



Christmas Eve

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, December 24, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Meditate on Luke 2:1-20

Prelude

Call to Worship: *Luke 2:1-20*

Pastor Tommy Lee

†Hymn #157 “It came upon a midnight clear”

†The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen!

†Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 9:1-7*

Christmas Hymns of Meditation: #152 & 640

The Epistle Reading: *Titus 2:11-14*

†Prophetic Psalm: *Psalm 98* (responsive reading on reverse side)

†More Hymns: #150 & 164

†The Gospel Lessons: *John 1:1-5; Matt. 1:18; Luke 2:7; John 1:14* Pastor Tommy Lee

Sermon: THE GOOD AND THE BEST

Hymn of Response to God's Word: #158 “See, amid the winter’s snow”

Hymn of Meditation: #161 “Silent night!”

†Benediction

†Silent Prayer

†Postlude





Psalm 98

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things;

His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

The LORD has made known His salvation;

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Sing to the LORD with the harp,

With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

The world and those who dwell in it;

Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

For He is coming to judge the earth.

**With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples
with equity.**

White, the color for **CHRISTMAS**, symbolizes joy, celebration, gladness, light, and purity. The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for Jesus Christ (IHCOYC XRICTOC). **NIKA** means Victor. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection.

