

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" #23

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11
Magi from the east come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.

SOLO CAROL "Camel, Kneel Softly"
Mack Williams, baritone David N. Davenport/Susan Hunt Paterson

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOMILY "Go And Tell" Luke 2:1-20
John 4:1-42

CANDLE LIGHTING

CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night!" #60

BLESSING

SENDING CAROL "Joy to the World!" #40

Our thanks and appreciation goes to Mack Williams, Charlotte Garrett and our interns Tyrel Smith and Kayla Stork.

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

December 24, 2024

5:30 p.m. Sewice

First Presbyterian Church

Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve December 24, 2024

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

** please stand if able*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come All Ye Faithful” #41

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;

People: Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

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

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice

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

Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

People: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

CHORAL INTROIT

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Cecil F. Alexander/H.J. Gauntlett, arr. Bob Burroughs

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15,17-19

Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

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“O Little Town of Bethlehem” #44

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

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“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #9

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

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“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #38

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

CAROL ANTHEM

“A Christmas Mosaic”
by Richard Lamb

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

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“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #31

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her Child.

CAROL ANTHEM

Charlotte Garrett, flute

“Come to the Manger, Emmanuel”
by Patrick M. Liebergen

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.