

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Christmas Eve

8:00 PM

December 24, 2019

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Mary McDonald

Tune: GLORIA: A traditional French melody

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 46

Elder Frances Woodward

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,

God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.

Let the whole creation sing for joy

at the presence of God, who is coming.

God is coming indeed,

to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth.

Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN No. 49

Once In Royal David's City (verses 1-3)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

pg. 3-4

Deacon Arlissa Dean

In fear and shame Adam and Eve disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

CAROL No. 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1-3)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 12:1-3; 22:15-18 pg. 11-12; 21 Deacon Larry Foray
God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

CAROL No. 9

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 pg. 722 Elder Betty Chatfield
The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

***CAROL No. 38**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1-3)

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 pg. 725 Michelle Perrotta
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

CAROL No. 48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 pg. 1070 Elder Susan Perrotta
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

OFFERING/OFFERTORY ***God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*** arr. Diane Bish
Tune: God Rest You Merry (traditional English melody)

***CAROL No. 31**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 pg. 1071 Elder Betty Chatfield
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

CAROL No. 25

Away in a Manger

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 pg. 1071-1072 Deacon Arlissa Dean
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

CAROL No. 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 pg. 1008 Elder Susan Perrotta
Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

CAROL No. 66 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (verses 1, 2, and 5)

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 pg. 1109 Pastor Fred Woodward
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

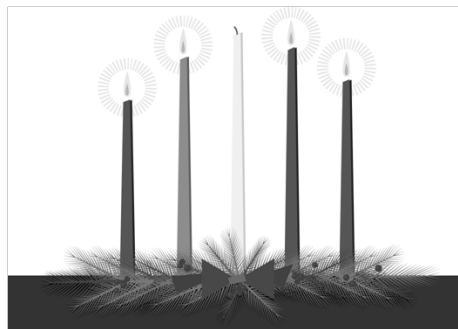
***CAROL No. 40** *Joy to the World!* (verses 1, 4)

SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Distribution of Candles: the pastor will light his candle from the Christ candle; the ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle; the ushers will then light the candle of the worshiper in each pew nearest the center aisle. Turn your unlit candle to receive the flame of the lit candle, and pass it on in this manner.

CLOSING CAROL No. 60 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

CHARGE AND BLESSING



Special thanks to our participants in this evening's candlelight service: Deacon Arlissa Dean, Deacon Larry Foray, Elder Betty Chatfield, Elder Susan Perrotta, Elder Frances Woodward, and Michelle Perrotta.

Special thanks to our Fellowship Director, Debbie Eitel, Director of Music, Leonora Colletti, and Administrative Assistant, Linda Siegmann for their distinctive gifts, constancy and faithfulness in their respective ministries in the life of our church.