

+All may stand as able.

**Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 & 11:00 am

# A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

GREETING

Dr. John Robbins

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

1. Madelyn Hamra, soloist
2. Choir
3. Choir
4. Choir and congregation

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

5. Choir and Congregation

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.**

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"

ANTIOCH

**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.**

**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.**

**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

9:00 Greg & Becky Hubbard, 11:00 The Tuck Family

SCRIPTURE 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

ANTHEM "Adam Lay Ibounden"

Robert Scandrett

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.**

Rev. Jay Clark

CAROL 216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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**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 was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, 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

9:00 Rev. Kathleen McMurray, 11:00 Stacey Hightower

*The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Shepherd's Pipe Carol"

John Rutter

FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

9:00 Bitsi Bonner, 11:00 Angie Johnson

*The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CAROL 215 "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"

ANNUNCIATION

1. All

**To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came. "Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news, good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.**

2. Men

**"For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all, who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest, you are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!"**

3. Women

**But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel's word. What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear, to hear the angel's message, it troubled her to hear.**

4. Men

**"Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child. His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high. And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high."**

5. Women

**"How shall this be?" said Mary, "I am not yet a wife." The angel answered quickly, "The power of the Most High will come upon you shortly, your child will be God's child."**

6. All

**As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words. "Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God. "So be it; I am ready according to your word."**

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-20

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Gaudete" Rejoice

Phoebe Johnson, Robert Shannon, Soloists

Renaissance Carol, arr. Robert J. Batastini

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

9:00 Betty Gene Mann, 11:00 Will Faulkner

*The wise men are led by the star.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "I Saw Three Ships"

arr. Jerry Estes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Hampton

The Lord be With You.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

OFFERTORY "Christmas Fantasy"

arr. Sigurd M. Ogaard

Andrew Irvin, Violin

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 95

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**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.**

+SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14

Dr. Robbins

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

+CAROL 240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

**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!"**

**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

+CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Will You Be Ready?"

Mark Patterson

+RECESSIONAL

*please remain in your seats until the acolytes, choir, readers and clergy have recessed*

POSTLUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

Assisting in Worship:

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor

Rev. Kathleen McMurray, Pastor, Connecting Ministries

Rev. Jay Clark, Executive Pastor

Dr. Jeffery Hampton, Pastor, Caring & Families

Stacey Hightower, Director of Welcoming & Hospitality

James Maase, Minister of Music, Arts & Worship

Stanley Cox, Associate Minister of Music & Arts/Organist

Chancel Choir

Andrew Irvin, Violin

Melodie Breeding, Rev. Gail Hocott, Percussion

Acolytes: 9:00 Ruth Brantley, Virginia Brantley, Caroline Brantley

11:00 Keeton Johnson, Patterson Johnson, Sydney Faulkner



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and In loving memory of Jan Roberts, given by John and Susan Robbins.

The flowers placed in the Columbarium Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary-Britton "Boogie" Norton by her family.

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