



*The Nativity*  
*by UNKNOWN MASTER, Austrian*

*The original service of Lessons and Carols was written by E. W. Benson  
and was held Christmas Eve 1880 in Truro Cathedral, Cornwall at ten o'clock in the night.*

*The Holy Scriptures are proclaimed as recorded in the New Revised Standard Version.*

# A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Our Lord's Day – December 21, 2025  
*Half Past Ten o'clock in the Morning*

## WESTMINSTER STRIKE

*As the hour is pealed, we join with our virtual worshipping community.*

## VOLUNTARY

*A Christmas Pastorate*

Charles Callahan

## †PROCESSIONAL CAROL

ADESTE FIDELIS



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of\_\_\_ God,\_\_\_ Light\_\_\_ of\_\_\_ Light,
3. Sing choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be -  
Lo! he ab - hors\_\_\_ not the Vir - gin's womb; Ve - ry\_\_\_  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n\_\_\_ a - bove: Glo - ry to  
Je - sus, to thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n; Word of the



hold him Born the King of An - gels:  
God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted: O come, let us a - dore him, O  
God\_\_\_ in\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ high - est:  
Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

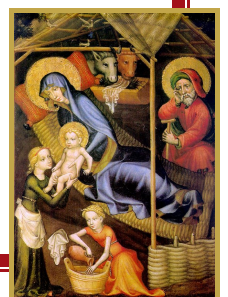
Dr. Guild

*The people will respond where there is **bold print**.*

**B**eloved in Christ, it is our duty and delight  
to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels,  
and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem,  
and see this thing which has come to pass,  
and the babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from the holy scriptures  
the tale of the loving purposes of God  
and the glorious redemption brought us by this holy child;  
and let us make this house of prayer  
glad with our carols of praise.  
But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart,  
let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world,  
and all his people;  
for peace upon the earth he came to save;  
for love and unity within the one Church he did build;  
for goodwill among all peoples.  
And particularly at this time, let us remember the poor,  
the cold, the hungry, the oppressed;  
the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved;  
the aged and the little children;  
and all who do not know the Lord Jesus, or do not love him,  
or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.  
Lastly, let us remember all those who rejoice with us,  
but upon another shore and in a greater light,  
that multitude which no one can number,  
whose hope was in the Word made flesh,  
and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.  
These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven,  
in the words that Christ himself has taught us:

**O**ur 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.



## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The Santamaria Family

*The candles of hope, peace and joy have been lighted as we made our Advent journey.*

Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent:

Mary, the unmarried mother,

God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby;

Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy;

God's love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand;

God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.

**With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait,**

**watch, and listen for the way of Love**

**instead of responding in fear in the world's judgment.**

We light this candle of love as a sign of our faithfulness

as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel...

**God with us.**

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Text PMPC to 73256 to Give

*Through your faithfulness, we shine the light of Christ in the heart of downtown Clearwater  
and serve those less fortunate within Pinellas County, Florida and our sister church,  
Sancti Spiritus Presbyterian Church in Cuba.*

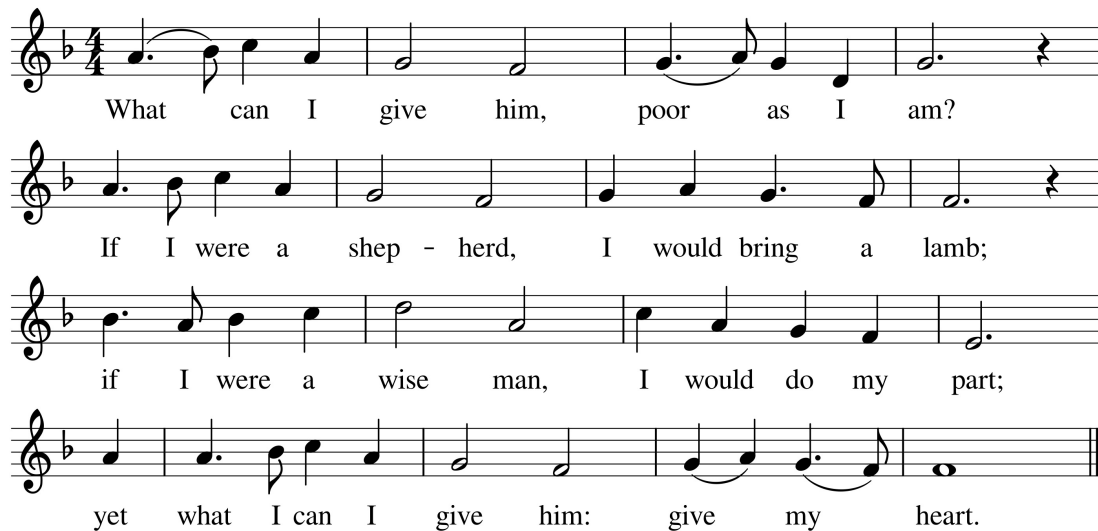
### OFFERTORY

Nowell

Michael Cox

### †DOXOLOGY

CRANHAM



What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy,

**And we give with joy.**

Joy for all you have given us;

**Joy because of your sacred promises.**

Receive these generous offerings,

**And use them to spread your joy in our world. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

Jacob Santamaria

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

**T**he people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of God for the people of God.

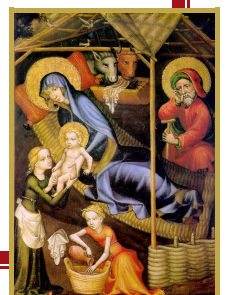
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Johann Sebastian Bach

Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;  
For her Lord comes down all glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.  
Her Star is risen, her Light is come.  
Ah come, Thou blessed One, God's own beloved Son:  
Alleluia! We follow till the halls we see  
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

– Philipp Nicolai



## SECOND LESSON: ISAIAH 11:1-4A, 6-9

Samuel Santamaria

*A little child will lead them.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Richard Shephard

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin birth:  
Let every age adoring fall,  
such birth befits the God of all.  
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness glow with newborn light,  
No more shall night extinguish day,  
Where love's bright beams their power display.  
O Jesu, virgin born to thee,  
eternal praise and glory be,  
When with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

– Saint Ambrose

### THIRD LESSON: LUKE 1:26-33, 38A, 39-42, 46A

Elizabeth Santamaria

*An angel appears to Mary.*

**I**n 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. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." And Mary sang:

The Word of the Lord according to Saint Luke.

**Praise be to God.**

### ANTHEM

John Ferguson

**M**y 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.  
And 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 mighty 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 his descendants forevermore.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest.

FOURTH LESSON: LUKE 2:1-7

Rev. Miguel Santamaria

*Mary gives birth in Bethlehem.* Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor, Morton Plant Hospital

**I**n those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Word of the Lord according to Saint Luke.

**Praise be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*God Rest You Merry*

Wilbur Held

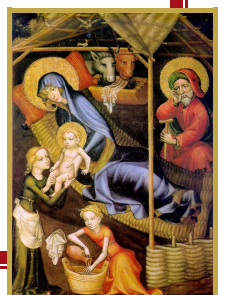
## FIFTH LESSON: LUKE 2:18-16

*Angels announce the Messiah.*

**I**n that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

This is the Word of the Lord according to Saint Luke.

**Praise be to God.**



# †CAROL

## THE FIRST NOWELL



*All* 1. The first No - well the an - gel did say Was to  
*Higher Voices* 2. They look - ed\_ up and saw\_ a star, Shin-ing  
*Lower Voices* 3. Then en - ter'd in those wise\_ men three, Full\_  
*All* 4. Then let\_ us all with one\_ ac - cord Sing



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In  
 in\_ the east, be - yond them far; And  
 re - v'rent - ly\_ up - on\_ their knee, And  
 prai - ses to\_ our heav'n - ly Lord, That



fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, In a cold win - ter's  
 to\_ the earth it gave\_ great light, And\_ so it con -  
 off - er'd there in\_ his\_ pre - sence Their\_ gold\_ and  
 hath\_ made heav'n and earth\_ of naught, And with\_ his



night\_ that was\_ so deep:  
 tin - ued both day\_ and night: *No - well, No - well, No - well, No -*  
 myrrh\_ and frank - in - cense.  
 blood\_ man - kind\_ hath bought:



*well,* Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

## SIXTH LESSON: MATTHEW 2:1-11

*Magi come from the East.*

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This is the Word of the Lord according to Saint Matthew.

**Praise be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Mark Schweizer

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold, the King of Glory waits.  
The King of Kings is drawing near,  
The Savior of the World is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

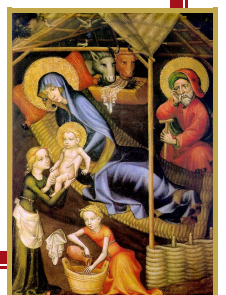
Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
Our hearts to Thee we open wide;  
Let us Thy inner presence feel;  
Thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
Until our glorious goal is won;  
Eternal praise, eternal fame  
Be offered, Savior, to Thy Name!

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be thyself our King of peace.

— Catherine Winkworth



## SEVENTH LESSON: JOHN 1:1-14

*And the Word became flesh.*

Rev. Amy Santamaria  
Chaplain, Tampa General Hospital

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord according to Saint John.

**Praise be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, BWV 608*

Johann Sebastian Bach

GREETING AND HAPPENINGS

Timothy Belk

†PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The people exchange visual signs of peace with those around them.*

The peace of the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
and Everlasting Father be with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

**G**o forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted, honor everyone;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

# † RECESSIONAL CAROL

MENDELSSOHN

1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing — Glo - ry to the  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the e - ver -  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! — Hail the Sun of

new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, —  
 last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him comes, —  
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, —

God and sin - ners re - con - ciled: Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, —  
 Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God - head see, —  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings; Mild he lays his glo - ry by, —

Join the tri - umph of the skies, — with th'an - gel - ic  
 hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! — Pleased with man as  
 Born that man no more may die, — Born to raise the

host pro - claim, Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem.  
 man to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.  
 sons of earth, Born to — give them se - cond birth.

Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry — to the new - born King.

# † VOLUNTARY

*Messiah, HWV 56: Hallelujah*

Georg Frederic Handel

*The people will please remain standing in a spirit of reverence.*



# *Prepare the Way...*

† The People will please stand in body and spirit as they are able.

*Sharing in the leadership of worship with Dr. Jeffrey G. Guild, Transitional Pastor are:*

*Revs. Miguel & Amy, Elizabeth, Jacob and Samuel Santamaria, Liturgists;*

*Members of the Chancel Choir;*

*Kevin Seto, First Violin; Leah Kane, Second Violin;*

*Caitlin Seto, Viola; Laura Smith, Cello;*

*Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries and Organist.*

*The Chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God*

*in memory of Winifred & James Coachman*

*by Elizabeth McBride-Gould.*

*An informal gathering immediately follows in Roebling Hall.*

*Some music for our worship experience is offered*

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*and technical assistance by Media Interns Elizabeth Santamaria and Allison Shaw.*

*Conflicting schedules among the guest jazz trio*

*will cancel this evening's performance of A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS.*

*The church office will be closed Christmas Day, December 25;*

*Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of the New Year.*

*In accordance with IRS Guidelines, charitable contributions for the 2025 Fiscal Year*

*received or postmarked on or before Wednesday, December 31 will be reflected*

*on Annual Contribution Statements.*

*Please join us the Second Sunday after Christmas – January 4, 2026*

*as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*on our Lord's Day at half past ten o'clock in the morning.*

*Peace Memorial Concerts presents*

***BRYAN HUGHES & THE CREW***

***Sunday, January 11 - 3 p.m.***

*This talented jazz ensemble presents a tribute to Duke Ellington,*

*plus other selections from the Great American Songbook!*

*Lo! He Comes...*

# *for the Glory to God...*

*The Christmas poinsettias are presented*

*in memory of*

Glenn Anderson  
Bobby Anderson  
Nancy & William Daniels  
Robert S. De Wick  
Muriel & Ralph De Wick  
Sue Ellis  
John Espey  
Family and Friends  
James Winston Grieve  
Scott Bennett Ingram  
Our Fathers  
Nancy & Guy Futral  
Our Grandparents  
Vesta & William Harlow  
Mary & Clark Harlow  
Ryan Harlow  
Dr. Martha Coachman McBride  
Addie & Henry Meadows  
Mike Sanders  
Buzz Senf  
Riet Vander Pol  
Betsy White  
James Caswell Williams  
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*in honor of*

Sara Ellen Anderson  
The Gift of Salvation  
The Good Grief Group

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Sara Sanders  
Linda Grieve  
Tammi Jean Bennett and Wayne Gunningham  
Doug, William and Lucie White  
Mary E. Williams  
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*by*

Rebecca Futral-Anderson  
Pam Chapin  
Mary E. Williams



# A Festival of Light

## Candlelight Christmas Eve

December 24 – Six o'clock in the Evening

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music before the Service begins thirty-minutes prior to the hour.

Thomas Hall, guest soloist



*The Sanctuary of Peace Memorial is open Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. - Noon  
for guided tours of the Louis Comfort Tiffany Windows.*

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Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.