

FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC

6:30 p.m.

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE The King Shall Come *Ruth Elaine Schram*
Savior of the Nations, Come *Donna Hanna*

INTROIT “Matin Responsory” *Robert W. Lehman*
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud
covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: “Tell us,
art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?” High
and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and
say: “Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like
a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength,
O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.” Glory be to the
Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 11** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1–11 (page 627, O.T.)

***HYMN 3** “Comfort, Comfort You My People” *Tune: PSALM 42*

SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 31:31–34 (page 691, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Candlelight Carol” *John Rutter*
How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all
the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother or
how can you write down a baby’s first cry? Candlelight, angel light,
firelight, and starglow, shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing, the Christ child
is born. Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him; seraphim
’round him their vigil will keep; nations proclaim him their Lord and
their Savior, but Mary will rock him and sing him to sleep. Find him
at Bethlehem laid in a manger; Christ, our redeemer, asleep in the
hay; Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation, a child with his
mother, that first Christmas Day.

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 35:1–10 (page 623, O.T.)

***HYMN 18** “The Desert Shall Rejoice” *Tune: STERLING*

FOURTH LESSON Micah 5:2–4 (page 815, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

***CAROL 44** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *Tune: ST. LOUIS*

FIFTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1–9 (page 602, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” *Michael Praetorius*
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came a
floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was
the night. Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God’s
love aright she bore for us a savior, when half spent was the night.

SIXTH LESSON Zephaniah 3:14–18 (page 826, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Rorando Coeli” *Jan Campanus Vodnansky*
O heavens, let forth your gentle rain, and clouds pour down
the Just one. The earth’s secrets are now unlocked; let the flower
of salvation bloom.

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 1:26–38 (page 53, N.T.)

***CAROL 16** “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”
Tune: GABRIEL’S MESSAGE

EIGHTH LESSON Luke 1:39–56 (page 53, N.T.)

ANTHEM “Surge, Illuminare, Jerusalem” *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick
darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his
glory will appear over you.

NINTH LESSON John 1:1–18 (page 86, N.T.)

***CAROL 31** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *Tune: MENDELSSOHN*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(traditional)* (The Hymnal, page 16)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Ding-Dong! Merrily on High!” *French carol*
arr. Ruth Artman
Ding-dong, merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing!
Ding-dong, verily the sky is filled with angels singing.
Gloria, hosanna in the highest. Ding-dong, merrily they ring;
the weary world rejoices. Ding-dong, verily they sing;
now join the angel voices. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis.

CLOSING RESPONSE

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was
and is and is to come. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein;
rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon. E’en so,
Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need
no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Bruce Neswick

WORSHIP LEADERS

- Readers** Beverly Brent, Robert Crouch, Sophia David, Jean Marie Koon,
Owen Meyer, Daniel Miller, Barlow Nelson, Amy Volpe;
John Buchanan, Pastor
- Liturgist** Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor
- Music** The Children’s Choir; the Youth Choir; the Chancel Choir;
the Morning Choir; the Handbell Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

WORSHIP NOTES

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