



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

December 24, 2009
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols
11 o'clock in the evening

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PRELUDE

Variations on a French Noel
by Louis Claude d'Aquin

Gentle Shepherd
Composer: Dan Edwards

Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella
trad. French carol arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis

What Child Is This?
trad. English melody arr. by Dean McIntyre

PROCESSION OF LIGHT

Once In Royal David's City
Music: Henry John Gauntlett, harm. Arthur Henry Mann; Words: Cecil Frances Alexander

*Verse 1 (Soloist):
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, oppressed, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*Verse 3 (Choir and congregation):
Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness,
And He shares in all our gladness.*

*Verse 4 (Choir and 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 heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.*

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Those who are able are invited to stand.

HYMN 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF PRAISE UNISON

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes; the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Those who have been standing may sit.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.”

Reader: Vicki Carmichael

HYMN 48 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

THE SECOND LESSON Micah 5:2-5a

“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel...”

Reader: John Merker

CAROL One Small Child

Words and music by David Meece; arr. by Tammy Waldrop

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| 1. <i>One small child in a land of a thousand.
One small dream of a savior tonight.
One small hand reaching out to the starlight.
One small savior of life.</i> | 4. <i>One small light from the flame of a candle,
One small light from a city of might,
One small light from the stars in the endless night,
One small light from a face.</i> |
| 2. <i>One king bringing his gold and riches.
One King ruling and army of might.
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight.
One King bringing us life.</i> | 5. <i>See the shepherds kneeling before Him.
See the kings on bended knee.
See His mother praising His Father.
See the Blessed Infant sleep.</i> |
| 3. <i>See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him.
See Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father.
See His tiny eyelids fall.</i> | 6. <i>One small Child in a land of a thousand;
One small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight.
One small Savior of life.</i> |

THE THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-38

“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...”

Reader: Luise Hoffman

CAROL What Child Is This?

Words: William Chatterton Dix; Music: trad. English, arr. Jonathan Willcocks

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Hast, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered...”

Reader: Zach Roman

Those who are able are invited to stand.

HYMN 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Those who have been standing may sit.

THE FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-14

*“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night...”*

Reader: Sarah Wagoner

Those who are able are invited to stand.

HYMN 23 Angels We Have Heard On High

Those who have been standing may sit.

THE SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20

“Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart...”

Reader: The Rev. Julie March

CAROL Quelle est cette odeur?

Tr. A.B. Ramsay, 4th v. tr. David Willcocks; trad. French carol, arr. David Willcocks

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| <p>1. <i>Quelle est cette odeur agréable,
Bergers, qui ravit tous nos sens?
S'exhalet-il rein de semblable
Au milieu des fleurs du printemps?
Quelle est cette odeur agréable,
Bergers, qui ravit tous nos sens?</i></p> <p>2. <i>Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away?
Never the like did come ablowing,
Shepherds, in flowery fields in May,
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away?</i></p> <p>3. <i>What is that light so brilliant, breaking
Here in the night across our eyes?
Never so bright, the daystar waking,
Started to climb the morning skies!
What is that light so brilliant, breaking
Here in the night across our eyes?</i></p> | <p>4. <i>Bethlehem! there in manger lying,
Find your Redeemer, haste away,
Run ye with eager footsteps hieing!
Worship the Savior born today.
Bethlehem! there in manger lying,
Find your Redeemer, haste away.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Praise to the Lord of all creation,
Glory to God the fount of grace;
May peace abide in every nation,
Goodwill in men of every race.
Praise to the Lord of all creation,
Glory to God the fount of grace.</i></p> |
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THE SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...”

Reader: Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little

HYMN 56 The First Nowell

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

As we celebrate God's greatest gift to us, we have the joyful opportunity to share our gifts with the world. Tonight's offering will go to the Trinity Food Pantry. If you are paying your pledge tonight, please indicate that on your check.

OFFERTORY O Little One Sweet

Words, tr. Percy Dearmer; Music, harm. J.S. Bach

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| <p>1. <i>O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou camest from heaven to mortal ken,
Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.</i></p> <p>2. <i>O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain,
To bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>O little one sweet, O little one mild,
In thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame,
That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.</i></p> <p>4. <i>O little one sweet, O little one mild.
Help us to do as thou hast willed.
Lo, all we have belongs to thee!
Ah, keep us in our fealty!
O little one sweet, O little one mild.</i></p> |
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CHRISTMAS PRAYER

HYMN 60 Silent Night, Holy Night

BENEDICTION

Those who are able are invited to stand. Please extinguish your candles.

HYMN 40 Joy to the World

POSTLUDE Glory to God in the Highest

Composer: Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

TRINITY CHOIR

Sopranos: Laura Brady,* Jenn Clodi,* Cricket Gordon;
Altos: Amanda Meinen,* Connie Torretta, Nancy Wagoner, Roberta McBride;
Tenors: Patrick Courtney, Bob Henderson, Elaine Pontious, Brian Schroer, Jim Shoemaker*;
Basses: Mike Kaberline, Bill Lorenz, George Van Hare, Bob Wagoner (*denotes soloist)

HAND BELL CHOIR

Bonnie Carmichael, Vicki Carmichael, Jim Person, Cricket Gordon, Roberta McBride, Emily Kelton, Joanne Roman, Elaine Pontious, Katie Henderson, Andrew Person, Mike Kaberline

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