

Lessons & Carols Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.



Grace and peace! All are welcome here!

During the Advent season we prepare for the One who has come, whom we expect to come, and who will come again. We prepare our hearts and make room for the Messiah.

In this Advent season, we decorate our church with the symbols of love, joy, hope, and peace.

Why do we do this? To tell the story again and then proclaim: Jesus is born. God is with us!



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Presbyterian Church

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† indicates to stand, if you are able. The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.



ADVENT BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

VOLUNTARY

Reprise on E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

† LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We are seeking – deeper faith,
a place to belong, the feeling that God is here in this room.

**We are seeking – joy that overflows, the courage to love,
the conviction to act in the face of injustice.**

We are seeking, but here in this space –

We are found. This is our sanctuary. God's love is here.

God's love is like an open door,
the roof over our heads and the floor beneath our feet.

**God's love is the streetlight that guides us home
and a table with room for everyone.**

Today we light the candle of love
to remind us of the truth that God's love is a home for all,
for you and me, for neighbors and strangers.

**May this light of love burn brightly in this space
and even brighter in our hearts. Let us worship God.**

Once in Royal David's City

verse 1: Phineas Price, *soloist*

congregation sings verses 2, 3, and 4

2) 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 and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3) Jesus 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 feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

4) And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON**Genesis 1: 26-28, Genesis 3: 8-11**

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”

CAROL*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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| <p>1) 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.</p> <p>3) Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.</p> | <p>2) Israel’s strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.</p> <p>4) By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.</p> |
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SECOND LESSON**Genesis 22: 5-18**

I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.

CAROL*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

congregation sings refrain after each verse

arr. David Cherwien

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree

arr. K. Lee Scott

THIRD LESSON**Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

1) Watchman, tell us of the night,
 what its signs of promise are.
 Traveler, what a wondrous sight:
 see that glory-beaming star.
 Watchman, does its beauteous ray
 news of joy or hope foretell?
 Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
 promised day of Israel.

2) Watchman, tell us of the night;
 higher yet that star ascends.
 Traveler, blessedness and light,
 peace and truth its course portends.
 Watchman, will its beams alone
 gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Traveler, ages are its own;
 see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3) Watchman, tell us of the night,
 for the morning seems to dawn.
 Traveler, shadows take their flight;
 doubt and terror are withdrawn.
 Watchman, you may go your way;
 hasten to your quiet home.
 Traveler, we rejoice today,
 for Emmanuel has come!

FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5: 2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Larry Shackley

Rich Willey, *trumpet*

CAROL

Of The Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

1) 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!

2) By his Word was all created;
 he commanded; it was done:
 heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
 universe of three in one,
 all that sees the moon's soft shining,
 all that breathes beneath the sun,
 evermore and evermore!

3) O, that birth forever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-38

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

BELL TREE SOLO

Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Cathy Mokelebust

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1: 18-23

An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

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| <p>1) 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.</p> <p>3) How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.</p> | <p>2) 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 all on earth.</p> <p>4) 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!</p> |
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SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2: 8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

† CAROL

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

1) There's a star in the east
on Christmas morn.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place
where the Christ was born.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

2) If you take good heed
to the angel's words,
rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You'll forget your flocks,
you'll forget your herds.
Rise up, shepherd, and fol-

Refrain

Follow, follow;
rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-11

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

CAROL

Love Has Come

1) Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.	2) Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eys of his moter; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.
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- 3) Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

NINTH LESSON

John 1: 1-14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

In The Bleak Midwinter

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| 1) 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. | 2) Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ. |
| 3) Angels and archangels
may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss. | 4) What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart. |

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Carol Of The Bells

Mykola Leontovych

Aaron Price, *piano*

†HYMN NO. 133

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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| 1) O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord! | 2) Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ The Lord! |
| 3) Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ The Lord! | |

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

†VOLUNTARY

Fugue and Toccata on Adeste Fideles

David Lowe



JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Candy Donnell
who entered God's Church Triumphant on December 13.*

Kim Wood Colby, Johnnie Wood's daughter, hospitalized while being treated for leukemia

Jim Elam, recovering from surgery at home

Elissa Suzanne, daughter of Barbara Gaw and Paul Willison, prayers for healing of cancer

Joe Standaert, cancer treatments

Leigh Stiles, Robin and Tom Stiles' daughter-in-law, who is immunocompromised and very ill

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan;

Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**;

Seminary Students: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia;

Levi Bannerman, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;

Susie Burns, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina;

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Nada Barnett, Ron Botsford, Chad Carlton, Paul Carreiro, Sandy Cheatham,

Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Eleanor Landers, Mary McElrath,

Jerry Newbold, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy,

Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Katherine Stanley, Heath Tuttle,

Paul Willison, Barbara & Gene Witherspoon, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of Grace, in mercy and love you sent your son, Jesus the Christ, to save us.

*As we celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy, and by your spirit keep us steadfast
in hope and faithful in service. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose day*

draws nearer, your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever. Amen

Prayer of the week composed by Joe Walker

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Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome • **Welcome Table** Ron Botsford

Bus Driver Dave McClintock • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, December 19

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 a.m. FirstLight

9:45 a.m. Adult Church School

10:00 a.m. Family Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

1:30 p.m. Youth

4:00 p.m. Finance Team

5:00 p.m. Solstice & The Light Service

Monday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle

Tuesday, December 21

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, December 22

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 23

3:30 p.m. Caregiver Group

Thursday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE – office closes at noon

4:00 p.m. Family Service

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

11:00 p.m. Unplugged Service

Saturday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 26

ONE SERVICE ONLY

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church – past, present, and future – who point us to God.

Alternative Gifting

for our mission partners!

There is still time to participate but today is the last day the mission team will be in the narthex to assist you.

Join us on Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Service

7:00 p.m.

Candlelight & Communion Service

11:00 p.m.

Unplugged Service



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Advent

The word “advent” means coming, or arrival, and as such, the Christian church calls these four weeks before Christmas Advent. We wait for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us. It is a time during which we participate in anticipation by moving from darkness into light.

This year we are using the color blue for our liturgical art. Many churches use blue in order to distinguish this season from the purple of the more penitential season of Lent. Though it may seem new to those of us who are accustomed to using purple, it is by no means new to our tradition. It was used before the 12th century in the western church. Early art shows church leaders in ornately decorated blue robes.

Shades of blue symbolize royalty, the coming of the King, hope, the night sky before the dawn, the sea before creation, and Mary.

Incidentally, the third week of Advent, this year on December 12, is the halfway point of the Season. In the Roman Catholic Church, that Sunday is referred to as “Gaudete” Sunday, from the Latin word for joy. We also refer to that Sunday as the “joy” Sunday, the first Sunday being hope, the second Sunday being peace and the fourth Sunday being love.

We have painted stars on our banners for all sorts of reasons. Think of the brightness in the dark sky, the coming of the Cosmic Christ, and (from Psalm 19) “the heavens declare the glory of God.” And, certainly it was a star that shone brightly in the night sky above the tiny manger where our Savior first appeared.

Ellen Phillips Smith



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