



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

December 24, 2022 • 4:00 p.m.



Prelude

Christmas Carol Sing-Along (*everyong is invited to sing*)

Hymn 119: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn 121: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn 132: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Family Musical Offering

Introit :: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" A.E. Rusbridge

Processional :: "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Gustav Holst

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Carol ::** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymnal #133

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 from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, 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;
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 this happy morning;
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!

First Lesson Luke 1:26–33, 38

Mary’s Song “Magnificat” by C. Winfred Douglas

Anthem

“Come, Messiah, Come” Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becky Slagle Mayo

Second Lesson. Luke 2:1–7

Carol :: “Away in a Manger” (*congregation remains seated*) Hymnal #115

*All children in **shepherd** and **animal** costumes are
invited to come forward at the start of the hymn*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Third Lesson. Luke 2:8–9

***Carol ::** “Go, Tell It on The Mountain” Hymnal #136

*All children in **angel** costumes are invited
to come forward at the start of the hymn*

Refrain:

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. (*Refrain*)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. (*Refrain*)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (*Refrain*)

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:10–14

Anthem :: “Angels We Have Heard on High” Edward S. Barnes

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:15–20

Anthem :: “What Child Is This?” English Ballad

*All children in **animal, angel, and shepherd**
costumes return back to their parents*

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1–4, 9–11

Anthem :: “We Three Kings” John H. Hopkins Jr.

Presentation of Gifts :: “The First Nowell” Hymnal #147 (*verses 1–4*)

*During this hymn, children are welcome to come forward
to place by the manger the traditional gifts of socks.*

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (*Refrain*)

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)

This star drew nigh to the northwest; o’er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. (*Refrain*)

Offertory Anthems

“People, Look East” Besançon Carol

“Ding-Dong! Merrily on High” Rosephanye Powell

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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 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.

Homily Matt Helms

Spreading the Light *(congregation remains seated)*

Songs of Praise *(congregation remains seated)*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Hymnal #121 *(verses 1 and 2 only)*

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 all on earth.

“Silent Night, Holy Night!” Hymnal #122 *(verses 1 and 2 only)*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
 ’round yon virgin mother and child!
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heav’nly hosts sing “Alleluia:
 Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!”

Silence

***Carol** :: “Joy to the World” Hymnal #134

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains 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.
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol Mykola Leontovych/arr. Gerald Near



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and invite you to join us throughout the Christmas season!***

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6:00 p.m. Family Service

8:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols (*also livestreamed*)

10:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols


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Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. (*in person and livestreamed*)

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