

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Waterman Presbyterian Church

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*The presence of all who have come to celebrate Christmas adds to the joy of worshipping the Lord on this glorious night. Welcome, friends! May the full meaning of Christmas be real to us all..... now and always.*

Prelude Brent Monteiro

Greeting Pastor Sandi Graber

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

\*The Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #178

\*Call to Worship

One: Can one night make such a difference?

**All: Can one star outshine all others?**

One: Can one baby change a world?

**All: Yes, a thousand times yes!**

One: On a night like this night,

**All: With stars shining so bright,**

One: One birth changed the world.

**All: Yes, even this night,**

One: Hope springs afresh,

**All: Joy leaps in every song,**

One: Forgiveness sets loose new possibilities,

**All: Love flows from heart to heart.**

One: Can one night make such a difference?

**All: Yes, a thousand times yes!**

The Journey to Bethlehem Luke 2: 1-7

The Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #192

Prayer of God's People

**O God, you have declared your love to us by the birth of the holy child at Bethlehem. Help us to welcome Him with gladness and to make room for Him in our common days so that we may live at peace with one another and in good will with all your family, through Jesus Christ our sustainer. Amen.**

Special Music "O Holy Night" Christine Monteiro

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds Luke 2: 8-15

The Carol "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" # 181

Prayer of Confession

**On this most holy of nights, we come before you, humbled that you would bring us yourself in the gift of human form. Forgive us for our inability to grasp what lengths you take to be in relationship with us. Christ is born, and we celebrate for a day or two. Teach us to celebrate your great act of mercy for humankind and grant us your wisdom. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God forgives all. You are forgiven and I am forgiven. Now may we live differently, centered on God's desire for deep relationship with each and all of us.

The Carol "Joy to the World!" #170

The Visit to the Manger Luke 2: 16-20

The Offertory Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Special Music Christine Monteiro

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Our Sovereign Creator, we remember that the Christ child was your gift to the world. May the thought of His birth fill our hearts with generous thoughts. Help us to be like Him in our dealings with others, always being unselfish and thoughtful, as He would have us to be. We ask in His name. Amen.**

The Carol "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #182

The Message "Heavenly Highs" Pastor Sandi Graber

## CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

**The light will be given to the ushers, who will light the candle of the first worshiper in each pew, who will pass it to the next person.**

*Do Not Tilt a Lighted Candle!*

**Tilt your unlighted candle to your neighbor's lighted one. Extinguish your candle after the benediction and give it to an usher when leaving.**

\*The Carol "Silent Night! Holy Night!" #184

\*Benediction and Postlude (please remain seated until the music ends)