



## Memorial Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

### A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

*Living God, on this holy night we gather— to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.*

*Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.*

### CHRISTMAS PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose	Johannes Brahms
Adeste fideles	Charles Ives
Savior of the Nations, Come	J. S. Bach
Sussex Carol	Peter Crisafulli
Die Hirten an der Krippe (The Shepherds at the Manger)	Franz Liszt
Angels We have Heard	S. Drummond Wolff
Carol Rhapsody	Richard Purvis

## WELCOME

**\*CAROL** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 119

**\*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** Once in Royal David's City 140  
v. 1 – All, v. 2 – women, v. 3 – men, v. 4 – All

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

**CAROL** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 121  
vs. 1, 5, 6, 7

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 22:15-18 Harry Wright  
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed  
shall all the peoples of the world be blessed

**CAROL** Of the Father's Love Begotten 108  
v. 1 – 4

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Donna Vint  
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

**CAROL** O Little Town of Bethlehem 121

**FOURTH LESSON** Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Michael Yeager  
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

**CAROL** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 1:26-35, 38 Charlotte Lovett  
The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary

<b>CAROL</b>	The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came Vince Leseney, soloist	
<b>SIXTH LESSON</b>	Luke 2:1-7 Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child	Nicholas Lindley
<b>CAROL</b>	What Child Is This	145
<b>SEVENTH LESSON</b>	Luke 2:8-16 Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah	Joan Cole
<b>CAROL</b>	Angels We Have Heard on High	113
<b>EIGHTH LESSON</b>	Matthew 2:1-11 The wise men are led by the star to Jesus	Vince Leseney
<b>CAROL</b>	We Three Kings of Orient Are Verse 1 only	151
<b>NINTH LESSON</b>	John 1:1-14 St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation	Tracy Evans
<b>*CAROL</b>	O Come, All Ye Faithful	133
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal, p. 35
<b>THE OFFERING</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Still, Still, Still	Paul Manz
<b>DEDICATION PRAYER</b>		
<b>*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL</b>		
<b>*SHARING THE LIGHT</b>		

**\*CAROL**

Silent Night, Holy Night

(As we sing, the light from the candles is passed to those sitting on the aisles. Please pass the light by dipping the unlit candle into the lighted one. Please extinguish your candles as you leave the sanctuary.)

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Silent Night

Samuel Barber

Soli Deo Gloria

With special thanks to our guest soloists:  
Devyn Upton, flute  
Vince Leseney

\*Those who are able may stand.