TRENHOLM ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

on

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11, 2022 *at* 8:45 AM *and* 11:00 AM

ABOUT LESSONS & CAROLS

In 1880 E. W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England, composed "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve. In 1918 it was adapted for the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, by its Dean, Eric Milner-White, who also wrote The Bidding Prayer. The Blessing after The Lord's Prayer, added by Milner-White, was first included in its present form in 1930. The Nine Lessons given here have been customarily used in recent years at King's College. ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Announcements

Rev. James McCoy-Bruce

PRELUDE

"The First Noel"

MUSIC: Traditional English carol originating in Cornwall as early as 13th cent.; setting for organ by Wilbur Held, 1970

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

- 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height, In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 4. O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

WORDS:From Latin "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel," circa late 8th cent. French monastic chant, translated by John M. Neale, 1851MUSIC:Tradtional 15th cent. French, arranged and harmonized by Thomas Helmore, 1854Veni, Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Joy

8:45 AM The Harris Family—Trapp, Amanda, Ace and Lily Wren 11:00 AM The Meekins Family—Blake, Lauren, Bryce and Avery

THE RESPONSE

"The Gloria"

To the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Glory now, forevermore be to our redeeming Lord; Praise to God, the One in Three, as it was and e'er shall be. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

WORDS: "Lesser Doxology" (Luke 2:14) MUSIC: French carol melody, ca. 1840; arranged by Edward Barnes, 1937, and harmonized by Austin Lovelace, 1964 GLORIA

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ,

as we approach this Christmas Season, 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 is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until 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 know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, 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 for evermore 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.

(Eric Milner-White, 1918)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 BLESSING

The almighty God bless us with divine grace, Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

(Eric Milner-White, 1930)

THE FIRST LESSON

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

The Her heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, 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?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from 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 from 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 tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon 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 hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil 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 until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19)

THE ANTHEM

Wexford Carol

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 angel had foretold, they did our Saviour 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.

WORDS & MUSIC: Traditional Irish, 12th cent., setting by Elaine Hagenberg, 2019

*THE SECOND LESSON

God promises to faithful Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." (GENESIS 22:15-18)

THE CAROL

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

 God rest you merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day; To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy. 2. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

WORDS & MUSIC: Traditional English carol, dated to 16th cent., author unknown

THE THIRD LESSON

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

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.

(Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

GOD REST YOU MERRY

THE ANTHEM

"For Unto Us a Child is Born"

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

WORDS: Isajah 9:6 MUSIC: From Messiah, G. F. Händel, 1741

THE FOURTH LESSON

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

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.

Thanks be to God.

(ISAIAH 11:1-4, 6-9)

THE ANTHEM

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold. "Peace on the earth good will to men from heaven's all gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

All ye beneath life's crushing load whose forms are bending low Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow. Look, now for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

WORDS: Edmund Sears, 1849 MUSIC: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850, with new music by Marianne Forman, 2022

THE OFFERTORY

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 all on earth!
- 3. 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!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868 CAROL

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

To the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

WORDS: "The Doxology," Thomas Ken, ca. 1674 MUSIC: Traditional 15th cent. French, arranged and harmonized by Thomas Helmore, 1854

VENI, EMMANUEL

THE FIFTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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, 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 God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-35, 38)

THE ANTHEM

O magnum mysterium

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentum in praesepio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

WORDS: Chant MUSIC: Morton Lauridsen, 1994 O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born LORD, lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the LORD Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

THE SIXTH LESSON

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

A DECREE went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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. (LUKE 2:1, 3-7)

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Mary Had a Baby

LaToya Adams, mezzo-soprano

Mary had a baby, my LORD. Mary had a baby, my LORD. Mary had a baby, Mary had a baby, Mary had a baby, my LORD.

What did she call him, my LORD? What did she call him, my LORD? What did she call him, she called him King Jesus, Mary had a baby, yes LORD.

Where was he born, my LORD? Where was he born, my LORD? Born in a stable, she laid him in a manger, Mary had a baby, my LORD.

Mary had a baby, yes LORD. Mary had a baby, my LORD. Mary had a baby, Mary had a baby, Mary had a baby, my LORD.

WORDS & MUSIC: St. Helena Island Spiritual, 19th cent.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

The shepherds go to the manger.

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. (Luke 2:8-16)

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

Go Tell it On the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born..

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born..

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

WORDS & MUSIC: American Folk Song, arranged by John Rutter

THE EIGHTH LESSON

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, 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. (MATTHEW 2:1-11)

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Gesu Bambino

Christina Grace Harding, soprano

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced; And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the LORD.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night, That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the LORD.

WORDS: Frederick Martens (translation) MUSIC: Pietro Yon, 1917

*THE NINTH LESSON

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Note 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. (JOHN 1:1-14)

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

A Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men and the peace of the Christ child be yours, be yours this Christmas.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly, all things heavenly, fill you with joy, fill you with joy and peace.

And the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

WORDS: Words from the Church of Ireland *Book of Common Prayer* MUSIC: Philip W. J. Stopford, 2008

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die; Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1734; altered by George Whitefield, 1753, and others (Luke 2:8-14) MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arranged by William H. Cummings, 1856

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in peace and joy. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Mendelssohn"

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; setting by Sir David Willcocks, 1995

MENDELSSOHN

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LITURGIST Rev. James McCoy-Bruce, Pastor

8:45 READERS

Kate Bozik, First Lesson Barrie Kirk, Second Lesson Mary Grace Trobaugh, Third Lesson Jim Hamner, Fourth Lesson Terri Strauss, Fifth Lesson Ryan Hamner, Sixth Lesson Randy Akers, Seventh Lesson Franklin Caudle, Eighth Lesson

11:00 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Kay James, First Lesson Howard Graham, Second Lesson Nathan Cox, Third Lesson Jim Hamner, Fourth Lesson Marshall Minton, Fifth Lesson Ryan Hamner, Sixth Lesson Tut Underwood, Seventh Lesson Franklin Caudle, Eighth Lesson

MUSICIANS

Trenholm Road Sanctuary Choir Amelia Evers, violin Janine Parnell, violin Alvera Butler, viola Brent Wilson, cello Randy Moore, piano Eben Trobaugh, Assistant Conductor Rev. Sarah Fletcher, Director of Music

8:45 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

CHURCH OPENER: **Bob Henry** ACOLYTE: **Bates Trobaugh** CRUCIFER: **Elizabeth Anne Trobaugh** USHER CAPTAIN: **Bob Henry**

11:00 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ACOLYTE: Caroline Brandes CRUCIFER: Connor Brandes USHER CAPTAIN: Chris Younts CHURCH CLOSER: Jim Hamner

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WE GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST and welcome you to Trenholm Road United Methodist Church. Whether you have attended regularly for years, watch our broadcasts (*Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on WACH Fox 57, cable channel 6 or Facebook Live*), or are a first-time guest, we are glad that you are here.

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