

A Service of Lessons and Carols

As this is a service of worship, we respectfully ask that you hold all applause until after the Postlude

December 12, 2021

8:15 & 10:45

PRELUDE

Festive Variations and Toccata on "I Saw Three Ships"
Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

David Lasky/arr. R. Weiss
Traditional/ arr. Matt Riley

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Aaron Weitekamp

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People: Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;**

Leader: the uneven ground shall become level,

People: and the rough places a plain.

Leader: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

**People: and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." (Isaiah 40:3-5)**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 196 arr. Joseph Martin

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

BIDDING PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:15 –

10:45 –

READING

Isaiah 9: 2, 6,7 (Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah)

CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

arr. Dan Goeller

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of 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.

READING

Luke 1: 26-35, 38 (The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary)

CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst/arr. Robert W. Smith

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

READING

Micah 5: 2-4 (The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem)

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. D. Huntsinger & Dan Goeller

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.

READING

Luke 2, 1-7 (Luke tells of the birth of Jesus)

CAROL

Stille Nacht
Eric Mandat, clarinet
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.

F. Gruber/arr. Chip Davis

READING

Luke 2: 8-16 (The angels appear to the shepherds)

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High
arr. Elliot del Borgo
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

READING

Matthew 2: 1-12 (The visit of the Wise Men)

CAROL

We Three Kings J. Hopkins/arr. Michael Lawrence & Ed Hogan
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

READING

John 1: 1-14 (St. John unfolds the great Mystery of the Incarnation)

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**Joy to the World

No. 246 arr. Tony Royse

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; let every heart prepare him room,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make the blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

The Work of Christmas
Caden Cole, soloist

H. Thurman/Dan Forrest
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When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among others, To make music in the heart.

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Born Today

arr. Dennis Allen

Katherine Bell, Assistant Pastor

Liturgist: Paul McRoy

* Stand as you are able.

Organist: Anita Hutton

Director of Music: Dr. Robert L. Weiss, Jr.

Orchestra**Violin**

Michael Barta
Sophia Han
Myoung-Ah You
Annette Kang
Whitney Zeamer
Trinity Smallwood

Viola

Clayton Bridgeman
Jonathan Henson
Stephanie Wooley
Sarah Kornstein

Cello

Maya Benyas
Emily Gallagher
Ginivra Herr

Double Bass

Philip Brown

Oboe

Edward Benyas

Flute

Tammy Kirk
Brianna Mercier

Clarinet

Eric Mandat
Dannyl Norrington

Bassoon

Nina Morwell

Trumpet

Robert Allison
Brian Wagner
Euan Schmid

Horn

Jennifer Presar
Isabella Schmidt

Trombone

Jessica Butler
Riley Herron
Kenneth Trimble

Tuba

Madison Jarrett

Percussion

Jim Beers
Josh Harris

Timpani

Michael Hanes