

The Service for the Lord's Day

Lessons and Carols



December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Service of Lessons and Carols

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Concerto Pastorale for Strings and Organ”

Giovanni Prédieri

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Kortlandt Family

***HYMN #183**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

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BIDDING PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

***HYMN (see insert)**

“The Lord at First Did Adam Make”

Text: traditional English, alt. Joseph Jackson; Music: Joseph Jackson ©2022

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

CAROL

“Advent Carol”

Dale Wood

~Chancel Choir

“Drop down dew, O gracious heaven! Let the clouds reign down the just! Let the earth bud forth the Savior! In thy promise, Lord, we trust. Thus the patriarchs were crying, when the earth in bondage sighing sought in vain for heaven’s gate, closed by sin and Satan’s hate. God the Father in his mercy planned to save our fallen race, whilst the burden of our sinning God the Son deigned to embrace. God the Spirit gave his token through the Virgin who had spoken” “Lo, thy handmaid, Lord, has heard. Work in me thy wondrous word.” Then the Son took man’s frail nature, was made flesh and dwelled on earth. Life and light with grace abundant he bestowed of priceless worth. Earth, rejoice, exult with gladness, a new Sun dispels our sadness, let us then our voices raise, let us sing our Savior’s praise.”

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THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL

“Veiled in Darkness”

Glenn Rudolph

~Chancel Choir

“Veiled in darkness Judah lay, waiting for the promised day, while across the shadowy night streamed a flood of glorious light, heavenly voices chanting then, ‘Peace on earth, goodwill to men’. Still the earth in darkness lies, up from death’s dark vale arise voices of a world in grief, prayers of men who seek relief; now our darkness pierce again, “Peace on earth, goodwill to men’. Light of light, we humbly pray, shine upon thy world today; break the gloom of our dark night, fill our souls with love and light, send thy blessed word again, ‘Peace on earth, goodwill to men’.

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE and PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS, CONGREGATION, AND CHILDREN

PROFESSION OF FAITH

One: Friends, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love? If you so promise, please say, ‘I will with God’s help.’

All: I will, with God’s help.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM OF SAMUEL MCMASTERS GIBBS

PRAYER OF BLESSING

WELCOME

One: Samuel has been received into the universal church and into God's family through baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he has become a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ!

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

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THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

CAROL

“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” *arr. John Rutter; adapt. Dale Warland*

~Chancel Choir

*“Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to hear the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: **REFRAIN: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.** Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: **REFRAIN.** In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor, this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: **REFRAIN.** Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance to hear the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: **REFRAIN.**”*

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THE FIFTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

*HYMN #180

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

CAROL

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

*German Carol;
harm. Michael Praetorius*

~Chancel Choir

“Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as folk of old have sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. 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 to us a Savior, when half spent was the night

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

CAROL

“Wexford Carol”

trad. Irish arr. Elaine Hagenberg

~Chancel Choir

“Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well, and bear in mind, what our good God for us has done, in sending his beloved Son. With Mary holy, we should pray to God with love this Christmas day; in Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs, and feeding sheep; to whom God’s angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. ‘Prepare and go,’ the angels said, ‘To Bethlehem, be not afraid. For there you’ll find this happy morn a princely babe sweet Jesus born.’ With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God’s angels had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by his side the virgin maid attending on the Lord of Life who came to earth to end all strife. With Mary holy, we should pray to God with love this Christmas day; in Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.”

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL

“There Shall a Star from
Jacob Come Forth”

(Christus, op. 97) Felix Mendelssohn

~Chancel Choir

“When Jesus our lord was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea, behold, from the East to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men, and said: ‘Say, where is he born, the King of Judaea? For we have seen his star and are come to adore him’. There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a scepter from Israel rise up. And dash in pieces princess and nations. There shall a star from Jacob come forth. How brightly beams the morning star! What sudden radiance from afar with light and comfort glowing. Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o’er-flowing!”

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THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

*HYMN #181

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Proclamation on *Wachet Auf*”

Aaron David Miller

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Readers: Robin Hanks, Benny Rediers, Norm Bayne, Suzanne Lewand, Paul Bakker, Omi Alba, Cassie Coates, and Derek Helenberger.

**Instrumentalists in today's service:
Violins: Dan Stachyra and Andrew Wu
Viola: Jacqueline Hanson
Cello: Andrea Yun**

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**Christmas Eve Worship
5 pm—Family Service and Pageant
7 pm—Traditional Service with Candlelight (will be Livestreamed)**

**Christmas Day
Worship at 10:30am. We'll tell the Christmas story through favorite carols.**

PROGRAM STAFF

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SOLOISTS

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Music Note

In planning for worship today, our musicians discovered there were few, if any, congregational hymns that reflect the first scripture lesson from Genesis 3. Therefore, Joseph Jackson composed the tune for “The Lord At First Did Adam Make” and set the traditional English words to it. Our congregation celebrates the debut of this hymn today, as we sing it together to the glory of God!

S.T.A.G.E. Schedule (*Somewhere To Ask God Everything*) **Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12**

- **December 18**—Christmas celebration with white Elephant gift exchange and luminaria prep for Christmas at Cana Lutheran Church. **All grades meet together from 4:30-7 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.** Luminaria are an annual fundraiser to support the STAGE program throughout the year.
- **December 25 & January 1**—**No meetings** - Christ is born! Happy New Year!
- **January 8**—Meeting at **Greenfield Presbyterian** to finalize Youth Sunday plans. **All grades will meet together from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.**
***Dinner still needed for this night. Sign-up to help with link below.*
- **Saturday, January 14**—Youth Sunday **10 am rehearsal** at **Greenfield Presbyterian**
- **January 15**—**YOUTH SUNDAY** at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church**, with services **at 9 am and 11am.** The Sub Sale fundraiser will kick off on this day, which is a mission trip fundraiser.
- **January 22**—**Crossroads** mission service day in the morning/throughout the day. Details coming soon.
- **January 29**—**Outdoor winter fun.** Details coming soon, depending on weather.

Dinner info: *Students are asked to bring a \$3 donation when dinner is served at a S.T.A.G.E. meeting. This helps us offset the cost for picnics and for times when dinner is not donated. If you bring a friend for their first visit, you and your friend eat for free. Speak to a pastor or Melanie Barash if the donation is difficult for your family. Thanks for your support!*

Provide Dinner and/or Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Can you **provide dinner** for the youth (about 12 students) on a Sunday evening?
Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage> and sign up!

Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Can you **serve as an adult volunteer** during a Sunday meeting?
Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage1> and sign up!

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Lisette & Gerry Snider in honor of their beautiful family and friends.

Christmas Joy Offering

On Christmas Eve, or anytime before, you can make a gift to the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This church-wide Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is one way we are a connectional church in the 21st century. It brings together the diversity of the PC (USA) to take faith-based action on shared concerns as we offer a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



Year End Contributions

We welcome your gifts at any time during the year, but we know many folks like to offer year-end donations. If you would like to make such a contribution to FPCRO, please make sure it is delivered to the church or postmarked by December 31 to be included on your 2022 contribution statement. Otherwise, per IRS guidelines, it will appear on your 2023 giving statement. The church offices will be closed on December 26 and 27. We will be open 9am-3pm on December 28 and 29 and from 9am-1pm on December 30. Remember you can donate online on our website **fpcro.org** anytime by clicking the red **GIVE button**.

The Mitten Tree

Please think about what you will hang on the Mitten Tree we use to gather warm things for those less fortunate than ourselves—gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, etc. Our gifts will go to adults at the Welcome Inn, Second Mile Center, on the streets of Detroit, as well as children at Second Mile Center and local schools in Royal Oak. The need is great! Thank you in advance. Questions? Contact Julie Matthews at 248-647-3796.

Little Free Pantry

As we think of neighbors in need this season, an easy way to help is by donating items to the Little Free Pantry at church. The pantry serves homeless neighbors, as well as many folks who are simply running short on funds. If you would like to contribute to the pantry, popular items include ready to eat stews and soups, granola bars and similar items, peanut butter, and cereal.

Flower Dedications

Make a flower dedication to celebrate, honor or remember friends and family. There are several slots still available. Sign up on the Flower Dedication chart in the hallway, fill out a card and include a check for \$45. Place the items in the basket at the reception desk. Thank you!