

**The Presbyterian Church of Palatine  
Christmas Morning**

December 25, 2011

10:00 a.m.

**We Prepare for God's Word**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your Light has come.

**People: Lord Jesus, be born in us.**

Leader: The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

**People: Lord Jesus, be born in us.**

Leader: Behold your God!

**All: Let us worship the newborn King.**

**\*Hymn #41**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 11:1-10

**Hymn #48**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**Second Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Hymn #24**

*Away in a Manger*

**Third Lesson**

Luke 2: 8-20

**\*Hymn #23**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Call to Confession**

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another, first silently and then together as a community.

**Silent Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession** (from Walter Russell Bowie: *A Christmas Creed*)

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small. I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today. I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts. I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible. I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God. I confess my ever-lasting need of God: the need of forgiveness for my selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold. I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem, for me and for the world. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, believe the Good News – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri #579**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**We Listen for and Proclaim the Word of God**

**Fourth Lesson**

Isaiah 40:9-11

**\*Hymn #29**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Congregational Anthem** (insert)

*O Holy Night*

**Fifth Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-12

**Hymn #53**

*What Child Is This?*

**Sixth Lesson**

John 1:1-14

**Hymn #60**

*Silent Night*

## We Respond with Joy to the Word of God

### Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

#### Announcements

#### \*Offertory Response – Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Solo

*Breath of Heaven*

Amy Grant

### Prayers of the People

#### Sharing our Joys and Concerns

#### 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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## We Take God's Word into the World

\*Hymn #40

*Joy to the World!*

\*Benediction

Postlude

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\*Please stand if you are able

Welcome to all who visit with us today! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Please sign the black friendship pads located in each pew  
and pass them to others.

### *This Morning*

**Lay Readers:** Tom Kenter, Michelle Johns, Carol Reagan

**Soloist:** Mary Kenter

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