

Front Royal United Methodist Church  
**Christmas Eve Worship**

December 24, 2011

11:00 p.m.

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An extended prelude will be offered prior to the service  
by the Choir and Carillon Bells.

**\*Processional Hymn**      “O Come, All Ye Faithful”      **Hymnal, Page 234**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Let’s sing praise to the God of all creation.

**People: Let’s sing praise to the Spirit who gives life to all.**

Leader: Let’s sing praise to Jesus Christ, in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell,

**People: That everything and everyone in all creation might be reunited  
with God through Christ.**

**All: We sing with the faithful of all ages, tongues, and races!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**      “Joy to the World”      **Hymnal, Page 246**

**Scripture Reading**      Luke 2:8-20      **Pew Bible, Page 54**

**Response to the Word**      “God’s Blessed Son Today Is Born” (Praetorius)      **Choir**

**Congregational Prayer**

**O heavenly Father, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of your Son,  
fill our hearts and lives with praise. Grant that we may be just and  
merciful, ready to help in the needs of our neighbor and conscious of  
your great love for all the world. Fill the Christian family with your  
spiritual gifts of forgiveness, patience, mutual love, and unending joy.  
All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**      **Hymnal, Page 895**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**      **Hymnal, Page 221, Verse 4**

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”      **Hymnal, Page 230**

**Scripture**      Titus 2:11-14

**Homily**      “God With Us”      **Rev. Heaton**

**Invitation to Holy Communion**      **See Insert**

**The Lord’s Supper**

The following hymns may be sung during the receiving of the Sacrament and Candle Lighting:  
O Holy Night (back cover), #223

**Candle Lighting**

**\*Closing Hymn**      “Silent Night, Holy Night”      **Hymnal, Page 239**

**\*Postlude**

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**\*For Those Who Are Able, Please Stand**

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## **O Holy Night**

Music by Adolphe Adam

Poem by Placide Cappeau, Translated by John S. Dwight

1. O, holy night, the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, o night when Christ was born!  
O night, o holy night, o night divine!

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our Friend!  
He knows our need—to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!

3. Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,  
And in His Name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy Name!  
Christ is the Lord! O, praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim!  
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*The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone,  
was coming into the world.  
John 1:9*