

A Service of Lesson and Carols

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2016

Behold you will find a Child, lying in a manger.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Come, Child of God! Listen to our songs of joy!

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Him the Shepherds Praise so Greatly”

Walcha

WELCOME

Rev. Candice L. Klein

OPENING PRAYER

*PROCESSION CAROL#133 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (v.1 & 3)

Oakeley, 1841

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Now let us pray together:

Eternal and near at hand, already and not yet, God’s promise is the foundation of all life. We wait for the coming of the Holy Child. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Gloria”
(Chancel Choir)

Burroughs

*HYMN #140

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Alexander, 1848

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18 Bibles, p.17/LG. p.22

John Bruce Hillin

CAROL

“Some Children See Him”
(Bert Lowe, Soprano)

Soloist/Choir

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Bibles, p.600/LG. p.780

Carol Scoggins

CAROL HYMN#112

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

Williams, 1912

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6 Bibles, p.602/LG. p.784

James Nicholson

CAROL

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

How easily we have lost our way on the road to Bethlehem! How quick we are to dismiss the dreams and hopes God has for us in this holy season. Let us return to the One who approaches, ready to cover us in forgiveness and grace. Let’s pray first silently, then together, using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come now, Reconciler of the nations, for our world, needs your peace more than ever before. Come, Lord of discipleship, for we long to let go of our self-interest and vanity. Come, Giver of all gifts, for we hunger to hear your voice once again, in this Advent season. Come, Servant of all, for we want to follow your example. Come, King of kings and Lord of lords, and forgive us for turning your compassion into commercials, your hope into hollow words, your love into thirst for the short-lasting offerings of the world. May we find our way to the One born simply, born gracefully, for us – Jesus, the Child of wonder and life. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

Kyrie Eleison

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Creator of the cosmos has offered us gifts this season. God’s hope, God’s life, and God’s mercy, are the true gifts we receive every day and every moment.
We give thanks once again to our gracious God, who has forgiven us and blessed us beyond measure. Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-32 Bibles, p.53/LG. p.69

Claudia Morgan-Gray

CAROL HYMN#145

“What Child Is This”

Dix, 1871

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7 Bibles, p.54/LG. p.71

John Bruce Hillin

CAROL

“O Holy Night”

Bert Lowe, Soloist

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16 Bibles, p.54/LG. p.71

Carol Scoggins

CAROL

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”
(Incorporated tune “CAROL” by Willis)
(Chancel Choir)

Siolund

SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11 Bibles, p.1/LG. p.2

James Nicholson

*CAROL HYMN#151 *“We Three Kings of Orient Are” (v.1 & 5)* Hopkins, Jr., 1857

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Angels Song”* Willan

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

EIGHTH LESSON John1:1-14 Bibles, p.86/LG. p.111 Claudia Morgan-Gray

*CAROL HYMN#88 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v.1,6-7)* Weaver, 1988

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL CAROL#40 *“Joy to the World”* Watts, 1719

POSTLUDE *“From Heaven High to Earth He Came”* Pachelbel

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: the family of Jack Clark, Robbie Brooks, Syble DeLoach, Debbie Murphy, Juan Castro, Cindy Ratliff, Sue Williams and Dr. David Craig.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. 12/24	Christmas Eve Service	5:30pm
Sun. 12/25	Christmas Day Worship	10:00am
Mon. 12/26	Pipeline Deadline	

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