

A Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

10:00 p.m.

Prelude:	"Christmas Rejoicing" Douglas W. Wagner	Graystone Bells
	"Adeste Fideles" "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Gordon Young	Nick Capone
*Christmas Welcome		Rev. Rick Hurley, Pastor
*Processional Hymn:	"Once in Royal David's City"	Chancel Choir With Congregation

Verse 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.

Verse 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, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

*(Please Stand) Verse 3: Congregation

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

Verse 4: 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.

Verse 5: 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.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander; Music: Henry J. Gauntlett; Tune: IRBY

Prayer

Choir Anthem:	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" With "Here I am to Worship" Arr. By Marty Parks	Chancel Choir
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Lighting of the Advent Candles

Tonight, we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. As the light from these candles fill this room, we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the newborn King. The one who is Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, God with us.

Anthem:	"O Holy Night"	Keely McCune
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Advent Litany of Praise:

(Plain text is spoken by the leader and bold text by the congregation)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being.

**And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Almighty God;**

In Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth; all things were created in Him and through Him.

He is the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace;

He is our Rock and our Redeemer. Hallelujah!

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Lesson:	Isaiah 7:13-14, 9:6-7 <i>The Prophet Isaiah Announces the Coming Messiah</i>	Bob Pollock
*Carol:	"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	Hymn 176
Lesson:	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem</i>	Suzanne Stear
*Carol:	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	Hymn 196
Anthem:	"What Child Is This" Lloyd Larson	Graystone Bells
Lesson:	Luke 2:8-12	Dr. Jared Caroff
*Carol:	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Hymn 184

Christmas Prayer

*Sharing Christ's Joy

The joy of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Presentation of Our Christmas Offering

[Please indicate your presence by using the folder which will be passed down the pew and back again.]

Offertory:	"Mary Did You Know" Mark Lowry	Bertilla Thompson and Sean Moran
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The Sermon:	Rev. Rick Hurley, Pastor
	Come and See The Newborn King

Lighting of the Candles

The ushers will assist you in lighting the candles. Hold your candle above and tip it into the lighted candle. Pass the flame to your neighbor. The candles will be extinguished after the singing of Silent Night. As you leave the Sanctuary please place your candle in one of the boxes at the exits.

*Carol:	"Silent Night, Holy Night"	Hymn 206
Lesson:	Luke 2:13-20	Linda Blakely
*Carol:	"Joy to the World"	Hymn 181

*Benediction

Postlude:	"Masters in this Hall" Gordon Young	Nick Capone
	"He is Born" Arr. By Cynthia Dobrinski	Graystone Bells

*Indicates the congregation will stand.

Many thanks to Nick Capone, Organist; the Bell and Chancel Choirs; and Keely McCune, Bertilla Thompson and Sean Moran for the special music on this most holy of nights.

Should you need assistance at any point this evening, our ushers are here to serve you.

GREETERS: Rich and Marian Fiscus and John Thompson

USHERS: Alton Strong, Armour and Lois Cribbs, Harry Dushac, Dave Fairman, Tom Frick, Ron Port, Dave Smith, Jim Brown, Greg Holsinger, Ron McLean, Dave Moore, Gaylene Robinson, James Wagner

The greens and tree are given in memory of Francis and Sara (Sadie) Smith for the glorification of God in anticipation of the Advent of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Given by David, Katrina, Payton, Quinn, Raeleigh and Shae Smith.

Welcome

May God

Open our eyes

to see God's wonder,

Open our hearts

to know God's joy,

And open our lips

to tell of God's glory.

For to us

A Child

has been born,

To us

A Savior

has been given.

Hallelujah!

*We welcome you this evening as we
celebrate the birth of Jesus,
King of kings and Lord of lords.*

*We also invite you to join us each Sunday to
worship and learn more about what it means to
"Follow Jesus."*

*Now that Jesus is here - What happens next?
For four weeks in January we will see how Jesus
makes a difference in the complexities of life
through a weekly sermon series called,
"It's Complicated."*

*Meeting life with faith can take some unexpected
twists and turns. Come learn how you can meet the
complications of life with confidence and strength.*

*Also, beginning in February and finishing in May
we will dive into the gospel of Mark. We will dig
deeper into who Jesus is, what He said, and what
He did. In order to best "Follow Jesus" we need
to know Him well. It has been said that to know
Him is to love Him, and to love Him is to love as
He loved. This sermon series is for reluctant, com-
mitted and not-yet followers of Jesus.*

Come Join Us!



*Tonight we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel,
"God with us".*

*This is the mystery of the incarnation,
God taking on human flesh.*

C. S. Lewis put it this way

***"The Son of God became a man
to enable men
to become sons of God."***

May it be so tonight!

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