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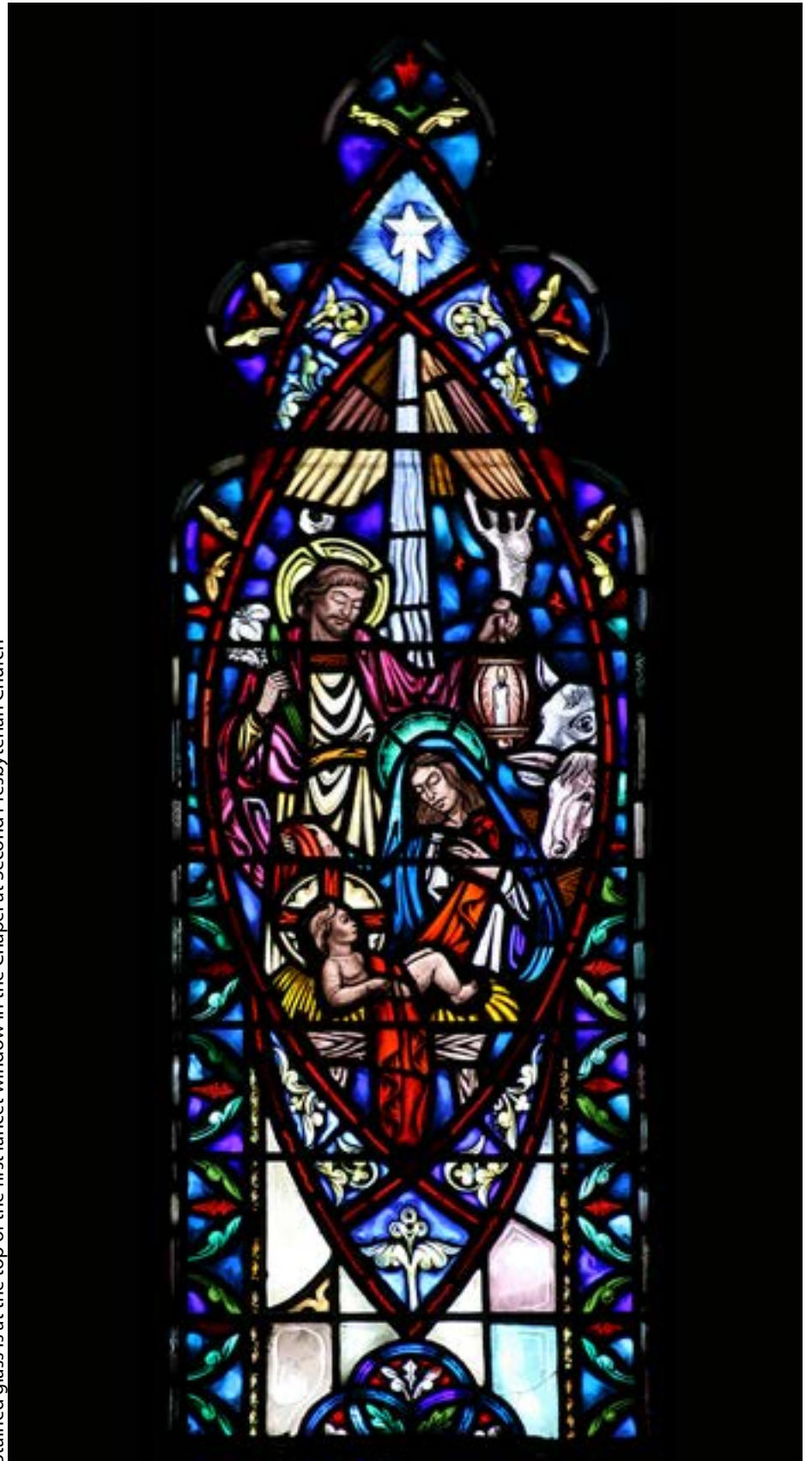
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# Christmas Eve

Service of Lessons and Carols

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Building Community ❖ Transforming Lives ❖ Engaging the World

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

As you came in the stillness of night, great God, enter our lives this night. Fill us with the light of Christ, that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak and the life to live. As we peer into the face of the child of Bethlehem, may we discover anew a world in need of your love and redeeming grace. Amen.

## THE PRELUDE

*The World Awaiting a Savior  
Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending  
Sussex Carol  
I Saw Three Ships  
Torches, Torches*

Marcel Dupré  
arr. R.V. Williams  
arr. Richard Price  
arr. Charles Peery  
John Joubert

Torches, torches, run with torches All the way to Bethlehem!  
Christ is born and now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to him!

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby, Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;  
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling, While we sing you our Roro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry, Joy and mirth and joy again;  
Lo, he lives the King of heaven, Now and evermore, Amen.

## THE INTROIT

*The Glory of the Father*

Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.  
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.  
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.  
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.  
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Dr. James W. Riley

**Pastor:** The Advent wreath symbolizes our time of waiting for the coming of Christ. The first candle is the candle of hope; the second is the candle of peace; the third is the candle of joy; the fourth is the candle of love.

**People:** **The time of waiting is at end. Jesus comes to us as Emmanuel, God with us, the Savior of the world. As we light the Christ candle, we remember the words of Jesus, "I am the light of the world." May his light shine in us.**

## \* THE HYMN #41

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

**Verse 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;

**Refrain:** O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**Verse 2 (Choir):** God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten, not created:

**Refrain**

**Verse 3:** Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

**Refrain**

\*Those who are able may stand.

Verse 4: Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

*Refrain*

THE WELCOME

Dr. James W. Riley

(Worshippers are invited to fill out the red "Friendship Pad" and pass it down the pew.)

## THE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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THE FIRST LESSON

The birth of Christ as envisioned by the prophet, Isaiah  
Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 624)

Dr. James W. Riley

THE ANTHEM

*Still, Still, Still*

arr. Norman Luboff

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.  
For all is hushed, the world is sleeping,  
Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, it's the eve of our Saviour's birth.  
The night is peaceful all around you,  
Close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep.  
Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.  
While guardian angels without number  
watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Vision of the Peace that Christ will bring  
Isaiah 11:1-9 (p. 627)

Dr. James W. Riley

\* THE HYMN #48

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ES IST EIN' ROS

Verse 1: Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
By faithful prophets sung.  
It came a floweret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Verse 2: 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 for us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*Those who are able may stand.

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM***What Sweeter Music*

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing  
 The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
 Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day,  
 That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?  
 Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, thus, on the sudden?  
 Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
 Gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
 Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
 The darling of the world is come,  
 And fit it is, we find a room to welcome him.

The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart.  
 Which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,  
 To do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing  
 The birth of this our heavenly King?

Text: Robert Herrick Music: John Rutter

**THE THIRD LESSON**

The angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary  
 Luke 1:26-38 (p. 931)

Rev. David A. Berry

**THE ANTHEM***The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Basque Carol

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
 His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
 "All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"  
 Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother you shall be,  
 All generations praise continually,  
 Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."  
 Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
 "To me be as it pleases God," she said,  
 "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
 Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
 In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
 And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
 Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

\* THE HYMN

*Canticle of the Turning*

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

1. My\_\_\_ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is  
 2. Though\_ I am small, my\_\_\_ God, my all, you\_\_\_ work great\_ things in  
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from\_\_\_ age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us

great, and my spir - it\_\_\_ sings of the won - drous things that you  
 me, and your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the  
 stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice\_\_\_ tears ev - 'ry  
 fast: God's\_\_\_ mer - cy\_\_\_ must de - liv - er\_\_\_ us from the

bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your  
 end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the  
 ty - rant\_\_\_ from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall\_\_\_  
 con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our

ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, so from  
 proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will  
 weep no more, for the food they can ne - ver earn; there are  
 fore - bears heard is the pro - mise which holds us bound, 'til the

east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to\_\_\_ turn?  
 show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to\_\_\_ turn.  
 ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -*  
*way all tears, for the dawn draws\_ near, and the world is a - bout to turn.*

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O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
 Above the deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.  
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;  
 The hope and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered Il above,  
 While mortals sleep , the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.  
 O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!  
 And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is give!  
 So God imparts to human hearts The blesings of His heaven.  
 No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,  
 Where meeks souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray;  
 Cast our our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glas tidings tell;  
 O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

THE SIXTH LESSON

The shepherds go to Bethlehem  
 Luke 2:8-20 (p. 933)

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

THE ANTHEM

Gloria

John Rutter

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
 et in terra pax  
 hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
 Laudamus te,  
 benedicimus te,  
 adoramus te,  
 glorificamus te.  
 Gratias agimus tibi  
 propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Glory be to God on high.  
 And on earth peace  
 towards all of good will.  
 We praise thee.  
 We bless thee.  
 We worship thee.  
 We glorify thee.  
 We give thanks to thee  
 for thy great glory.  
 Glory be to God on high.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

\* THE HYMN

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

(As the light of Christ is passed through the church, please hold the lighted candle upright  
 and then tip the unlighted candle to receive the flame.)

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
 Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
 Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

\*Those who are able may stand.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

\* **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Christ is born!

People: **Give Him glory!**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: **The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: May the light of Christ shine through us and bring His light to the world.

\* **THE CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF RESPONSE**     *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 us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

**THE POSTLUDE**

*In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

May the peace and joy of Christ dwell with you tonight and through all the year.

At the end of the service, please return your candles and holders to the large containers at the doors.



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## *Participating in Worship*

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Dr. Lewis F. Galloway, Senior Pastor  
Rev. David A. Berry, Associate Pastor  
Dr. James W. Riley, Associate Pastor



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## *Music*

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Sanctuary Choir  
Dr. Michelle L. Louer, Director of Music  
Dr. John Allegar, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Robert Wood and John Rommel, trumpets  
Loy Hetrick and Jared Rodin, trombones  
Jerry Montgomery, horn  
Kevin Kaiser, timpani



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## *Christmas Joy Offering*

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**Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ** by giving generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. Fifty percent of the offering supplements inadequate retirement income and provides supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families.

The other fifty percent supports the Presbyterian Church's long commitment to promote education through establishing and supporting racially ethnic schools and colleges. Christmas Joy Offering funds provide scholarships to deserving students as well as help with basic operating costs.

Please use the special envelopes in the pew rack for your Christmas Joy Offering, and make checks to Second Presbyterian Church with "Joy Offering" on the memo line.



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## *Memorial Poinsettias*

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*Those who have donated to the **Memorial Poinsettia Fund** may take a poinsettia home after the 11 p.m. service tonight. Please **only** take the plants from the slate floor of the Sanctuary or Chapel hallway and the north atrium entrance around the Christmas tree, but please leave the plastic saucers.*

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