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A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS Thursday, December 24, 2025 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Prelude on Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

WELCOME

CANDLE LIGHTING—CHRIST CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this holy night, we come, dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.

On this holy night, we come,

eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.

On this holy night, we come,

quietly and tenderly, ready to worship alongside Mary.

On this holy night, we come,

singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: good news is louder than fear.

Let us worship our good news, with-us God.

*OPENING HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" Hymnal, No. 140

verses 1, 2, and 4

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Adam and Eve disobey God

CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymnal, No. 121

verses 1,2, and 4

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

God's promise to Abraham

CAROL O Come, O Come Emmanuel Hymnal, No. 88

verses 1,6, and 7

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

A great light in the darkness

*CAROL It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Hymnal, No. 123

verses 1,2,and 5

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

A little child will lead them

CAROL Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming Hymnal, No. 129

verses 1,2, and 3

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary

*CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymnal, No. 119

verses 1, 2, and 3

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

Mary gives birth in Bethlehem

CAROL Away in a Manger Hymnal, No. 114

verses 1, 2, and 3

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

Angels announce the Messiah

*CAROL Angels We Have Heard on High Hymnal, No. 113

verses 1, 2, and 3

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

Magi come from the East

CAROL We Three Kings of Orient Are Hymnal, No. 151

verses 1, 2, and 5

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

And the Word became flesh

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

*CAROL Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymnal, No. 122

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;"

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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ that Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Meditation on Silent Night

J. P. Murphy