

# A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 27, 2020

10:30a.m.

## PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten  
Five Variants on unto Us a Boy is Born

Mitchell Jerko, organist  
by Rex Koury  
by Raymond H. Haan

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Healy

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Townsend Family)

One: A child has been born for us...on them light has shined...Let us pray.

**All: All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

## OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; **sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name; **tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples. **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.**

Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming. **God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!**

## HYMN 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

## FIRST LESSON

Michael Donnelly

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

## CAROL 121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Bernie Poulter

## SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

## CAROL 88

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Sharon Snyder

## THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah*

## CAROL 123

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Doug Tippin

## FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation*

## CAROL 129

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Jackie Macdonald

## FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child*

## CAROL 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Brianna Dowling

## SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child*

## CAROL 115

"Away in a Manger"

**SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields  
and announce the birth of the Messiah*

Bill Snyder

**CAROL 113** “Angels We Have Heard on High”**EIGHTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah  
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

Stephen Wilson

**CAROL 151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”**NINTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh  
and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

Joan Nelson

**CAROL 122** “Silent Night, Holy Night”**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN 134** “Joy to the World!”**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Terry Healy

**POSTLUDE**  
*Wondrous Tidings*

Mitchell Jerko, organist  
by Carl Simone

**What is Epiphany?**

The word “epiphany” means “appearance” or “manifestation” of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or a solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry *into the world*; Epiphany extols the revelation of God *to the world* in the person of Jesus.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and arising of Light in darkness, stability amid chaos, assurance amid anxiety for the whole creation. Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God’s true Light...to show and tell of Christ as God’s gift of grace and salvation for all people. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

*Please join us as we give thanks for the “sun of righteousness” breaking into the world on Sunday, January 3!*

NOTE: On Epiphany Sunday, we will receive what we call “Star-Gifts”—simple paper stars with a word, a thought, a notion to ponder throughout the coming year as to what gift, what talent, what blessing God has bestowed upon you or may be calling you to share with others in the new year. We invite you to come eager to find out what word you receive this year; what ways God will use you in the year as it unfolds.

Join us on **Sunday, January 3**, to receive your word, and to begin your journey of discovery for 2021! If you are unable to attend in-person services on January 3, “Star-Gifts” will be available in the office for pickup.

## **Calendar for December 27<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In Person and On-line

Monday – December 28<sup>th</sup>

All Day – Church office Closed

Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Community Showers

6:00 p.m. Community Meals hosted by First Presbyterian

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

12:00 p.m. – Church Office Closes for New Year's Eve

12:00 p.m. – Community Meals hosted by First Lutheran

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

All Day – Church Office Closed for New Years

## **Announcements**

The flowers on the Communion table are given by David and Nancy Parker in honor of Marilyn Parker's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday. In addition, we have flowers from Tim and Shelly Norris in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Flower Sign Up for the Communion table for 2021** is now available. If you have a date in 2021 that you would like to provide the flowers, please call the office and we will sign you up. The price of flowers starting the first Sunday of 2021 will be \$45.

## **Community Outreach Dinner Volunteers**

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> will be Team #9:**

Main Dish: Marti Meek, Claudia Voos, Donna Davis, Chris Butler

Side Dish & Bread: Linda Couch

Dessert: Garalyn & Jerry Connery

Servers: Claudia Voos, Kristine Tiroch, Linda Couch, Kiwanis Club

**The Upper Room Devotionals for January/February are available now.** You can pick one up anytime Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you would like us to mail you one, please call the office at 785-587-9578 and we will be happy to do so.

## **Ways to Serve and Give**

**We need your help to continue to provide BREAKFAST BAGS to the community!** In an effort to continue providing our community with a weekly breakfast which are handed out every Tuesday night with the community dinner. Initially we prepared 50 bags per week. As the need has increased, we are currently preparing 70 bags per week. Our Community Breakfast volunteers have been very gracious in helping provide food. But with this new demand we need your help in providing nonperishable breakfast foods. Following is a list of the items we are in constant need of:

- Granola bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit Cups, Juice Cups, Instant Oatmeal packets, large sized brown lunch bags, plastic spoons, napkins

**You can drop off food to the office anytime Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**