

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER

THE BIDDING PRAYER  
Stevens Moseley

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Ensemble

FIRST LESSON  
Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19  
Collins Cahaly

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by Thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

SECOND LESSON  
Genesis 22:15-18  
Ava Link

Lighting of the First Advent Candle  
Ted, Susan, and Layla Brown

*What Child Is This?*

*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;  
haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
the babe the Song of Mary.*

*Why lies He in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;*

*haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
the babe the Song of Mary.*

THIRD LESSON  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Caroline Runion

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE  
Mike, Ivy, and Caitlin Steepy

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say;  
News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
and He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven’s door,  
and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!*

FOURTH LESSON  
Isaiah 11:1-4,6-9  
Helen Havice

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle  
MJ, Elisha, Eston, Finn, and Eli Barrs

*Go, Tell It On the Mountain*  
Sawyer Kate Moseley, Emma Grace Runion, Duet

FIFTH LESSON  
Luke 1:26-38  
Addy Link

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle  
Phil and Susan Davis

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all 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 men on earth.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.*

SIXTH LESSON  
Luke 2:1-7  
Elizabeth Havice

*Mary Did You Know?*  
Adam Coats, Solo

SEVENTH LESSON  
Luke 2:8-16  
Creighton Cahaly

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE  
Larry and Becky Oliver

*O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL*

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

*True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,  
lo, He shuns not the Virgin’s womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born to be our Savior,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

COMMUNION HOMILY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and

earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your prophets.  
In the fullness of time You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at His birth the angels sang glory to You in the highest and peace to Your people on earth:

**Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
As Your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so, on the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this remembrance of me."  
When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."  
And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has come among us.  
Christ has lived.  
Christ has died.  
Christ has been raised from the dead.  
Christ will come again.**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until

Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Amen.**

*GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
After receiving Communion, please take a candle in preparation for the  
candlelighting to follow.*

**EIGHTH LESSON  
Hebrews 1:1-3**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

**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 all their 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.**

**BENEDICTION**

Service Setup and Support: PMC Youth and Worship Committee

<u>Candle Lighting</u> Tripp Pittman Bradley Runion	<u>Communion Stewards</u> Dave and Cindy Lowery Chris and Andrea Harpe	<u>Accompanists</u> Janet Dowis Beverly Henderson
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Guido Reni, 'The Adoration of the Shepherds', about 1640

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