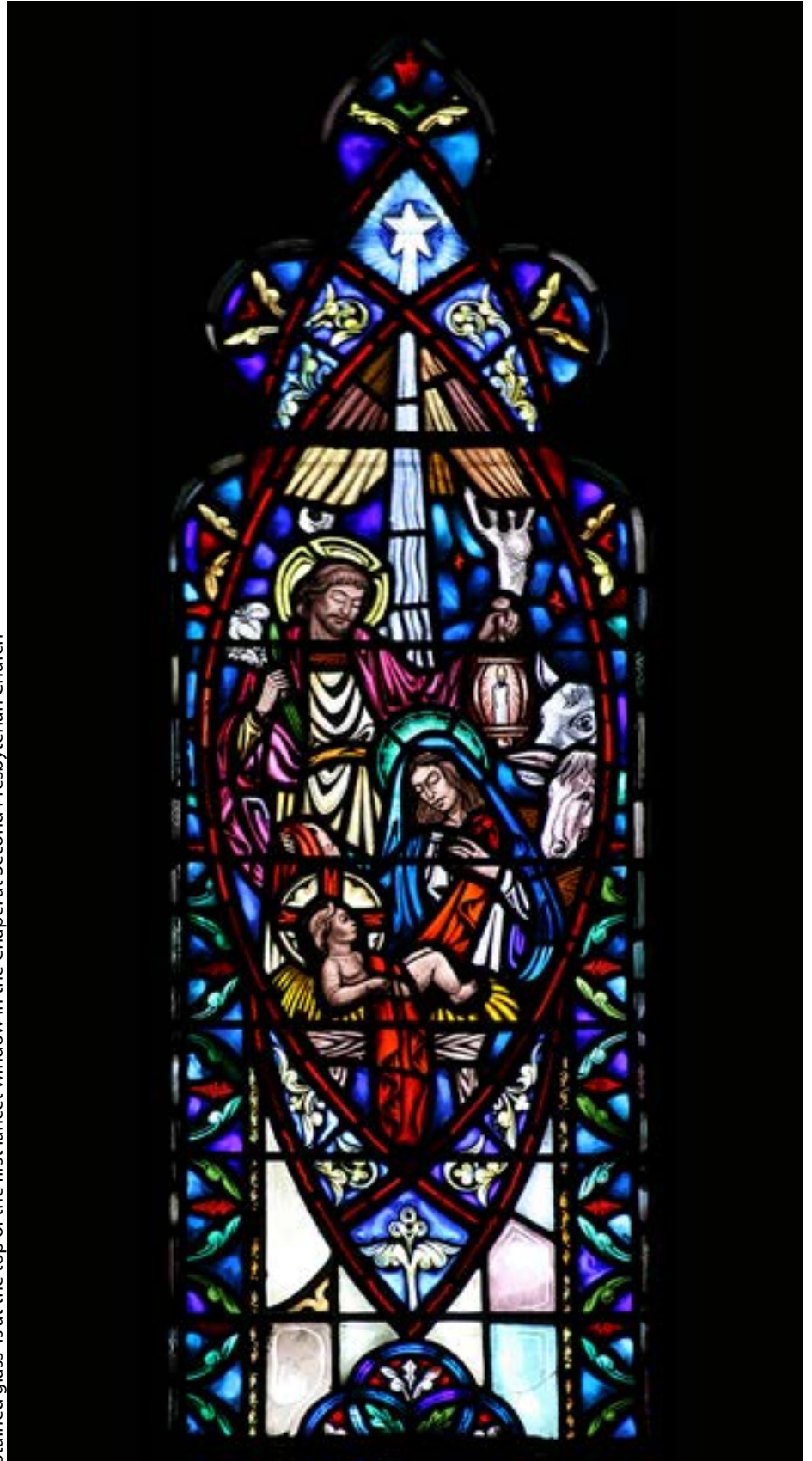




Christmas Eve

Service of Lessons and Carols
and Holy Communion

Stained glass is at the top of the first lancet window in the Chapel at Second Presbyterian Church



Building Community ❖ Transforming Lives ❖ Engaging the World

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS AND HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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. John R. Koppitch

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 FIDELES

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

Rev. Karen L. Lang

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

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON

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

Dr. John R. Koppitch

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

The story of the birth of Jesus
Luke 2:1-7 (p. 933)

Rev. Karen L. Lang

* THE HYMN #44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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!

*Those who are able may stand.

ANTHEM

*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.*

Gloria

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.

John Rutter

THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Rev. Karen L. Lang

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND PASSING OF THE CUP

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Dr. John R. Koppitch and Rev. Karen L. Lang

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy
(choir and congregation)

LAND OF REST

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
might, heav - en and earth are
Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE PASSING OF THE CUP

Communion will be served by intinction. Exit your pew on the right side, come to the front, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake, and then return to your pew on the left side.

The elders will come down the aisles to serve those who prefer to receive communion in their pew.

Gluten-free rice wafers are available at the communion station below the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas

Daniel Gawthrop

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token, Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

Text: Christina Rossetti

*Those who are able may stand.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* THE HYMN #60

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

(As the light of Christ is passed through the church,
please hold the lighted candle upright and 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.

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.

*Those who are able may stand.

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 all through the year.

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

*Those who are able may stand.



Participating in Worship

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway, Senior Pastor
Dr. John R. Koppitch, Director of Stewardship and Endowment
Rev. Karen L. Lang, Associate Pastor



Music

Sanctuary Choir
Dr. Michelle L. Louer, Director of Music
Dr. John A. 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



Christmas Joy Offering

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.



Memorial Poinsettias

*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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