

**Carol # 162 "On Christmas night all Christians sing"
(unannounced)*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE – Prelude from 'Te Deum'

M. Charpentier

Welcome... to *St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church*

Are you a visitor this evening, or a newcomer to the Guelph area? If so, we welcome you to St. Andrew's and pray that you will find within this community gathered for worship the spiritual guidance you seek. Christmas Eve is often a time when people come to church for the first time, or the first time in a long time. We recognize that people here tonight come for many reasons. It may be nostalgia, a desire for God, curiosity, hope for a new beginning, wonder, or something else that brings them. We affirm that the ancient Bible story speaks to each life, saying "with God, all things are possible."

If the Christmas Eve service has touched you, feel free to speak with the minister or an usher. God's people here give thanks for your presence tonight and pray that the blessing of the Christ child will be with you. We hope to see you again.

*Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all
who participated in tonight's worship service.*

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**SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM
ALL YEAR ROUND**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 24th, 2008

11:00PM

**If able, please stand.*

TIME FOR QUIET MEDITATION

(As you are seated, please allow yourself to become quiet within as you prepare for the worship service to begin)

PRELUDE – Chorale Prelude on ‘Of Eternal Love Begotten’

arr. C. Callahan

INTROIT – ‘Of Eternal Love Begotten’

Divinum Mysterium

(Solo: Bob Spencer)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

****Carol # 159 “Oh come, all ye faithful”***

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 2: 8 – 20 (New Testament p. 58)

DUET: Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

(Liana Di Ilio & Bob Spencer)

John 1: 1 – 14 (New Testament p. 91)

“Jesus – The Best Present Ever”

****Carol # 138 “While shepherds watched”***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY – Berceuse on ‘Silent Night’

arr. C. Callahan

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

****Carol # 148 “It came upon the midnight clear”***

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GRACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As the angels sang your praises that first Christmas night, we join with people of faith of all times and places to offer you joyful praise, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...

May this be so, as we share in the body and blood of Jesus Christ and know the ground of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hear us, Gracious God, as our prayers conclude with those words of prayer taught by Jesus to disciples who asked how they should pray:

**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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Gentle Mary laid her child

Away in a Manger

arr. Bill Ingram

POST-COMMUNION SOLO – Silent Night

Gruber/Fisher/Gingrich

(Solo: Bob Spencer)

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.