

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church (P.C.A.)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service -

GREETING & WELCOME

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come, Thou Long-Expected JesusNo. 196

3rd SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:9.....Pastor Doug Barcroft
(Pew Bible, Pg. 968)

PRELUDE.....Joe M. Turner

CONGREGATIONAL READING OF MARTIN LUTHER'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord.....No. 219

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....No. 203

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-21.....Deacon Paul Gerhardt
(Pew Bible, Pg. 857)

SERMON.....Christ's Poverty and Our Riches

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-56Ruling Elder Dana Jeanes
(Pew Bible, Pg. 855)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God !

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Silent Night! Holy Night! (a cappella).....Back of bulletin

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See, Amid the Winter's SnowNo. 199

BENEDICTION

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God !

POSTLUDE.....Joe M. Turner

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born.
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
4. Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born.

ABOUT HICKORY WITHE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based historic church of believers committed to preaching, teaching, and sharing the transforming grace of Jesus Christ in the local and worldwide communities since 1834.

Because of Christ, we live in spiritual community with God Himself, we are redefined as a community of fellowship bound together in Him, and we work to serve the community we live in by offering biblical teaching, worship, and assistance.

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

The Gospel is the "good news of Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:1-2; 15:1-7).

God has announced this message to the nations of the world through the ministries of Christ and his 1st Century Apostles (Ephesians 2:19-21). And, now through the written word, the Bible, he continues to announce this good news to the nations through pastors, teachers, and faithful witnesses (Ephesians 4: 7-12). The 10 commandments teach us that we have broken God's Law and are under his wrath and curse (Romans 1:18-3:20). But the good news of the Gospel is that through Jesus Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession on our behalf, we are delivered from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:10), justified, adopted, sanctified and glorified (Romans 8:29-30). In our sin we were enemies of God, yet through Jesus Christ, his Son, we are reconciled to him, adopted into his family, and granted eternal security. Now, we are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20-21) and have a guaranteed home in the new heavens and the new earth (2 Peter 3:13).

The church is a people who God has called his own and who he has given to each other for love and community.

The Bible describes the church as people who belong to God and to each other, gathered together by belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and, by their mutual reconciliation to God through the Gospel. The church is not simply a building or meeting place, nor is it merely a place of religious observation, but a living and growing community of men, women and children whose identity is shaped by love through our belonging to God and to each other.

Our reconciliation to God through the Gospel compels us to live transformed lives.

The truth of the Gospel re-creates us into a people whose lives are transformed by a commitment and passion for God and his glory. God has uniquely called and equipped his church to display and demonstrate the power of the Gospel to transform individuals and communities. Just as the Gospel is the "good news of the Kingdom of God", the church is a foretaste of the Kingdom of God on earth, struggling, learning and growing together in an understanding of what it means to follow Christ with the whole of our lives.

We are a Presbyterian and Reformed congregation, and hold firmly to the system of beliefs and doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Catechisms.

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church (PCA)



Established 1834

*"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."*

I Peter 2:10

"Christ-centered, Community focused"

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