



Memorial Presbyterian Church

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2012

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Christ is Born! Give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!
Christ is now on earth! Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! Amen.*

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE

*Prelude on the Sussex Carol
Away in a Manger
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Polish Carol
Offertoire sur deux Noëls*

Russell Schulz-Widmar
Charles Ore
Johannes Brahms
Aaron David Miller
Sondra Tucker
Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

*CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 96*)

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!**

*CAROL	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	49
	v. 1 – soloist, v. 2 - women, v. 3 - men, v. 4 - ALL	

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST LESSON	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19	Lucy Lanning
	<i>Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation</i>	

CAROL	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	38
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SECOND LESSON	Genesis 22:15-18	Michael Yeager
	<i>God promises that, through Abraham, All the peoples of the world will be blessed</i>	

CAROL	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	9, v. 1
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THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Kirk Forthman
	<i>The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah</i>	

CAROL	<i>Born in the Night, Mary's Child</i>	
	Kirk Forthman, soloist	

FOURTH LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9	Charlotte Lovett
	<i>The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation</i>	

*CAROL	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	48
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FIFTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child</i>	Vince Leseney
CAROL	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i> Verses 1-3: Vince Leseney, soloist Verse 4: ALL SING	16
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child</i>	Lisa Upton
CAROL	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	24
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16 <i>Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah</i>	John Beck
*CAROL	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>	59
EIGHTH LESSON	Matthew 2:1-11 <i>Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus</i>	Harry Wright
CAROL	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	66, v. 1
NINTH LESSON	John 1:1-14 <i>The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth</i>	Tracy L. Evans
*CAROL	<i>Joy to the World</i>	40
PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE	The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Noël — Grand Jeu et Duo Louis-Claude Daquin

*DOXOLOGY

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn 22, v. 4

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SHARING THE LIGHT

*CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

David Willcocks

*Those who are able may stand.

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