Providence Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE
December 24, 2007
5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

* Hymn 191 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Call to Worship Psalm 98

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*
People: ***We will sing praises to the Lord with lyre and the sound of the horn.***
Leader: *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.*
People: ***We will sing you a new song, O God, for the marvelous things you have done.***
ALL: ***Let us worship God!***

* Hymn 193 "Sing We Now of Christmas"

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

O God, before whom the mountains melt like wax, the earth trembles, and idols are humbled, we proclaim Your righteousness as we behold Your glory. You have sought out Your people and proclaimed them holy. You have sent Your chosen One, Jesus, to prepare Your way. We have passed through the gates of salvation, which he opened for us, and now gather to worship you with our praise and thanksgiving.

* Hymn 229 "The First Noel"

Scripture Lesson "The Christmas Story" Luke 2:1-20

* Hymn 182 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table
Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of God's People (by Intinction)

* Lighting of the Candles

* Closing Hymn

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

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.

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Allelulia
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born."

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.

*** Please extinguish the candles after closing hymn and place them in the baskets in the vestibule.*