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THE COLORS OF CHRISTMASTIDE

White and gold, the colors of the season that extends from Christmas Eve to Epiphany (January 6), are ones of celebration, newness, and hope, as they remind us of the purity and royalty of the newborn Christ, the Light of the World and Immanuel who has come to "save his people from their sins" and make all things new.



Merry Christmas! Thank you for joining us today.

Before the service, there is a time for silent prayer and meditation.

You are invited to use this prayer as a part of your individual preparation for worship:

"O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival
of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ:
Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer,
may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen."

-The Book of Common Prayer

FIRST CAROL

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



(Words: trans. John Mason Neale; Music: arr. Thomas Helmore, addtl. arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

ENTRANCE

Minister: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Minister: Alleluia. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. People: And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth. Alleluia. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

Minister: Dear Family of God, let it be this Christmas Eve our care and delight to

prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe laying in the manger. Therefore, let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God, the glorious Redemption brought us by the Holy Child. And let us make this church glad with our

carols of praise. Let us pray...

FIRST LESSON

FROM THE FIRST THREE CHAPTERS OF GENESIS

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light... The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it', cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

SECOND CAROL

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS



(Words: Charles Wesley, Mark Hunt; Music: Rowland Prichard, arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 22:9-18

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day. "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

THIRD CAROL

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN



(Words: Aurelius Prudentius, tr. Henry Baker, Music: Charles Douglas, arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

THIRD & FOURTH LESSONS

FROM ISAIAH 7 AND II

In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it... 2 the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. 3 And the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz... 4 And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands... 10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: 11 "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." 13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel...

11:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this...

LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

FOURTH CAROL

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (CHOIR)

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 time ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air. But only his mother in her maiden bliss Worshipped the Beloved, worshipped with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my part, Yet what can I give Him, give Him my heart.

(Words: Christina Rossetti; Music: Gustav Holst; Arr. John Leavitt)

MEDITATION

Rev. Tim Frickenschmidt

FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

FIFTH CAROL

THE SUSSEX CAROL

DUET: KAYLA JOLLY AND DAVID LUTES

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place. When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing all for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night, All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore, Amen!"

(Words: Traditional English Carol; Tune: SUSSEX CAROL; Arr. D. Lutes)

SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SIXTH CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



(Words: traditional French carol, Music: traditional French melody, arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

SEVENTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

SEVENTH CAROL

WE THREE KINGS

Soloists: Kayla Jolly, David Lutes, and Courtney Thrash



- ALL: I. We three kings of O ri-ent are: bear-ing gifts we trav-erse a far,
- SOLO: 2. Born a King on Beth le-hem's plain: gold I bring to crown Him a gain;
- SOLO: 3. Frank-in cense to of fer have I: in-cense owns a de i ty nigh;
- SOLO: 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit ter per-fume breathes a life of gath er-ing gloom,
 - ALL: 5. Glor-ious now be hold Him a rise: King and God and Sac ri-fice.



field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol-low-ing yon-der star. (To Chorus) king for ev er, ceas ing nev er, all o - ver reign. prayer and prais - ing, all men rais ing, wor-ship Him, God on high. sor - r'wing sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy sealed in the stone - cold tomb. (To Chorus) ing, Earth_ to heav'n re - plies. (To Chorus) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia!





west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light.

(Words & Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr., arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

EIGHTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Minister: The Lord be with you. *People:* And with your spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the King of Kings, 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.

People: Amen.

Minister: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming and we are preparing ourselves for the days when

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world.

People: Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Minister: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.

People: A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket

but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.

Minister: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see

your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The pastor will light his candle from the Christ Candle. Ushers will then light the candles on the ends of the rows. Each person will light the candle of the person next to him/her. If your child(ren) wish to participate, please assist them in safely lighting their candles.

CANDLELIGHTING HYMNS

SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!



(Words: Joseph Mohr, Music: Franz Gruber, CCLI license #2476739)



(Words & Music: John Wade, arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

BENEDICTION

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

JOY TO THE WORLD



- I. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re-ceive her King:
- 2. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in fest the ground;
- * 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions prove



let ev - ry heart pre - pare Him room, and heav n and na-ture sing, He comes to make His bless ings flow far as the curse is found. the glo-ries of His right-eous-ness and won-ders of His love,



and heav n and na-ture sing, and heav n, and heav n and na-ture sing. far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found. and won-ders of His love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love!

(Words: Isaac Watts; Music: Lowell Mason, arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

*We raise our candles together at the beginning of verse 3 to signify that Christ, the light of the world, has come down to earth from above to dwell with us and to "rule the world with truth and grace."

Before you exit, please extinguish your candles.

Please join us for worship on Sunday, December 29 at 9:00 and 10:15 AM.

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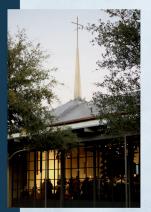


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 AM

10:15 AM



11:30 AM*
*Spanish Service Only

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is closed December 25 - 27 and December 30 - January 1.

End-of-year contributions may be dropped in the in-wall drop box outside the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS —

We encourage you to stay connected with the life of the church and community through the events calendar by scanning the QR code.



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POINSETTIAS

Given in honor or in memory of the following

Given in memory of JoAnn Geeslin

Given by Jenny Aghamalian, In memory of Becca Reeder

Given by Melissa Bernard, In memory of Beuna and Kenneth McKenzie

Given by Janie Boersma, In memory of Lacey Travis Madden and John Travis

Given by the Boone Family, In memory of Thomas Norman Dunnam, Jr.

> Given by the Crockett Family In memory of Mike Crockett

Given by Peggy Cuevas, In memory of Gilbert Cuevas

Given by the Pathfinders, In honor of Susan Breeding and JoAnne Hendrix

> Given by Ruth Dew, In memory of George Michael Dew

Given by Walker, Missy, Shep, Eva Rose, Maggie, Ike and Bethie Dollahon In honor of our beloved "GG" Frieda Hooks

> Given by Whitney Gossett, In memory of Scott Sticksel

Given by the Haley Family, In honor of Mitzi & Stealth, Grammy, Papa, and Aunt Erika

Given by Annisa Hendrix, In memory of Ronny Zesch, Olivia Weldon, and Will Hendrix

Given by Mike and Cindy Herman, In memory of Zachary Cole Herman

Given by Lacy Holcomb, In memory of Jim Holcomb and Carole Mullen

Given by Susan Hurd, In memory of John and Reginia Oswald

Given by Joanne Moore In memory of Ira Harrison "Harry" Moore Given by Aime Nickel, In memory of Georganne Loudamy

Given by Lida and Allen Payne, In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Allen Payne, Sr. and Mrs. Wally Pendarvis

Given by Kathy Petet, In memory of Bonnie Petet and Tom Allen

> Given by Rebecca Schneider, In memory of Marc David Esterly

Given by the Thannisch Family, In memory of Allison's sister, Megan Keedy Rothwell

> Given by the Turner family, In memory of Peggy and Ken Turner

Given by the Valdez family, In memory of Mary Alice Valdez

Given by the Jackson Family, In memory of Scottie Jackson

Given by Mary Puryear, In honor of JoAnne H<u>endrix</u>

Given by Cheryl Deiss, In memory of my sister, Karen Phares

Given by June Broughton, In memory of Grandma Martha

Given by Christopher Petrini, In memory of Mary Louise Tapella

Given by Paul Osmon, In memory of Bonnie Cole Osmon and Mabel Osmon Morris; and in honor of Mary Puryear

> Given by Emma Martin In memory of Gwen Grant

Given by Ashley Doyle In memory of John and Virginia Williamson

Given by Paul Kuper In memory of Paul (Sr.) and Jo Ann Kuper

> Given by the Blank Family In memory of Timothy Sweeney

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