

**WELCOME TO**  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**OF**  
**SAINT DAVID**  
Christmas Eve, 2014, 4 pm  
**FAMILY SERVICE**



**The**  
**Journey to**  
**Bethlehem**

## Order of Worship

Welcome

Introduction: I know we'll have a good journey this Christmas Eve, but do stay close. It isn't an easy journey to Bethlehem. We know that God is gracious and we pray that God will watch over us as we make our journey to Bethlehem. We have nearly everything we need, but there have been some recent changes in the route we will be taking to Bethlehem. Maybe there are a few things we can do to get ready for the journey ahead of us.... such as remembering the lights that guide us.

Lighting the Christ candle – Glennie's  
**The Journey begins**

L: God came into the world  
so that none would live in darkness.

P: **Glory to God in the highest!**

L: The light shines in the darkness

P: **and the darkness does not overcome it.**

L: This is the good news for all people:  
to us is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

P: **And things will never be the same.**

L: The world has been transformed.

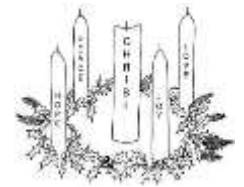
P: **It is made new with hope, peace, joy and love.**

(The candle is lit.)

L: Let us pray: **Source of light, shine in our lives  
and in your world with your transforming power.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Nativity scene: **The Journey's End**



## A Journey with the children of St David's Sunday

### School

#### Carol Sing – led by the Kinley Case Creaser families

Carol: Oh come all ye faithful 159

Carol: Silent Night 154

What about the children? The news of the birth of the Christ child spread quickly through the land. The shepherds brought news about the angel and seeing the Christ child and the star which shone brightly over Bethlehem where the child was staying. Everyone was talking about the coming of the Messiah. People were talking about going to see him and bring him gifts. The children of the land heard the news and they wanted to see the Christ child as well. They had to travel to get to Bethlehem. But they didn't have cars, trains or planes. How were they to get there? Should they bring gifts? Here is how it might have happened... (William Nickerson)

Carol: Jesus our brother 150

Carol: Away in a manger 149

**Children's Story:** a revised version of The Little Drummer Boy As our story ends today, the children will sing the first verse of The Little Drummer Boy. The congregation will remain seated, but join the children on the second and third verses.

Children: Come, they told me, pa-rum pum



pum pum Our newborn king to see, pa-rum pum pum pum Our finest gifts to bring, pa-rum pum pum pum To lay before the king, pa-rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum So to honour him, pa-rum pum pum pum When we come.

Congregation Join the Children: Ba-by Je-sus, pa-rum pum pum pum I am a poor boy too, pa-rum pum pum pum I have no gift to bring, pa-rum pum pum pum That's fit to give a king, pa-rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum Shall I play for you, pa-rum pum pum pum On my drum? Mary nodded, pa-rum pum pum pum The ox and lamb kept time, pa-rum pum pum pum I played my drum for him, pa-rum pum pum pum I played my best for him, pa-rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum Then he smiled at me, pa-rum pum pum pum- Me and my drum.

Prayer: John Wamboldt



Reading: The First Christmas

Luke 2: 1-20 Miriam and Siobahn

Carol: Joy to the World 153 (1,2,4)

Gather around the Christmas Tree and share gifts

A final song...

*Thank you to all who have participated in this family service this afternoon. A blessed Christmas to one and all!*



Journey  
to Bethlehem

WALK THE ROAD, EXPERIENCE THE STORY