

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GREENLAWN



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2018

8:00 PM

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Christmas Eve

8:00 PM

December 24, 2018

SPECIAL MUSIC BEFORE SERVICE

arr. Mark Hayes

How Far Is It to Bethlehem?
The First Nowell
Joy to the World
Silent Night

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Mary McDonald
Tune: Adeste Fideles by John F. Wade

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 46

Deacon Debbie Eitel

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 David Hammer

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

Elder Betty Chatfield

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 Susan Perrotta
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 Deacon Larry Foray
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 Michelle 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 Frances Woodward
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 Margaret Negrelli

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)

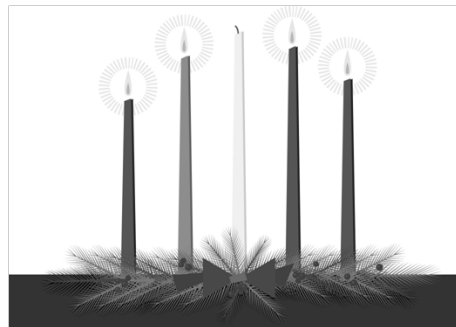
SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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 Debbie Eitel, Deacon Larry Foray, Deacon David Hammer, Elder Betty Chatfield, Elder Margaret Negrelli, Elder Susan Perrotta, Elder Frances Woodward, and Michelle Perrotta.

Special thanks to our Youth Director, Debbie Eitel and our Organist, Leonora Colletti, for their distinctive gifts, constancy and faithfulness in their respective ministries in the life of our church.