

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The First Sunday after Christmas – December 27, 2020

PRELUDE O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)
David Hufford, organ

Chorale Prelude on *Forest Green* Richard Purvis (1913-1994)
Charles Miller, organ

HYMN Once in Royal David's City
Tune: IRBY
Text: Cecil Francis Alexander, 1948
Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849
Descant and Alternate harmonization:
David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Vs. 1 (Solo) Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Vs. 2 (Choir) He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Vs. 3 (ALL) Jesus is our childhood's pattern, dad by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew.
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

Vs. 4 (ALL) And our eyes at last shall see Him, through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above.
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

BIDDING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

CAROL (Choir) Creator of the Stars of Night Gregorian Chant: *Conditor Alme Siderum*
Mode IV, 9th century

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light;
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but a child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One;
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3: 8-19 TRACEY TURBETT
Choir Member, Ruling Elder

CAROL (Solo)

This is the Truth Sent from Above
Randall Nicholls, tenor

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love;
therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate is that God did man create;
the next thing which to you I'll tell – woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose;
and so a promise soon did run, that he would redeem us by his Son.

And at that season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear;
here he did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved;
and if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22: 15-18

JEFF WENSORSKI
Ruling Elder

HYMN (ALL)

People, Look East

Tune: BESANÇON
Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)
Music: French folk melody, 19th century

Vs. 1

People, look East, the time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today: Love, the guest is on the way.

Vs. 2

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the rose is on the way.

Vs. 3

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen, God for fledgling time has chosen.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the bird is on the way.

Vs. 4

Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the star is on the way.

Vs. 5

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word: the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord is on the way.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

KIM McDONALD
Office Administrator

CAROL (Choir)

O Little One Sweet, O Little One Mild

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

O little one sweet, O little one mild. Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou came'st from heaven to mortal ken, equal to be with us poor men.
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild. With joy thou hast the whole world filled.
Thou camest here from heaven's domain to bring men comfort in their pain.
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

HYMN (ALL) O Come, All Ye Faithful Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS
Text: John Francis Wade, 1740
Music: John Francis Wade
Descant and Alternate harmonization:
David Willcocks

Vs. 1 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.

Vs. 2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God, glory in the highest. *O come, let us adore Him...*

Vs. 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *O come, let us adore Him...*

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2: 8-16 MARGARET BLOHM
Ruling Elder

CAROL (Choir) Lully, Lullay (Coventry Carol) *Traditional carol, 15th century*

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by lully, lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day;
This poor young-ling for whom we do sing: by by lully, lullay.

Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day;
His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day;
For thy parting neither say nor sing: by by, lully, lullay.
Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by lully, lullay.

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2: 1-12 MARCY OSBORNE
Media and IT Director

CAROL (Solo) O Holy Night Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Randall Nicholls, tenor
David Hufford, piano

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother; And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever, His power and glory evermore proclaim.
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NINTH LESSON

John 1: 1-14

REV. MARK PHILLIPS

Minister

CAROL (Choir)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke (1888-1967)

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for him whom angels fall down before the ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him? Give my heart.

UNISON PRAYER & BENEDICTION**HYMN (ALL)**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Tune: MENDELSSOHN

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Descant and Alternate harmonization:
David Willcocks

- Vs. 1 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- Vs. 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- Vs. 3 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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo, Op. 75, No. 2

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Vocal Ensemble

Sopranos: Beth Bowman & Tracey Turbett

Altos: Anna Bosler & Laura Bogojevich

Tenors: Randall Nicholls & Charles Miller

Basses: David Hufford & Brent Ivey

Rev. Mark Phillips, handbells and organ accompanist

NEWS & NOTES

HELPING HAND SHELF STAPLES: Cereal and oatmeal, peanut butter, saltines, tuna, soup (tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle), canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta (spaghetti, noodles), boxed macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, hamburger helper, pasta sauce (meatless), dried or canned beans. The following toiletries are gladly accepted as well: toilet paper, bath soap, toothpaste, and tissue. You may bring your donations to the church on Mondays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and place in the large collection box outside the Weir Foyer door.

YEAR END GIVING: As we come to the close of the year, please consider whether you have completed paying your pledge for this calendar year. For those making year end gifts, please remember the church in your charitable giving. All donations must be received or postmarked on or before Tuesday, December 29, in order to claim a charitable donation for 2020.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - Cherry Hill offers a secure, on-line giving option to encourage faithful stewardship. Please visit our website at www.cherryhillchurch.org to begin a one-time or recurring contribution and follow the link to complete your gift. Contributions may always be mailed to the church to the attention of Kim McDonald. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Kim at the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYER LIST

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Shirley DeKarsky Bruce Funston Linda Krolik Annelies Nisbet
Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Lola Skogmo Shirley Thomas

Health Concerns & Support

Bobbie Redmer Larry Holmes Shirley Painter Kelly Pemberton
Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church -The Presbytery of Detroit

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jeff Wensorski – December 31

Joyce Knoop – January 2

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The doors of this church are as wide as God's love.

- The Rev. Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Founding Pastor, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church

CHERRY HILL'S MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to discerning and doing God's will,

Through worship, study and mission

While becoming a more open, supportive community of members and neighbors.

Welcoming everyone.

Including All!

Adopted by Session December 17, 2013