

The Worship of God

December 17, 2017

A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Six O' Clock P.M.

PRELUDE: Awake, Calls the Voice to Us

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jody Wright

THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Jeannette Pittman

HANDBELL MEDITATION: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

* PROCESSIONAL CAROL 165: "Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

(Please remain seated during the first two stanzas. Rise during the organ interlude.)

Solo: Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir: Christ came down to earth from heaven, love incarnate for us all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

** Organ Interlude: Please stand as you are able.*

*** All: For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew.
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

*** All: And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that Child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

Bo Browder and Chase Joyner, soloists

* THE INVOCATION

Elizabeth Edwards

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-5

Jan Robillard

Isaiah proclaims comfort and the coming of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Come, Messiah, Come"

Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo

O Promised One, O Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come. Lord, reveal your mercy. Guide us,
Lord, we pray. May we see your Light and walk your way. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, we pray.
Come, Messiah, come!

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

Frank Maynard

The prophet calls us to rejoice at the coming of the Lord.

* CAROL 148:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

Wayne Cotton

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

ANTHEM: "Creation Will Be at Peace"

Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord
creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their
young will play together; a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed
on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

Janet Sykes

The angel Gabriel hails the Blessed Virgin Mary.

* CAROL 161:

"I Wonder As I Wander"

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THE FIFTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

Grady Davis

Jesus' birth is revealed to Joseph in a dream.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "The Snow Lay on the Ground"

arr. Carl Coates, Jr.

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas
night. *Venite adoremus Dominum.* 'Twas Mary, Virgin pure, of holy Anne, that brought into this
world the God made man. She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem; the sheep and donkey shared the roof
with him. Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the child; to guard him and protect his Mother mild; The
angels hovered round and sang this song: "*Venite adoremus Dominum.*" And thus the manger poor
became a throne; for he, whom Mary bore, was God the Son. O come, then let us join the heav'nly
host to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Venite adoremus Dominum.*

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-14

Spencer Bulluck

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

ANTHEM: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Bill Snedden

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent
stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above while mortals sleep, the
angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth and
praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift
is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in. O holy
Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We
hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Elizabeth Edwards, flutist

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-20

Betty Lane Winslow

The shepherds go to the manger.

ANTHEM: "Star in the East"

The American Vocalist 1849/ed. Brad Holmes

Hail thou blest morn, when the great mediator, down from the regions of glory descends. Shepherds,
go worship the babe in the manger, Lo for his guard the bright angels attend. *Brightest and best of the
sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon
adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.* Cold on his cradle the dew drops are shining, low
lies his head, with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore him in slumber reclining, maker and monarch
and savior of all. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offerings divine.
Gems from the mountain and pearls from the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine.

Reginald Heber, 1811

THE EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

Will Lucas

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

ANTHEM: "Laudate Dominum"

W.A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes

Praise the Lord, all nations;

laudate eum, omnes populi

praise him, all people.

Quoniam confirmata est

For he has bestowed

Super nos misericordia eius,

his mercy upon us,

et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.

as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,

Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

and for generations of generations. Amen.

Bo Browder, soloist

THE NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

Jody Wright

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

THE RITUAL OF LIGHT

The lighting of candles symbolizes the coming of Jesus who said, "I am the Light of the World." and is a reminder that we spread his light to all humankind. Each person will offer light from his candle to his neighbor. As you take the light, please tilt your candle toward the flame to avoid spilling wax. To symbolize our sharing of the light with the world, raise your candles high for the singing of the final stanza of "Silent Night." Please remain seated.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:

"Silent Night"

STILLE NACHT

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
3. 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.
4. Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

THE BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: O Hail this Brightest of Days

J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

Following the service, you may return the extinguished candles to the gold boxes located at each door. The luminaries in the courtyard are another witness to the ways in which we share Christ's light with the world. Please enjoy these lights. May they shine for us all as we depart from worship prepared to serve.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music

Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Sadie Ponte
Acolyte

Georgia Morris
Torch Bearer

Connor Evans
Crucifer



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

December 24 - 6 o'clock p.m.

"Everlasting Lovingkindness: God's Journey to Us: Immanuel"

Chris Ellis, violinist; Lakeside soloists

A Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols



"Nativity and Annunciation to the Shepherds" by Bernardino Luini 1520-25

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