



# **Lessons and Carols Worship** Sunday, December 18, 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 A.M.

**Preludes** 

"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

arr. Kevin McChesney

**Sanctuary Ringers** 

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

arr. Elizabeth Monkemeier

Flute Ensemble:

Julia Halldorson, Lucy Deutsch, Barbara Dunne, Margaret Zehner, Joan Schwenck, Elizabeth Monkemeier

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord.

People: My spirit rejoices in God, my savior.

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things.

People: Holy is God's name!

\*Processional Hymn 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

(verse 1—solo; verse 2—choir; verses 3 and 4—all )

Congregation with Courtney Halldorson, Nina Kostrowski, and Margaret Zehner, soloists

#### Words of Welcome

#### **Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

The Young Family

#### The Candle of Love

Reader 1: Over the past three Sundays we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope that comes in Christ, the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings us joy.

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able, please stand.

Reader 2: Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love.

All Sing:

While we are waiting, come; While we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, While we are waiting, come.

Reader 3: Scripture tells us "There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear."

Reader 4: God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God's love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers, God's love is there.

Prayer:

On this day, O God, we remember that in Christ, you became love for the world. Acknowledging your love for us, we praise you and open our hearts to your presence in grace and truth this day. Amen.

**Second Lesson** 

#### One Who Is to Rule

Katie Nolle

Micah 5:2-5a

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel."

#### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Anthem** 

"He Shall Feed His Flock" from *Messiah* Elizabeth Monkemeier, *alto* and Kristine Nester *soprano* 

G.F. Handel

Third Lesson

#### The Light in the Darkness

Frank Medina

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

**Anthem** 

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Chancel Choir arr. Brad Nix

**Fourth Lesson** 

#### The Hope of a Messiah

Anna Butler

Isaiah 2:2-4

"Come, Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Anthem

"The Friendly Beasts"

arr. Kevin McChesney

Sanctuary Ringers

Fifth Lesson

**Preparing the Way** 

Andrew and Margaret Zehner

Isaiah 40:1-5

"A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"

\*Hymn 88 (vv. 1-2, 6-7)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**VENIEMMANUEL** 

Sixth Lesson

#### The Good News of Deliverance

Carl Hovi

Isaiah 61:1-4

"...the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, and to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners..."

Anthem

"Coventry Carol" Children's Bell Choir arr. Buddy McElroy

**Seventh Lesson** 

The Annunciation

Lynda Beighley

Luke 1:26-32

"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the House of David."

Anthem

"The Wexford Carol"
Chancel Choir
Carol Wooldredge, cello

arr. Victor C. Johnson

\*Eighth Lesson

The Magnificat

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

Luke 1:46-55

In unison:

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Amen. Anthem

"Away in a Manger" Children's Choir

Anonymous

**Prayers of Intercession** 

The Lord's Prayer (debts . . . debtors)

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**Call to Offering** 

Offertory

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Chancel Choir Carol Wooldredege, cello

arr. Jen Wagner

\*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Ninth Lesson

God With Us

The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

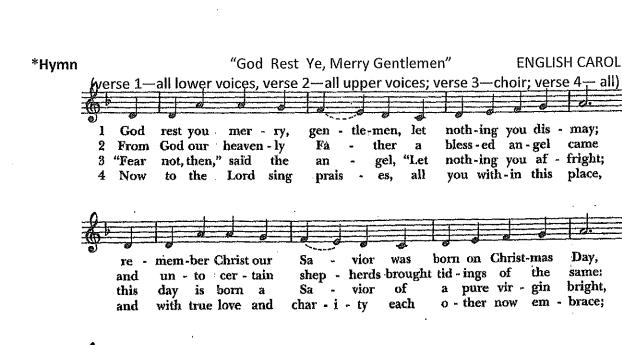
Matthew 1: 18-25

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us."

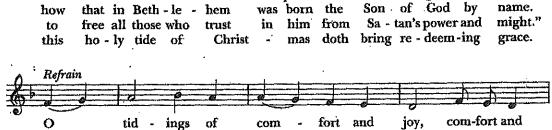
**Anthem** 

"O Come, Little Children" Children's Bell Choir

arr. J.A.P. Schultz



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\*Benediction

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**Postlude** 

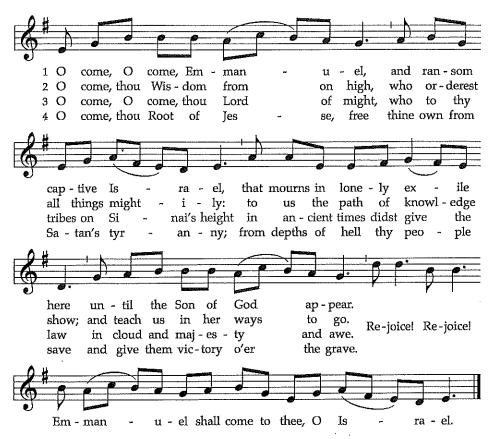
"Variations on an Old Basque Noel"

arr. Marco Lo Muscio



Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

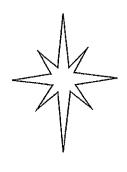
Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.



# **CHRISTMAS EVE**

# 3:00 p.m. Worship Service

Worship service with children's ensembles and brass "The First Nowell" children's tableaux The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot Child care for infants and toddlers will be provided. In-person

# 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Worship service with adult ensembles and brass "The Birth of Impossible Goodness" The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot Worship service with children ensembles and brass In-person and Livestreamed

## 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

"What the Shepherds Saw" The Reverend Thomas A. Brown In-person

Please come early to avoid traffic congestion, secure a parking spot and seats, and to enjoy pre-service music.

December 25, 10:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Day worship service with hymn sing (Service will be recorded. No nursery care)

January 1, 10:00 a.m. ~ Worship service with the Sacrament of Communion (No nursery care)

#### Origins of the Lessons & Carols Service

"A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" was introduced to King's College in Cambridge, U.K., on Christmas Eve 1918 to offer solace to people who were distressed, exhausted, injured and, in many cases, bereaved at the end of the First World War. This Carol service, and others like it (notably the 12/24 Carol Service at the Cathedral of Truro in 1880) introduced the new college Dean, Eric Milner-White, who had been an Army Chaplain in WWI. Dean Milner-White wanted a different and more positive way of celebrating Christmas for the choir and people in the college. In 1919 he changed the opening hymn/carol to be "Once in Royal David's City" and set the main order and structure of the lessons/readings as it stands as tradition today. It is also a King's College tradition that the opening verse of the hymn be sung by a single treble chorister.

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols features nine Bible readings that tell the Christmas story, interspersed with carols or songs between each reading. This creative telling of scripture and song continues to allow for interpretation and musical variety and an opportunity to encounter the birth of the Savior in this glorious tradition.

#### "He Shall Feed His Flock" from 'Messiah' by George Frederic Handel

He shall feed his flock like A shepherd, And He shall gather The lambs with his arm. With his arm He shall feed his flock like A shepherd, And He shall gather The lambs with his arm.

With his arm And carry them in his bosom And gently lead those That are with young.

Come unto Him All ye that labour, Come unto Him, ye That are heavy laden And He will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you And learn of Him For He is meek and lowly of heart And ye shall find rest Unto your souls.

#### "The Wexford Carol" arr. Victor C. Johnson

Good people all, this Christmastime, 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 the angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.

(Continued)

"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 angels had foretold, let all the tiny child behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by his side his mother stayed. Let all the earth sing with delight, the holy child is born this night.

#### "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Jen Wagner

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan. Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain.

Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there; cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.

But his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss. What shall I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. Yet what can I give him, I give my heart.

#### "Variations on an Old Basque Noel" arr. Marco Lo Muscio

A Basque folk carol, originally based on 'Angelus Ad Virginem', a 13th or 14th Century Latin carol, it was collected by Charles Bordes and then paraphrased into English by Sabine Baring-Gould, who had spent a winter as a boy in the Basque country. It quotes the biblical account of the Annunciation (Luke, Chapter 1, verses 26–38) and Mary's Magnificat (Luke Chapter 1, verses 46–55) with the opening lines:

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail", said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady." Gloria.

The arranger, Marco Lo Muscio, is an internationally accomplished concert organist and composer. He arranged six variations on this tune; Song, Meditation, Medieval Dance, Ostinato, Pedal Solo, and Song of Gabriel. Each variation showcases varying and exciting colors of this versatile tune. This morning you will hear every variation with the exception of the pedal solo.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 Welcome!

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented in memory of William W. Howell, father and grandfather, by the MacCallum Family.

**THE POINSETTIAS AND GREENS** in our chancel have been contributed by many to the Glory of God and in memory or in honor of family and friends. Specific names are in today's insert.

**OUR MUSIC FILLED SANCTUARY!** Thank you to all who so generously donated to our music program and helped fill our sanctuary with beautiful Advent music.

**THANK YOU** to all who are ushering and greeting today. Carla Bond is our greeter and our ushers are Rick Ahsler, Martin Barbato, Andy Brummer, Bob Wislocky, and Richie Wislocky.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Bob Eager, Craig Duke and Dylan Mangel for their technical assistance today.

**STEWARDSHIP:** All 2022 PCCT contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2022. 2023 pledge envelopes are in the Lobby. Please stop by to pick yours up if you requested them. Thank you to all who have pledged toward 2023.

**CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS & GREETERS**: We still need ushers and greeters for our Christmas Eve services. Please sign up on the Ushers & Greeters boards in the Upper Lobby or call the church office if you are able to help.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**: In your pews you will find two special Christmas offering envelopes, one for a contribution that helps PCCT in our ministries and the other for a contribution to support retired clergy and provide educational support for minority students.

**2023 FLOWER CHART:** Please stop by the Flower Chart in the Lobby to pick up a form or go to our website to sign up online if you would like to donate and dedicate sanctuary flowers in the new year. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Deacon's flower ministry and also provides the sanctuary with beautiful flowers all year.

ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST: January 29, 2023—Save the Date! More details to follow.

#### CHILDREN'S CAROLS AND LIVE NATIVITY WITH CORPUS CHRISTI—TODAY!

All are welcome to come to our special outdoors live nativity pageant and carol sing this afternoon at 4:00 pm. Co-hosted with Corpus Christi Church, the event features kid participants and

live animals. Special community event! Please join us!



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Dee Shelley and departed loved ones, by Penn Shelley.

Betty and George Graham and Gloria and Frank Leitner, our parents, by Betty and Frank Leitner.

**Susan Johnson**, dear and treasured friend, by Phyllis and Kent Stevens. **Susan Daggett,** our courageous and determined friend, by Phyllis and Kent Stevens.

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#### IN HONOR OF . . .

Our 8 beautiful grandchildren, by Jon and Gayle Dierks.

Matthew Zabiegala, our music director, by Rae and Arnold Wade.

PCCT, in appreciation for all that PCCT has provided our family over the years, by The Edwards Family.

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Edith Howell, mother, by Lissa MacCallum.

My Family, Kelly, Jeff, Robert, Katharine, Ann and Drew, sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren, by Linda Patten.

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The Moodie Family, Katie and Paul Nolle, Jr., Marni Baum, Jack and Joslin Ruffle, Bruce and Robin Hoppe.

...Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

# CHRISTMAS MUSIC!



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