



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2025

7:00 PM

Prelude	<i>What Child Is This with Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	arr. Mary McDonald
	<i>On This Day Earth Shall Ring</i>	arr. Charles Callahan
	<i>Lullaby This Tiny Child</i>	Gordon Young
	<i>Savior of the Nations Come</i>	arr. Charles Callahan
	<i>On to Bethlehem Town</i>	Tracey Craig McKibben
	<i>Manger Songs</i>	Lloyd Larson
	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	arr. Douglas Wagner
	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Gordon Young
	<i>The King Shall Come / Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i>	Arr. By John A. Behnke
	Handbell Choir	

Welcome and Announcements

Nursery is available for infants to 4 years in Room 102.

Parents, please pick up your children immediately after the worship service.

Hearing assistance devices are available, please ask an usher for help.

The Lighting of the Candles

All lit candles should **always** be kept vertical; let the person next to you put their unlit candle into your flame. **Parents must** assist and/or closely supervise any child with a candle.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Isaiah 40:1-5

***Processional**

Trinity Choir and Congregation
Once in Royal David's City

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Bidding Prayer

Choral Carol

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

arr. John G. Morgan

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily.
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand.
Christ our God to earth descending, comes our homage to demand
(*sung with verse three)*

Lesson 1: God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3: 8-19

*Carol

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Lesson 2 God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. Genesis 22: 15-18

Choral Carol

Coventry Carol
Handbell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Lesson 3 The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Offering for relief for PCA Pastors and their Widows

Offertory *Silent Night, Holy Night* arr. Lloyd Larson

Lesson 4 The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. Isaiah 11:1-9

Carol (seated) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **Page 8**

Lesson 5 The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. Luke 1:26-38

Choral Carol *Wexford Carol* **arr. Victor C. Johnson**
Jenny Day, oboe; Geneva Sterrett, soloist Traditional Irish Carol

*Good people all, this Christmas time
Consider well and bear in mind
A tiny child to us is born in
Bethlehem this blessed morn.*

*Now let our hearts and voices raise
A song of gladness this Christmas Day
Let all the earth rejoice and sing
The birth of this, our newborn King.*

*Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
To whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear*

*"Prepare and go" the angels said,
"To Bethlehem; be not afraid,
For there you'll find, this happy morn
A holy babe, sweet Jesus born"*

*With hearts of love and hymns of joy,
Come, let us greet the baby boy,
and as the angel has foretold,
let all the tiny child behold.*

*Within a manger he was laid
And by his side the mother stayed.
Let all the earth sing with delight,
The holy child is born this night.*

Lesson 6 Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Luke 2:1-7

***Carol** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* **Page 9**

Lesson 7 The shepherds go to the manger.

Luke 2:8-16

***Carol**

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

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Lesson 8 The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2: 1-12

Preaching of God's Word

Choral Carol

Sussex Carol

Arr. by Davide Mutti
Traditional English Melody

*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 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 and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.*

*All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night.
Glory to God, and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen*

Lesson 9 John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1-14

Prayer and Blessing

***Congregational Response**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

***Postlude**

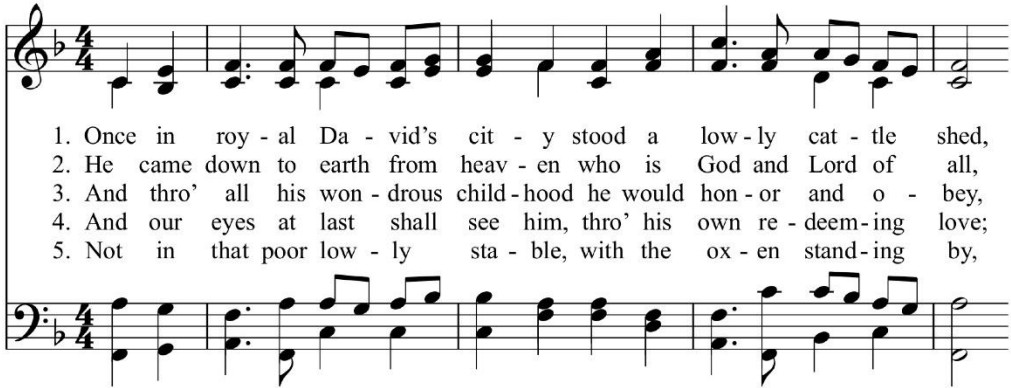
Joy to the World

arr. Hal Hopson

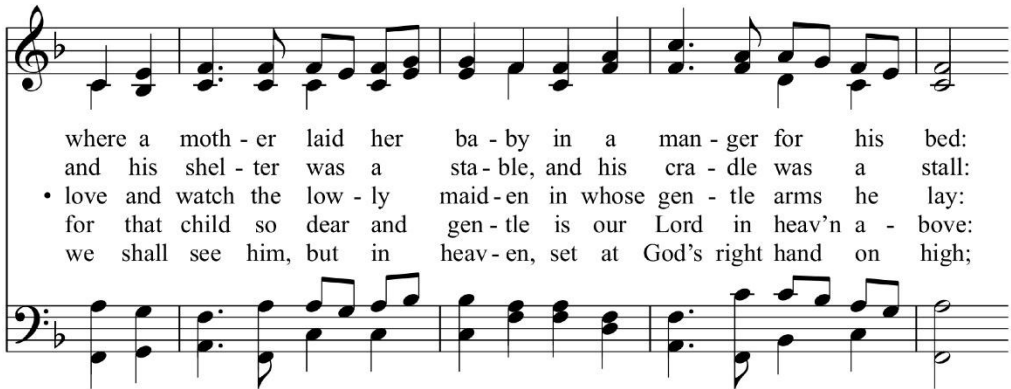
* Congregation Standing As You Are Able

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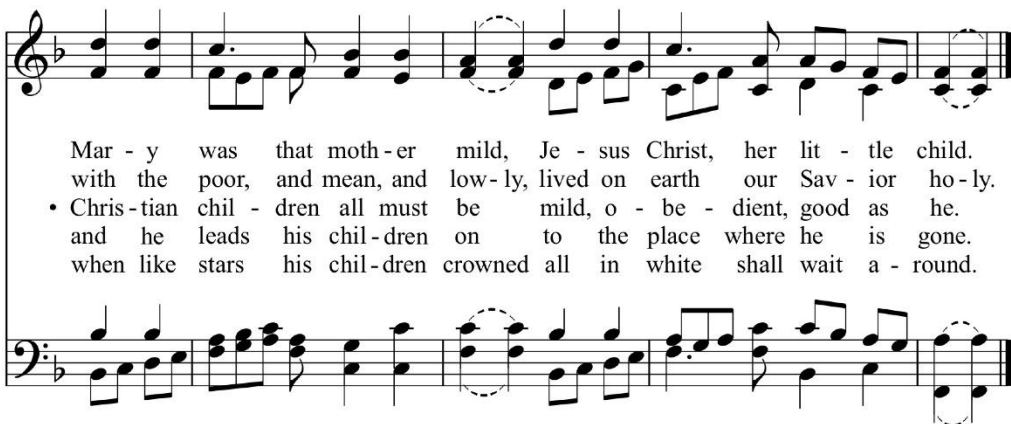
Once in Royal David's City



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3. And thro' all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, thro' his own re - deem - ing love;
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

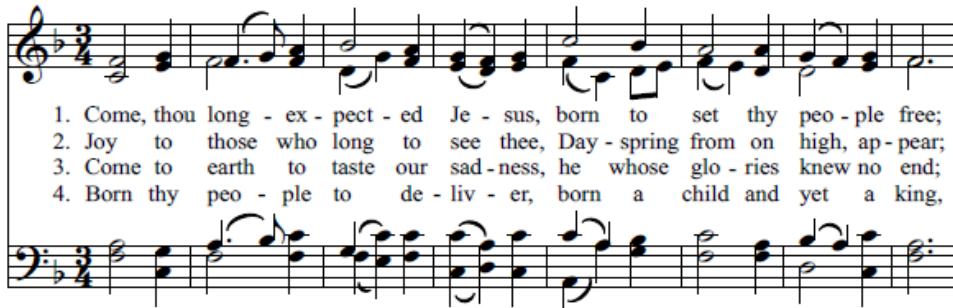


where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove:
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

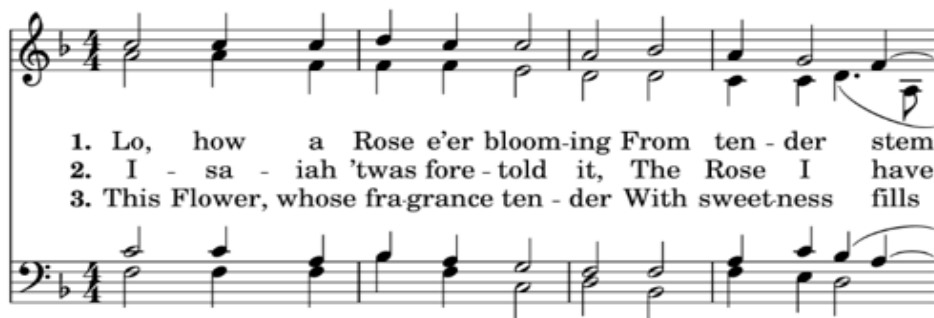
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St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978

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Rowland H. Pritchard, 1830



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have
 3. This Flower, whose frag-rance ten - der With sweet-ness fills

5
 hath sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As
 in mind: With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The
 the air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The

9
 men of old have sung. It came, a flow-er bright,
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right
 dark-ness ev - 'ry-where. True man, yet ver-y God,

13
 A - mid the cold of win - ter When half-gone was the night.
 She bore to men a Sav - ior When half-gone was the night.
 From sin and death He saves us And lightens ev - 'ry load.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris-tian men, 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!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav-en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his 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!

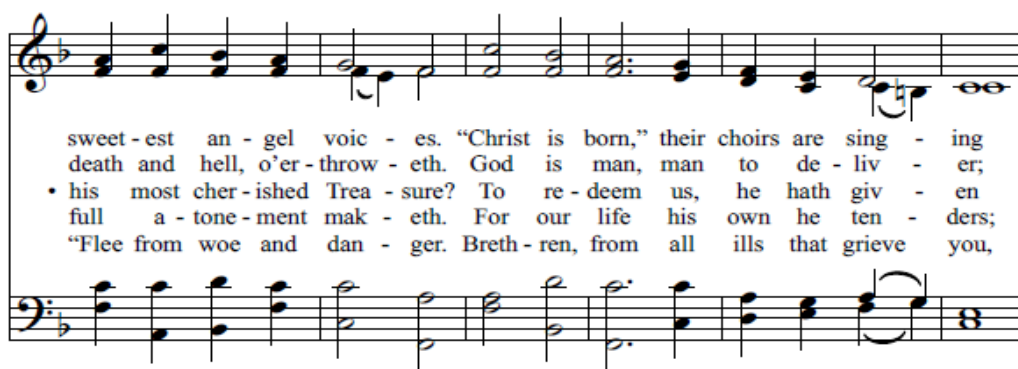
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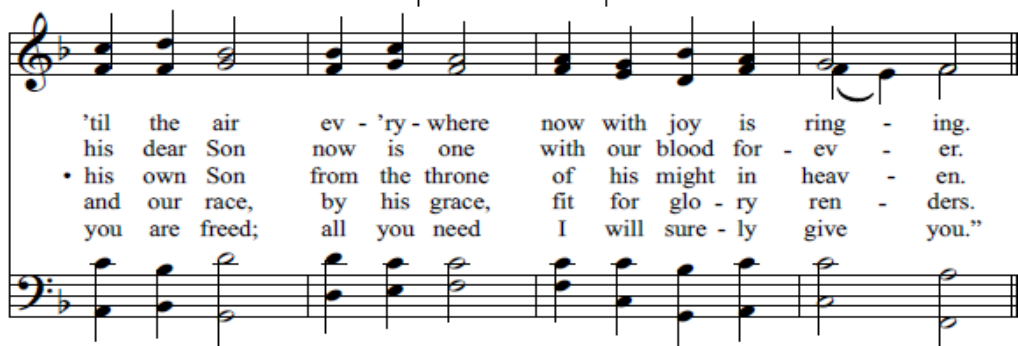
All My Heart This Night Rejoices



1. All my heart this night re-joice - es as I hear far and near
 2. Forth to - day the Con-qu'ror go - eth, who the foe, sin and woe,
 3. Shall we still dread God's dis-plea - sure, who, to save, free-ly gave
 4. He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth sin a - way and for aye
 5. Hark! a voice from yon - der man - ger, soft and sweet, doth en - treat,



sweet - est an - gel voice - es. "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
 death and hell, o'er - throw - eth. God is man, man to de - liv - er;
 • his most cher - ished Trea - sure? To re - deem us, he hath giv - en
 full a - tone - ment mak - eth. For our life his own he ten - ders;
 "Flee from woe and dan - ger. Breth - ren, from all ills that grieve you,



'til the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
 his dear Son now is one with our blood for - ev - er.
 • his own Son from the throne of his might in heav - en.
 and our race, by his grace, fit for glo - ry ren - ders.
 you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."

6. Come, then, banish all your sadness,
 one and all, great and small;
 come with songs of gladness.
 Love him who with love is glowing;
 hail the star, near and far
 light and joy bestowing.

7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
 Though my breath fail in death,
 yet I shall not perish,
 but with thee abide forever
 there on high, in that joy
 which can vanish never.

Silent Night! Holy Night!

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light, ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! won-drous star, lend thy light; with the

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ias 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!

Joseph Mohr, 1818
 Tr. ca. 1850

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The ministry leaders who serve our churches are often financially unprepared for these challenging moments. For over 50 years, the Relief Fund has provided temporary financial assistance needed to help ministers and their families overcome unexpected obstacles.

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Tonight's Readers:

Advent Wreath: The Deitrick Family

Lesson 1: Mark Bosworth

Lesson 2 Ed Lankford

Lesson 3 Amy Skeel

Lesson 4 Pete Davis

Lesson 5 Cheryl Goss

Lesson 6 Debbie Bassoff

Lesson 7 Tim Scheidler

Lesson 8 Jason Wagner

Lesson 9: John Hayward

**Cover Artwork:**

Plaque with the Annunciation to the Shepherds,
South Netherlandish, ca. 1165;

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The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. 4

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†“catholic” means “universal”



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