



A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

First Presbyterian Church
Davenport, Iowa

11 o'clock in the evening, December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve

Christ's Nativity

Awake, glad heart! get up and sing!
It is the birth-day of thy King.
Awake! awake!
The Sun doth shake
Light from his locks, and all the way
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake, awake! hark how th' wood rings;
Winds whisper, and the busy springs
A concert make;
Awake! awake!
Man is their high-priest, and should rise
To offer up the sacrifice.

I would I were some bird, or star,
Flutt'ring in woods, or lifted far
Above this inn
And road of sin!
Then either star or bird should be
Shining or singing still to thee.

I would I had in my best part
Fit rooms for thee! or that my heart
Were so clean as
Thy manger was!
But I am all filth, and obscene;
Yet, if thou wilt, thou canst make clean.

Sweet Jesu! will then. Let no more
This leper haunt and soil thy door!
Cure him, ease him,
O release him!
And let once more, by mystic birth,
The Lord of life be born in earth.

By Henry Vaughan (1621-2695)

Cover art: *The Adoration of the Kings*, by Jan Gossaert (c. 1478-1532)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

* We invite you to stand.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547

Alex Gilson, organist
By Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

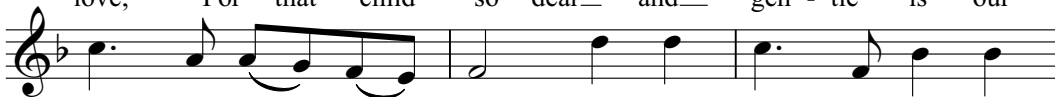
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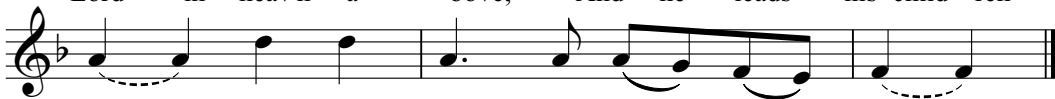
1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle__
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord__ of__
3. Je - sus is our child hood's pat tern; Day by day like us__ he__
4. And our eyes at last_ shall see him, through his own re deem - ing_



shed, where a moth - er laid__ her__ ba - by in a
all, And his shel - ter was__ a__ sta - ble, and his
grew. He was lit - tle weak_ and_ help - less tears and
love; For that child so dear_ and_ gen - tle is our



man - ger for__ his__ bed; Ma - ry was that mo - ther
cra - dle was__ a__ stall. With the poor, and meek and
smiles like us__ he__ knew. And he feel - eth for our
Lord in heav'n a - bove; And he leads his child - ren



mild,__ Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle__ child.
low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior__ ho - ly.
sad - ness, and he shar - eth in__ our__ glad - ness.
on__ to the place where he__ is__ gone.

*THE BIDDING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sue & Tom Ervin

OFFERTORY

Alex Gilson, organist

Chorale Prelude: "In Dulci Jubilo," BWV 608

By J.S. Bach

CAROL

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Arr. Randol Alan Bass (b. 1953)

Joy to the World; the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and Heaven and nature sing.

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love.

FIRST LESSON

Dawn Hickenbottom

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7.

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

CAROL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Arr. James Q. Mulholland (b. 1935)

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

SECOND LESSON

Ted Brown

Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

THIRD LESSON

Marty Bowles Edwards

Isaiah 52:7-10

The prophet heralds the return of the Lord to Zion.

*HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO



1. Good Christian friends, re-joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
2. Good Christian friends, re-joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
3. Good Christian friends, re-joice With heart, and soul, and voice;



Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man-ger now.
He hath o-pened heav-en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last-ing hall.



Christ is born to - day!___ Christ is born to - day!___
Christ was born for this!___ Christ was born for this!___
Christ was born to save!___ Christ was born to save!___

FOURTH LESSON

Patrick Downing

Zechariah 9:9-10

To a nation grown weary of war and weapons, God promises a king who will establish a reign of peace.

CAROL

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

Arr. Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Text: Attr. to Martin Luther (1483-1546) and John T. McFarland (1851-1913)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care;
prepare us for heaven to live with you there.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Patrick Downing, pianist
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Ed. Appleby & Picknow

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1, 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Anna Putman

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,

MENDELSSOHN
Arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
Text: Charles Wesley

offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. (*Refrain*)

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. (*Refrain*)

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

The Shepherds go to the manger.

David Bowles Edwards

*HYMN

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

SUSSEX CAROL

1. On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news__ the
2. Then why should we on earth__ be sad, since our Re deem - er
3. When sin de - parts be - fore__ his grace, then life and health__ come
4. All out of dark - ness we__ have light, which made the an - gels
an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to
made us glad; then why should we on earth__ be sad, since
in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore__ his grace, then
sing this night; all out of dark - ness we__ have light, which
hear the news__ the an - gels bring, news of great
our Re - deem - er made us glad, when from our
life and health__ come in its place; heav - en and
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to
joy,__ news of__ great mirth, news of our
sin__ he set__ us free, all for to
earth__ with joy__ may sing, all for to
God__ in high - est heaven; peace on earth
mer - ci - ful__ King's birth.
gain our lib - er - ty?
see the new - born King.
and good - will__ A - men!"

EIGHTH LESSON

Theresa Jacobsmeier

Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL

They Brought Fine Gifts (from *The Ballad of the Brown King*)

Margaret Bonds
(1913-1972)

Text: Langston Hughes (1901-1967)

They brought fine gifts of silver and gold,
In jeweled boxes of beauty untold.
Unto his humble manger they came,
And bowed their heads in Jesus' name.

NINTH LESSON

Dianna Darland

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri -
2. True God from true God, Light from light e -
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul -
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py

um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
ter - nal, born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal hecomes;
ta - tion! Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
morn - ing; Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come, and be hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed!
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, - the Lord!

*COLLECT AND BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Stoner-Lasala

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy 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.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

*HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright 'round you vir - gin
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; glo - ries stream from
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light; ra - dant beams from
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; with the an - gels

moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
 heav - en a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia:
 thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King:

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

POSTLUDE

Alex Gilson, organist

Improvisation on ANTIOCH