

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS-EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

December 24, 2010, 5:00 P.M.

Prelude

“Once In Royal David’s City”

Arr. Whitworth

Chimes

Welcome

+Call to Worship

Pastor: “For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us. And the government shall be upon His shoulders. These will be His royal titles: ‘Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His kingdom will never end!’”

People: “And she will have a son and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins!”

+Invocation

+Opening Hymn

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 277

+Lighting of the Advent Candles

Kevin, Erin, and Kian Paul Pipkin

Infant Baptism of Kian Paul Pipkin, son of Kevin and Erin Pipkin

Dr. J. David Hester/Rev. Kevin Wood

Special Music

“A Baby Changes Everything”

Soloist: Julie Rech

The Birth of the Savior

Luke 2:1-20 (Common English Bible)

+Please Stand

+Hymn of Praise

“What Child Is This?”

No. 281

+Lighting of the Christ Candle

Special Music

Soloist: John Golliher

Preparation and Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Pastor: Jesus said: “I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall not hunger.”

People: On the night in which He became the Passover Lamb, He took the bread, blessed it and broke it.

Pastor: And He said: “Take it and eat it, for this is My body. And He took the wine after supper, blessed it, and passed it to His disciples and said:

People: “This is my blood which seals the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many.”

Pastor: Jesus said: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser.”

People: “Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we do remember the Lord’s death until He comes again!”

The Silent Prayers of Confession

Special Music

“Mary Did You Know”

Soloist: Brent Witmer

Instructions for the Lord’s Table

The Prayer of Consecration

The Serving of the Bread and the Cup

(This evening the elders will serve you in the pew. Please hold the bread and the cup and we will partake of the elements together. Thank you!)

**Sharing the Good News with the World**

Pastor: Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Those who follow Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life!”

People: Jesus also said: “**You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Put it on a stand and let it shine for all...**”

Pastor: ...In the same way, let your life shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father.”

**Lighting Our Candles from the Christ Candle**

+Hymns	“Silent Night”	No. 253
	Guitarist: James Paschke	
	“Joy to the World”	No. 270
	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	No. 258

**+Benediction and Blessing**

**+Extinguishing of the Candles**

(Please take your candles with you and return them to the containers in the narthex. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!)

+Postlude	“Hallelujah Chorus”	Handel
+Please Stand		

**Thank You!**

Our sincere thanks to those who shared their musical talents to the glory of God, to the elders who served Holy Communion and to all those who led us in worship this evening.

**Christmas Post Office**

Please check the tables in the narthex and take your unclaimed Christmas cards home this evening!

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