

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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CAROLFEST

GREETING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things through whom he also created the world.

Light dawns for the righteous.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

Loving Father, we thank you for giving unto us your Son, Christ Jesus. We gather here today in his name.

Gracious God, bless our worship and allow us to receive from your hands the message you want us to hear. Help us to hear again the story of Jesus' birth. Amen.

CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-14

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we thank you for your word, the word that became flesh and dwelt among us. We thank you for Jesus, born of Mary, who walked among us full of grace and truth. We thank you Lord that you chose to reveal yourself in him, in his actions of compassion and love, in his tenderness and in his anger, in his forgiveness and in his mercy.

We thank you Lord that your word was found not just in his flesh, but also upon his lips, teaching us the way of life, and showing us the road upon which we should travel.

We thank you too Lord for the word that you give us today, and how it still takes on human flesh in the actions and the words of those who love you and your Son Jesus.

Help us Lord to embody your word, to show forth the word of your

love in all that we do.

Forgive us Lord for all that we have done that does not glorify your Son. Help us to see the Word made flesh in ourselves and others. Grant us your peace and forgiveness. Make us a people who are like Jesus, a people who are filled with your Spirit, and who walk in your ways. Help us to love you, to love ourselves, and to love our neighbors.

Hear our silent confessions.

SILENT CONFESSION

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