

CHRIST CHURCH, EPISCOPAL
A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022, 6:00 pm

We are pleased you have joined us for this evening's service. Please silence all cell phones. For those with young children, nursery care is available downstairs, or seating with video of the church service is provided in the Guild Hall, on the east side of the nave.

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING THE VOLUNTARY.

THE VOLUNTARY

Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*
 Variations on *Comfort Ye My People*

Gilbert M. Martin
 Robert Lau

THE CONGREGATION WILL PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE FIRST TWO VERSES AND
 STAND FOR VERSE THREE AND THE FOLLOWING VERSES.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

Once in Royal David's City
 Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
 Music: Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

TREBLES:

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| <p>1. Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.</p> | <p>4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
 Day by day like us he grew,
 He was little, weak, and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us he knew:
 And he feeleth for our sadness,
 And he shareth in our gladness.</p> |
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| <p>2. He came down to earth from heaven
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall;
 With the poor and mean and lowly
 Lived on earth our Savior holy.</p> | <p>5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
 Through his own redeeming love,
 For that child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heaven above;
 And he leads his children on
 To the place where he is gone.</p> |
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ALL STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING:

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| <p>3. And through all his wondrous childhood
 He would honour and obey,
 Love and watch the lowly maiden,
 In whose gentle arms he lay:
 Christian children all must be
 Mild, obedient, good as he.</p> | <p>6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
 With the oxen standing by,
 We shall see him; but in heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high;
 When like stars his children crowned
 All in white shall wait around.</p> |
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THE BIDDING

The Rev. David Luckenbach, *Rector*

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmastime let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and with the shepherds and the Magi adore the Child lying in his Mother's arms.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and in company with the whole Church in heaven and earth, let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this country and within this city. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind, and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the Lord Christ, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we forevermore are one. And let us pray that we may be counted among that communion of saints, receiving grace to offer unto God reasonable service, living in unity and fellowship with all his people and giving reverence to all that he hath made.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

THE CONGREGATION WILL KNEEL.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE OFFICIANT ALONE CONTINUES...

The Almighty God bless us with his 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.**

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED.

THE INVITATORY ANTHEM

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High
Text: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)
Music: Mack Wilberg

Ding! dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing! Ding! dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And "I-o, i-o, i-o!" by priest and people sungen! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers! May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!



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.*

Reader: Uriah Johnson, Christ Church Member



THE ANTHEM

THE APPLE TREE

Text: Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs
Music: David Ashley White (b. 1944)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see, the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.



The Second Lesson

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Reader: Dottie Ferguson, Christ Church Member



THE ANTHEM

A Tender Shoot

Text: William Bartholomew (1793-1867)
Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race: it blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light. This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring: the virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing: our God of endless might, gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.



The Third Lesson

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.
Reader: George Roberts, Christ Church Member



THE ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter
Text: Christina Rossetti(1830-1894)
Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago! Our God, heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain; Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay; Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. 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 my heart.

THE CONGREGATION STANDS AND JOINS IN SINGING THE CAROL.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Text: E. H. Sears (1810-1876)
Music: arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

It came upon the 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 heav'n's all gracious King!' The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing; And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old, When, with the ever circling years, Shall come the time foretold; When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendours fling, And the whole world gives back the song Which now the angels sing.



The Fourth Lesson

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Reader: Dave Jarvis, Christ Church Member



THE ANTHEM

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Text: Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Music: 14th century German melody

Harmonized by M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret 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 a right, She bore to men a Saviour, When half spent was the night. O flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispel in glorious splendor The darkness everywhere; True man, yet very God, From sin and death now save us, And share our every load.



The Fifth Lesson

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reader: Allison Jarvis, Christ Church Member



THE ANTHEM

Angelus ad virginem (Gabriel to Mary came)

Text: W. A. C. Pickard-Cambridge(1873-1952)

Music: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Translation: Gabriel to Mary came, and entered at her dwelling, with his salutation glad her maiden fears dispelling, "All hail thou queen of virgins bright! God, Lord of earth and heaven's height, Thy very Son, shall soon be born in pureness, the Saviour of mankind. Thou art the gate of heaven bright, the sinners' healer kind." "How could I a mother be that am to man a stranger? How should I my strong resolve, my solemn vows endanger?" "Pow'r from the Holy Ghost on high shall bring to pass this mystery. Then have no fear: Be of good cheer, believing that still thy chastity in God's almighty keeping shall all unsullied be." Hail! thou Mother of the Lord, Who bring'st of gifts the rarest, peace to angels and to men, when Christ the Lord barest! Do thou, we pray, entreat thy Son for us our long'd redemption himself to win, and from our sin release us; His succor for to give, that, when we hence are taken, we too in heav'n may live.



The Sixth Lesson

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Reader: Jim Huggler, Christ Church Member



THE CONGREGATION STANDS AND JOINS IN SINGING THE CAROL.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Away in a manger

Music: 19th cent. American

Music: William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

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 baby awakes, 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.



The Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger.

Reader: Debbie Finley, Christ Church Member



THE ANTHEM

Listen, Shepherds, Listen

Text: Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Music: Giovanni Gastoldi (1554-1609)

Listen, shepherds, listen, go to yonder manger. On your way shall be no danger. Christ the Lord is born, O sing for Christ is born. Go to Beth'lem city, find the child so holy in a cattle stall so lowly. Christ the Lord is born, O sing for Christ is born, See how the star is shining, it lights the world around. It will lead you to the Child. Christ the Lord will soon be found. Sing for joy, Christ the Lord is born, sing for joy, the Lord is born. All the earth join the angels singing. Let joyful songs now soar. Glory sing to God on high. Peace goodwill for evermore. Sing for joy, Christ the Lord is born, sing for joy, the Lord is born.



The Eighth Lesson

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader: The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon



THE ANTHEM

Coventry Carol

Text: Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors (15th cent.)

Music: Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay. O sisters too, How may we so For to preserve this day This poor youngling, For whom we do sing, By by, lully, lullay? Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay. Herod, the king, In his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, In his own sight, All young children to slay. Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay. That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And ever morn and day, For thy parting Neither say nor sing By by, lully lullay! Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay.



The Ninth Lesson

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Reader: The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector



THE CONGREGATION STANDS FOR THE LESSON AND JOINS IN SINGING THE CAROL.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Text and Music: John Francis Wade (c. 1711-1786)

**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;**

***Refrain: 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 heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED FOLLOWING THE CAROL.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. David Luckenbach, *Rector*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Softly

Words: Will Todd (b. 1970)

Music: Will Todd

Softly sleeping, sent from heaven, shining light against the cold, you will renew me. Waken my soul. Bring me out of darkness and waken my soul. Word of God, born in darkness, gift of wisdom from afar, you will refresh me. Open my heart. Bring me out of darkness and open my heart. And may your light burn in me; may your love endless be. May you be always with me. Child of God, sleeping saviour, as you rest my world awaits, needing forgiveness, needing your kindness. Now you have found me. Waken my soul. Bring me out of darkness and waken my soul.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray. O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one thing 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 Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CONGREGATION STANDS AND JOINS IN SINGING THE HYMN.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**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 the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come Off-spring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED FOR THE VOLUNTARY.

THE VOLUNTARY

Gigue on *Mendelssohn*

John Hebdon Schaffner

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Sophie Breen
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Stacy Dickerson
Susie Fergus
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O come let us adore Him

Tidings of Joy

Advent Noon-Time Concert Series

Tuesdays (November 29-December 20) at Noon **Downtown in the Nave**
followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 4 | 6:00pm

Downtown in the Nave

Caroling & Bonfire

Saturday, December 10 | 6:00pm

Gather at **Christ Church South** to carol
followed by the bonfire about 7:00pm

Children's Christmas Pageant

Christ Church South

Sunday, December 18 | 11:05am

Downtown in the Nave

Saturday, December 24 | 4:00pm

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

Downtown in the Nave

4:00pm Children's Pageant

7:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

10:30pm Midnight Mass | Candlelight Service

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 11:05am

Christ Church South ONLY

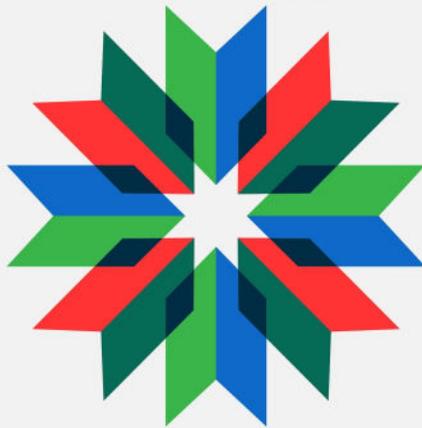


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TIDINGS of



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November 29, 2022

UT TYLER PATRIOT SINGERS,
Dr. Cameron Rose, *conductor*

December 6, 2022

DUO RENARD,
Mark Miller, *violin*; Ute Miller, *viola*

December 13, 2022

WOODWIND QUINTET, *Faculty of UTT*
Jeffrey Emge, Sue Bugg, Sharon Deuby,
Sarah Roberts, & Austin Seybert

December 20, 2022

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