



GROVELAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

Prelude *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow* arranged by Jack Schrader

+Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #14 green booklet

Greeting (Leader)

Sentences (Leader)

Call to Worship

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward all.

**People: For out of God's own being, Jesus has come to bring love and light to all people.**

Leader: Jesus is our Emmanuel – God With Us – come to gather our tears and laughter, our work and play into God's love.

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward all.**

+Prayer of Invocation

**your  
amid** We come before you in awe, O God, freshly aware of your glory and love embodied in the midst of this world. Here amid dirt and straw, noise of cattle and labor of birth, we perceive your work. We dare to believe that it is you, God, coming to be among us in Jesus, and so we praise you with songs of joy. Glory be to you, O God, now and forever. Amen.

+Gloria Patri *[Words to the "Gloria" are found inside back cover of the Hymnal]*

Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

+Hymn *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #17 green booklet

Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer *[Our Father who art in heaven...debts and debtors... Amen.]*

Message *Peace on Earth*

+Hymn *What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest* #22 green booklet

Reading Luke 2:1-20

+Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #20 green booklet

Benediction

Response

Postlude

*[Please feel free to leave during the postlude.]*

*Offering plates are located in the rear of the sanctuary*



*The altar arrangement is given in memory of loved ones, by Janet Wood  
The piano arrangement is given in memory of Evelyn Wales*

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*We wish you all a very Blessed Christmas!*

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