles (friend of the Etheridges)
Tina and James Simpson (Mt. Nebo Praise Center)
Mimi Stevenson (friend of Kathy Vandiver)