



## STONE HILL CHURCH

December 21, 2014

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
in Princeton and around the world*

Morning Worship

9:30 & 11:00 am

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
a never-to-fail shining light  
that overcame the darkness of evil, fear, and death.*

Prelude

*Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head  
He is Born  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Appalachian Carol  
French Carol  
Polish Carol

Quiet Prayer

*Oh Eternal, Almighty, Three-in-One God: praised be your name! By your unstoppable power and love, you have overcome the darkness in order to bring in a kingdom of light. During this hour of worship, dispel our darkness. Then help us to see your glory in the face of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Leader: God has delivered his people from the domain of darkness,  
**All: He has brought us into the kingdom of his Beloved Son;**  
Leader: So come, let us worship him;  
**All: Let us worship and bow down!**

Hymn 110 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Invocation *We call upon God to be with us.*

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Anthem *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* (Allen Pote)

Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
with us sing our Saviour's birth.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Confession of Sin *We admit our soul's darkness and call out for the  
powerful light of Jesus' forgiveness.*

Assurance of Forgiveness (from Luke 1:50)

*The mercy from God our Savior is for those who fear him from generation  
to generation.*

Praise to Jesus Christ, the All-Conquering Savior

Children's Choir: *Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven*

*Thou Who Was Rich*

Scripture Reading: *Luke 1:68-69*

Anthem: *This Christmastide* (Don Fraser)

Report from Guatemala Team and Pastoral Prayer

\*Doxology and Offering *We give back to God a portion of what he has  
given to us. Visitors, please feel no obligation to give.*

Solo: *O Holy Night*

Sermon: *Christmas according to the Gospels*

## Responses of Faith

### Prayer

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Come, Desire of nations, come! Fix in us Thy humble home:  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head;  
Adam's likeness now efface, Stamp Thine image in its place:  
Second Adam from above, Reinstat us in Thy love.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Benediction *We receive God's gracious strength as we depart.*

### Postlude

\*During the 11:00 am service children ages 4 - 3rd grade leave for Children's Church.