



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND  
CHILDREN'S CHOIRS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019  
Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

"O Come, Little Children"  
*Fourth Strings; Susan Fuller, director*

O Come, Little Children

\*INTROIT

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Adeste Fideles

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*The triune God calling his church to worship him*

Rev. Thomas Myrick

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ*

CAROL MEDLEY

"The First Noel"  
"Joy to the World"  
"Away in a Manger"  
*Fourth Strings; Susan Fuller, director*

The First Noel  
Antioch  
Away in a Manger

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103

page 502, pew Bible

\*HYMN NO. 132

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria

ANTHEMS

"Sussex Carol"  
*Celebration Choir; Stephanie Weidle, director; Traci Klemm, piano*

arr. Jody Lindh

Glory to God!

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.  
Then why should men on earth be so sad since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?  
When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place;  
Angels above with joy may sing, all for the see the newborn King.  
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night,  
Glory to God we sing again, now and forevermore Amen.

Glory to God!

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Selections from “Christmas Messiah for Young Voices”  
*Rachel Fast, soprano; Covenant Choir; Marilyn Edewaard, director*  
*Jenn Mascott, piano; Wyeth Duncan, organ*

George Frideric Handel  
arr. Stevens and Landes

“Behold”

Behold! A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
And shall call his name Emmanuel: God with us.

“O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come.  
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder;  
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,  
The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring!”

*Jenny Bohannon, Rhoya Didden, Stephanie Weidle, percussion;*  
*Covenant and Celebration Choirs; Marilyn Edewaard, director; Jenn Mascott, piano*

Personent Hodie  
arr. David Cherwien

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,  
Christ our King, born on earth to save us;  
Him the Father gave us.

*Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!* (For that reason, glory to God in the highest)

His the doom, ours the mirth;  
When he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth;  
Ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.  
God’s bright star, over his head, wise men three to him led;  
Kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him,  
Praise him and adore him.

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,  
Praising Christ, heaven’s King, born on earth to save us;  
Peace and love he gave us.

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\*HYMN NO. 133

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Mendelssohn

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”  
*Bells of the Trinity; Mary Clark, director*

arr. Sallie Lloyd

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46–55

page 856, pew Bible

SERMON

“A Magnificent Song”

Rev. Thomas Myrick

\*HYMN NO. 125

“Joy to the World!”

Antioch

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\*BENEDICTION

*Pronouncing God's blessing on his people*

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major” (BWV 560)  
*Wyeth Duncan, organ*

arr. J. S. Bach

*\*Congregation standing as able*

Hearing enhancement units are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.

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To listen to a recording of the morning worship service, contact [sundayservice@4thpres.org](mailto:sundayservice@4thpres.org).

*We warmly welcome children of all ages in our worship service this evening. Children's bulletins are available at the Sanctuary entrance or by asking an usher. Childcare is available for young children, infant through Pre-K, in Room 110..*

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## FOURTH STRINGS

*Susan Fuller, director*

## CELEBRATION CHOIR

*Stephanie Weidle, director*

## COVENANT CHOIR

*Marilyn Edewaard, director*

## BELLS OF THE TRINITY HANDBELL CHOIR

*Mary Clark, director*

## NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

### MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Jesus Appearing"

Hebrews 9:23–28

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

### EVENING SERVICE ADVENT EVENSONG

6:00 p.m.

"Angelic Songs"

Luke 2:8–20

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*A candlelight service of Scripture,  
song, and prayer, with music led by  
the Sanctuary Choir and instrumental ensemble.*

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