

# Kathwood Baptist Church



## THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

December 24, 2009

CHRISTMAS EVE

Five-Thirty o'clock

Prelude

*The First Nowell*  
Dr. Jonathan McCullough, Violin

arr. T. Tertius Noble

Words of Welcome

Rev. Christina Whitehouse-Suggs

\*Lighting the Candles

Acolytes

Call to Worship

*O Holy Night*

Christina Whitehouse-Suggs, soloist

Lighting the Christ Candle

Whitehouse-Suggs Family

\*Hymn 112

*He Is Born*

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Christmas Eve Litany Congregation

**One:** Arise! Shine! For your light has come. (Isaiah 60:1)  
The glory of the Lord has been revealed and all people see it together. (Isaiah 40:5)

**All:** We come to see for ourselves what God has done.  
We come to know the One for whom the angels sing.

**One:** Come! Worship the everlasting God, the creator of the universe, who strengthens the powerless (Isaiah 40:29) and brings forth justice for all people. (Isaiah 42:1)

**All:** We long for God's presence and power among us.  
We hope for God's just and loving reign.

**One:** Come! Receive the gift of life offered to us in Jesus Christ and offer your own gifts of wonder and praise.

**All:** Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among all with whom God is pleased! (Luke 2:14)

\*Hymn 100

*Angels, We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should 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. 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. 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!"

*Reader:* We hear the voice of God through these words. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Solo

*Who Would Send a Baby?*

Pat Prather, soloist

Communion

*Our communion this evening will be by intinction – taking the bread and dipping it into the cup. The congregation will come row by row down the center aisle, returning to their pew by way of the outside aisle.*

At the conclusion of Communion we will light our candles from the Christ Candle and when the sanctuary is lit we will sing the closing carol.

\*Closing Carol 91, vs. 1 & 4

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

***Please leave the sanctuary in silence and then fellowship in the Narthex.***

\*Those who are able, please stand.

White is the color that adorns our altar table and pulpit this evening.  
White is the color of light. It symbolizes Christ, joy, innocence and perfection.