The best way to celebrate the greatest gift to humankind is to gather and thank our loving Creator. We rejoice in your presence tonight and invite you to join us for an informal worship service tomorrow morning, December 25, for our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas. Christmas Day Worship will be held at 10:00AM.
THE LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BOARDWALK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2011
Half-past seven o’clock in the evening

FESTIVAL VOLUNTARY
A la Nanita Nana (a traditional Spanish carol)  Robert J. Powell
(“Sleep, sleep my little Jesus”)

The darkness is falling (a traditional Austrian carol)  Powell

Angels we have heard on high  Arnold B. Sherman

Away in the manger  Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John H. Head
(including Handel’s Pastoral Symphony from Messiah and both familiar hymntunes)

Joy to the world

What child is this  Mitchell-Wallace

L’Arlésienne Suite no. 2
IV. Farandole  Georges Bizet
(1838-1875)

I wonder as I wander  Fred Granam
(b. 1950)

God rest you merry, gentlemen  Kevin McChesney
The Little Chapel Ringers
(b. 1963)

Ding dong merrily on high  Martha Meir
Zoe Laakmann and Jane Davis, piano duet
(b. 1936)

A Messiah Medley  D. Linda McKechnie
Jane Davis, piano; C. Justin Smith, organ
(b. 1941)

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 41  “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  ADESTE FIDELES

GREETINGS  Rev. Pat Rabun

CALL TO WORSHIP  Rev. Rabun
Leader: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light;
People: those who lived in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined.
Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.
People: Let the heavens be glad, let all the earth rejoice!

PRAYER OF ADORATION  Rev. Rabun
Leader: Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son; that we might have new life.
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people.
Leader: Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives.
People: Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ.
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

The family of Judy Gibson
Judy, Greg and Hope, Blane and Beau

Tonight we light all the candles in the Advent wreath. The blue candles stand for hope, love and peace. The pink candle represents joy. The large white candle in the center is the Christ Candle. By lighting it we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It stands in the center as a reminder to us that Christ should be the center of our lives.

Prayer: We thank you God for sending your son Jesus to be our Savior. In the celebration of Christmas may we hear again the message the Angels sang so long ago, of peace on earth, good will to all. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Light the candle

(Please sing all stanzas)

Carl Schalk
(b. 1929)
ANTHEM

Candle Carol

Christmas candle, softly glowing, warmth and light diffusing ‘round;
symbol of our Savior’s presence, love from heaven to earth come down.

Shedding glory, matchless story of Christ Jesus’ humble birth;
be from starry realms of heaven deigned to visit us on earth.

In this blessed, glorious season, time of beauty, joy and peace;
time of mercy, time of sharing, in our hearts thy light increase.

Kindle loving, kindle caring; pierce our gloomy, selfish night.

Lift our eyes on high to see thee, Jesus Christ, true Light of light.

Christmas candle, softly glowing, shining, glimmering on our sight;
symbol of our Savior’s presence; Jesus Christ, true Light of light.

K. Lee Scott, 1983

CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord!
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

CAROLS OF THE SEASON

“The First Nowell” (no. 56)

“What Child is This?” (no. 53)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (no. 31)

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine,
love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Through the years the prophets told his coming, lowly newborn child,
yet a King, still today we ask him to be near us, as we praise and pray and sing.

O holy child of Bethlehem, come to us, we pray, forgive our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, love to God an neighbor,
love is our gift and love is our sacred sign. Alleluia, amen!

Christina Rossetti, 1885, alt; Zollene Reissner, 2008; Phillips Brooks, 1867, alt.
Martha-Anne Efird, flute

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy…
The Sanctus

(…who forever sing to the glory of your name:)

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

The Memorial Acclamation (no. 582)

(…great is the mystery of faith:)

Joseph Roff
(1910-1993)

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Music during the Holy Communion

What child

Paul W. Lohman
(b. 1953)

The Prayer Of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Great God of power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins. We thank you for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank you that in Jesus you became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. Glory to you for your grace-filled love. Glory to you, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of kings, now and forever. Amen.

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE GIFT OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Hymn no. 60 “Silent Night, Holy Night” STILLE NACHT
Hymn no. 40 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

( Please carefully extinguish your candle after the benediction.)

Rev. Rabun
CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
Toccata on “Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella”  
C. Justin Smith, organ  
Keith Chapman  
(1945-1989)

All who are able, please stand.  

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SPECIAL OFFERING

A special offering will be received in the narthex. Tonight’s offering will be used to support the Church World Service Blankets Program. Church World Service has been extending a hand to people in need for many years. For a little child shivering in the cold of winter, a warm blanket can mean the difference between life and death. A blanket offers comfort to a refugee mother who leaves everything behind as she and her children seek haven. Blankets are given to victims of national and worldwide disasters, enabling them to start the long process of rebuilding and recovery. Your gift of $5.00 will help provide the warmth and comfort of a new blanket to children and families whose very lives are at risk. Your loving response will help blanket the world with love. Please place your donation for blankets in the manger (in the narthex) as you leave the service tonight.

THE LITTLE CHAPEL Ringers

C. Justin Smith, conductor  

Chris Alexander  
Jane Davis  
Martha-Anne Efird  

Terry Paterson  
Betsy Rogers  
Phyllis Schutt

THE LITTLE CHAPEL CHANCEL CHOIR

C. Justin Smith, director  
Jane Davis, accompanist

Soprano  
Kathy Blizzard  
Lois DeVries  
Jane Hughes  
Janet Locklear  
Susan Long  
Pat Vass  
Charity Whittington  
Janice Willetts  

Alto  
Heather Bobeck  
Joyce Bradley  
Marty Cobble  
Iris Davis  
Jean Northrop  
Jean Schild  
Helen Swartz

Tenor  
Dan Hammond  
Nancy Herring  
Larry Honeycutt  
Bryan McIntyre

Bass  
Brett Blizzard  
Arnold Cosby  
Walter DeVries  
Earl Locklear  
Harry Paterson

THE INSTRUMENTALISTS

Flute  
Martha-Anne Efird

Piano  
Jane Davis  
Zoe Laakkmann

Trumpet  
Michael Ellison

Organ  
C. Justin Smith

Thank you to:  
Nicholas Herren, Acolyte

The Gibson family: Judy, Greg and Hope, Blane and Beau, Advent Candle Lighters  
for their part in this service tonight.
POINSETTIAS

We appreciate all who have helped us decorate our church with Poinsettias.
The Poinsettias are given by:

Janice and Reuben Allen
In loving memory of
our parents
Reuben and Hazel Allen;
and,
In loving memory of
Harry and Elizabeth Roach;
and,
In honor of our
children and grandchildren

Ted’s family-Scottie, Kate, Erin
and Wilson
In loving memory of
Ted Anderson

Harriett and Robert Andrew
In honor of our
children and grandchildren:
David, Katrina,
John and Grace Andrew;
and,
Brian, Tricia,
Ethan and Emma Ennis;
and,
In honor of Fredericka Powell,
Harriett’s mother

Robin Austin, Taylor and Sarah
McMillon
In loving memory of
Evelyn and George Welch;
and,
In honor of Mary and
David Austin

Cynthia and Bob Avent
In loving memory of our
parents;
and,
In honor of Airman 1st Class
Vincent and Chelsea Long

Estelle and Johnnie Baker
In loving memory of
Bruce Cartier;
and
In loving memory of
Marian Cooper;
and,
In loving memory of
John Fiddner;
and
In loving memory of
Mac McIver

Carolyn and Tommy Bancroft
In loving memory of
our parents
Albert and Viola Bancroft;
and,
In loving memory of our parents
Joe D. and Thelma Edwards;
and,
In honor of our family –
children, grandchild, and sister
and family

Mary C. Betts
In loving memory of
Stanley Sloan Betts

Kathy and Brett Blizzard
In loving memory of
Herman and Evelyn Blizzard;
and,
In loving memory of
Channing and Earlena Daniel;
and,
In honor of
Dan Holt,
Pat and Marcia Rabun,
Karen Scheboth,
Justin Smith

Sybel and Pete Booth
In loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Booth;
and,
Dr. and Mrs. J.A. Whitaker

Joyce Bradley
In loving memory of
my husband Joe Bradley;
and,
In honor of my grandchildren
Alison and Kyle Bradley

Kitty and John Brunjes
In loving memory of
Mabel Duke Parker Weeks

Marjorie Cartier
In loving memory of
Bruce Cartier

Shirley and Frank Clawson
In loving memory of
Sallie Clawson;
and,
In loving memory of
Dessie Sanders

Marty and Dean Cobble
In honor of
the Search Committee for
Pat and Marcia Rabun

Beryl Cooper
In loving memory of
Marian Cooper;
and,
In honor of Mary Beth Kimmel

Bonnie Cooper
In loving memory of
Lenox Cooper;
and,
In honor of my family

Nancy and “Cos” Cosby
In loving memory of
Mrs. Pauline Marshall, mother
of Arnold “Cos” Cosby;
and,
In loving memory of
Mr. Arnold Cosby,
father of Arnold “Cos” Cosby;
and,
In loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. Roy M. Kash,
parents of Nancy Kash Cosby
Frances Eckel  
In loving memory of  
John Eckel

Marguerite Fiddner  
In loving memory of  
my husband John Fiddner, Jr.;  
and,  
In loving memory of  
my friend, Polly Sproul

Elizabeth Weimer Frye  
In loving memory of  
Carl Edward Weimer,  
December 17, 1915 to  
August 13, 1986

Shirlee Gearhart  
In loving memory of  
my husband Jack Welles, who  
lived the Christmas Season;  
and,  
In honor of Jesus,  
for His “Birthday”

Shirley Griffin  
In loving memory of  
Jack Griffin

Taylor Hammond  
In loving memory of  
Jessie Hammond

J.C. Hearne, II  
In loving memory of  
John J. Carroll, III

Dru and Jim Hoge  
In honor of  
Sister Rosemary Hoge,  
serving her 52nd year as  
an Ursuline Nun

Larry and Gwynn Honeycutt  
In honor of the engagement of  
Allison Honeycutt and Nate Clark

Marilyn Kimbro  
In honor of  
James, Lilli, and Noah Kimbro

Mary Jo and Gary Kohunsky  
In loving memory of  
our parents;  
and,  
In honor of our children

Susan Long  
In loving memory of  
my husband, Bob;  
and,  
In honor of my  
children and grandchildren

Peggy and Jim Mahony  
In loving memory of  
Alma S. Mahony;  
and,  
In loving memory of  
Lucille A. Mason

Connie and Andy Marhevsky  
In loving memory of  
Andrew and Dorothy Marhevsky;  
and,  
In loving memory of  
Frank and Margaret Race

Margaret and Bryan McIntyre  
In honor of our  
children and grandchildren

Mildred McIver  
In loving memory of  
Malcolm C. McIver III;  
and,  
In loving memory of  
Malcolm C. McIver, Jr.

Fredericka L. Powell  
In honor of  
Harriett and Robert Andrew  
on their wedding anniversary,  
December 22

Marcia and Pat Rabun  
In honor of our new church  
family. Thank you for opening  
your arms to us.

Bagley and Nelson Reynolds  
In honor of  
C. Justin Smith,  
Director of Music and Organist

Gayle and Jim Rivenbark  
In loving memory of  
their parents

Carol A. Russell  
In honor of Mr. and Mrs.  
Ralph Horton;  
and,  
In honor of Gerry Williamson

Karen Scheboth  
In honor of the LCOB office elves;  
and,  
In honor of the IS/IT volunteers;  
and,  
In honor of my husband  
Bob, and my children –  
Jaclynn, Courtney and Travis

Heather and Bill Schild  
In loving memory of  
Christina Gianoplus;  
and,  
In honor of our parents  
Frank and Bridget Bryson;  
and,  
Bill and Jean Schild;  
and,  
In honor of our children  
Andrew and Kate

Jean and Bill Schild  
In honor of our grandchildren:  
Andrew, Kate, Ben and Zach

Riley, John, Will and Mason  
In loving memory of our  
grandfather, John F. Schultz

Linda Shalahough  
In loving memory of my husband,  
my parents and my brother

Janice Lewis Willetts  
In loving memory of  
Lowell Bennett Lewis, Sr.;  
and,  
In loving memory of  
Lowell Bennett Lewis, Jr.

Barbara and Bob Williams  
In honor of our grandchildren  
Emilia, Ana, Alexanne and  
Emily Elizabeth

During the week of Christmas  
and New Year holidays,  
the church office will be closed  
Monday, December 26;  
Tuesday, December 27; and  
Friday, December 30.