

+All may stand as able.

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

GREETING

Dr. John Robbins

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Once in Royal David’s City”
1. Charlotte Stotts, soloist

IRBY

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dr. Robbins

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+CAROL 246 “Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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

+ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

Rev. Kathleen McMurray

Mark 1:4
We light these candles as a symbol of Christ the Way.
May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Draw near to the light of Christ through sharing His peace with one another by saying,
The Light of the world is coming to you.
The Light of the world is coming to you.
Amen, **Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE 213 vs. 3

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

TRURO

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the descendant of woman shall bruise the serpent’s head.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Julia Hamra

SOLO “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Beverly Israel, Soprano

Mary E. Caldwell

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Isaiah foretells the birth of a child who will bring endless peace.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Julia Hamra

CAROL 216 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent the night.

ES IST EIN ROS

Isaiah ’twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God’s love a right, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

THIRD LESSON Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Julia Hamra

SOLO “Shepherd’s Pipe Carol”

Phoebe Johnson, Soprano

John Rutter

CAROL 230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1 and 2

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

ST. LOUIS

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth!

FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Julia Hamra

SOLO “Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus”

Kayren Baker, Mezzo Soprano

JULION

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Julia Hamra

SOLO “The First Mercy”

Evan Moore, Baritone

Peter Warlock

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Julia Hamra

CAROL 254 “We Three Kings”

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

KINGS OF ORIENT

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Lord be With You.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

Connect Card

Sunday, December 13, 2020, Sanctuary
Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

10:30 a.m.

first time guest repeat guest member

Ages: under 18 18-25 26-29
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Name(s):

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Name(s) of Children & Youth present with me today:

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- Are you interested in knowing how to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Are you interested in knowing more about the ministries of the church?
- Are you interested in becoming a member of the church?

Join Us for Membership Matters

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OFFERTORY "A Lute Carol"

Annie Burrow, Mezzo Soprano

Mary E. Caldwell

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD 100TH

+SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

Dr. Robbins

+SUNG RESPONSE 238 refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

GLORIA

+CAROL 240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"**

MENDELSSOHN

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. 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**

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Robbins

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 251 "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

Refrain
**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold through-out the heavens there shown a holy light. Refrain**

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. Refrain**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and
God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain**

POSTLUDE "In dulci jubilo" BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

Assisting in Worship:

Organist: Stanley Cox
Violin: Andrew Irvin

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, Everett & Lee Thompson, by Dr. Tyler Thompson.



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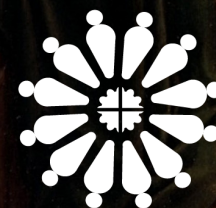
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Gerard David, *Virgin and Child with Four Angels*, c. 1510-15



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