

Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth
peace among those
whom he favors!
Luke 2.14



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
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THE PRELUDE

Music for Harp, Strings, and Organ

Nadine Moehlenkamp, *violin*

Chris Moehlenkamp, *cello*

Mary Ann Casey, *harp*

Melvin Goodwyn, *organ*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Once in Royal David's City*

Irby

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: 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, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

All: 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.

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.

THE BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Congregational Response

Lead Us to Your Light

Carol Browning

Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark - ness.
Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

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CHOIR

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol
arr. Jay Althouse

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.
Now we raise our voices, loud and strong and clear.
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing on high.
Hear our joyous voices rising to the sky.
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing on high.
Sing we now of Christmas, this, our song so fair.
Hear our joyous voices, music everywhere.
Sing we now of Christmas, this, our song of peace.
In this time of gladness may our joy increase.
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, this our song of peace.

(Repeat first verse)

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3: 8–15

Reader: Chandler Wilder

CHOIR

Remember, O Thou Man

Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man. (1582–1635)
Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent.
Remember, O thou man, how thou cam'st to me then,
And I did what I can, therefore repent.
Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man,
Remember Adam's fall, from heaven to hell!
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all
To hell perpetual, therefore to dwell.
Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man.
Remember God's goodness and promise made.
Remember God's goodness, how his only Son is sent,
Our sins for to redress: be not afraid.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15–18

Reader: Emma Hedley

Congregational Carol

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the Infant Light: *Refrain*
Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear: *Refrain*

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2–7

Reader: Joseph Barrow

MEN OF THE CHOIR

Come, My Light

Anne Krentz Organ

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel.
Jesus, the light of the world!
Come, my light, and illumine my darkness.
Come, my life, and revive me from death.
Come, my physician, heal my wounds.
Come, come, Jesus, the light of the world! (*Repeat*)
Come, flame of divine love,
And burn up the thorns of my sins,
Kindling my heart with the flame of thy love.
Come, my king, sit upon the throne of my heart.
Come and reign in my heart.
For thou alone art my king and my lord.
Come, come, Jesus, the light of the world!
Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel.
Jesus, the light of the world! Oh, come.

SOLO

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted

G.F. Handel

from *Messiah*

Isaiah 40:4

Arthur Lockamy, *tenor*

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–9

Reader: Dick Szymanski

WOMEN OF THE CHOIR

There Is No Rose

Malcolm Archer

There is no rose of such vertu as is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluya.

For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in litel space.
Resmiranda. (*marvelous thing*)

By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three,
Pares forma. (*of equal form*)

Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus. (*let us follow*)

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

Reader: Mary Elizabeth Morriss

Congregational Carol

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message

All: The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “O lowly maiden Mary,”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Men: “For know a blessed mother you shall be,
All generations praise continually,
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Women: Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleases God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

All: Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Philip L. Roberts

Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1–7

Reader: Georgia Hildreth

CHOIR

Sing Lullaby

Philip Moore

Sing lullaby! lullaby baby, now reclining, sing lullaby!

Hush, do not wake the infant king;

Angels are watching, stars are shining

Over the place where his is lying: sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! lullaby baby, sweetly sleeping, sing lullaby!

Hush, do not wake the infant king;

Soon will some sorrow with the morning,

Soon will come bitter grief and weeping: sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! lullaby baby, gently dozing, sing lullaby!

Hush, do not wake the infant king;

Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,

Then in the grave at last reposing: sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! lullaby! Is the baby waking, sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the infant king;
Dreaming of Easter, joyful morning,
Conquering death, its bondage breaking: sing lullaby!

CHOIR

Tidings of Comfort and Joy *Traditional English Carol*

O rest ye merry gentleman, let nothing you dismay. arr. Becki Mayo
For unto you a child is born, this gladsome Christmas day.
Born in a lowly manger, where sheep and oxen lay.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Then singing from the heavens, an angel chorus came.
And unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same;
"A child is born in Bethlehem," the heavens now proclaim.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind.
And left their flocks a-feeding, the blessed babe to find.
They journeyed forth to Bethlehem to see the child divine.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Repeat verse one)

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8–16

Reader: Mike Huggins

CHOIR

Shepherd's Carol

William Billings
(1746–1800)

Me-thinks I see a heavenly host of angels on the wing;
Me-thinks I hear their cheerful notes, so merrily they sing.
Let all your fears be banished hence, glad tidings I proclaim;
For there's a Saviour born today, and Jesus is his name.
Seek not in courts or palaces, to Bethlehem repair;
And follow the star to see your God, who lies in manger bare.
The lowly child whom you will find is not of common birth;
But second in the Trinity, the Son of heaven and earth.
Then suddenly a host around the shepherds throng,
Exulting in the threefold God, and thus addressed their song.
To God the Father, Christ the Son and Holy Ghost adored,
The first and last, the last and first, eternal praise afford.

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1–11

Reader: Jennifer Reiff

Congregational Carol

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Three Kings of Orient

All: We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain All: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Left side: Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

(Refrain All)

Center: Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising we are raising, worshiping God Most High.

(Refrain All)

Right side: Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

(Refrain All)

All: Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.

(Refrain All)

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1–14

Reader: Pastor Carl Rush

CHOIR

True Light

Keith Hampton

Arthur Lockamy, *soloist*

Refrain This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light.
He lives in us as True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die,
And don't desert my mind.
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.
He lives in us as True Light.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.
Your glory excites no envy.
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.
He lives in us as True Light.

Refrain

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Carl Rush

PEOPLE: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

Congregational Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

THE BLESSING

PASTOR: May He who gathered things earthly and heavenly into one by His incarnation, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

PEOPLE: Amen

THE POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Kristina Langlois

This service of Lessons and Carols is patterned after a similar service which has been celebrated in the chapel at King's College in Cambridge, England, every Christmas eve since 1918.

We would like to thank the guest musicians who are participating in our service of Lessons and Carols. Mary Ann Casey, harpist, just recently retired from her position as choral director at Saunders Middle School in Prince William County. She studied harp with Jeanne Chalifoux at Mary Washington College. Arthur Lockamy, tenor, is a graduate of George Mason University and currently teaches vocal music at Saunders Middle School. Many thanks to string players, Chris and Nadine Moehlenkamp, for their continued contributions to the music program at Bush Hill.

***Please join us for one or both of our Christmas Eve Services
at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church***

7:00 PM Family Service, Candlelight Communion
(Korean Church participating)

11:00 PM Candlelight Communion

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