



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MANHATTAN, KANSAS



LESSONS & CAROLS
JANUARY 1, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Prelude | Dr. David Pickering

Greeting & Announcements

Hymn #133 | "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

All: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

One: With joy, let us pray...through all the earth.

All: The grace of God be with us all.

One: O Christ...of every race and tongue.

All: The grace of God be with us all.

One: O Christ...peace and freedom for all.

All: The grace of God be with us all.

One: O Christ...sustain the faith of the persecuted.

All: The grace of God be with us all.

One: O Christ...now and forever. Amen

Hymn #140 | "Once in Royal David's City"

The Offering

Offertory | Dr. David Pickering

*Doxology | Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & 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.

First Lesson | 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"

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"

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"

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"

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"

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

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

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

Carol #122 | "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Charge & Benediction

May the Christ, who, by his incarnation,
gathered into one the things of heaven and earth,
fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Alleluia!

Go forth in peace and joy.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn #134 | “Joy to the World!”

Postlude | Dr. David Pickering, Organist

*This service of nine lessons and carols originates from a 1918 Christmas Eve service at King's College Chapel, University of Cambridge, England.

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 8!

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 8, to receive your word, and to begin your journey of discovery for 2023!