

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

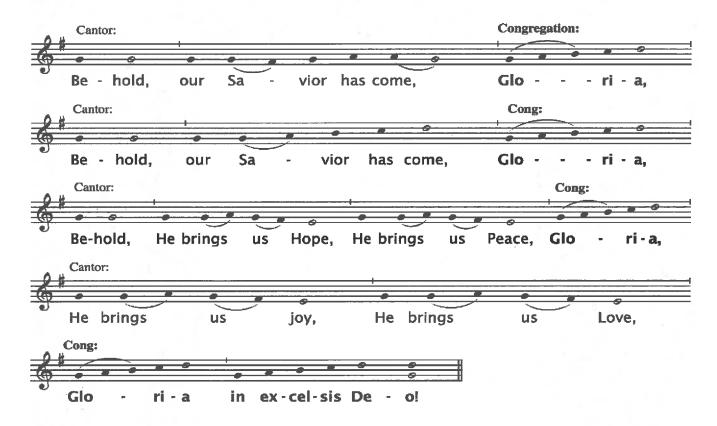
Please turn off all cell phones.

Prelude:

(7:30) In Dulci Jubilo – 16th Century Carol (10:00) Vom Himmel hoch – Felix Mendelssohn (See insert)

†Please stand when the bell rings.

*Antiphon:



†Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful, #41

arr. Matthew Culloton

Verse 1: All Verse 2: Women Verse 3: All

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Julia A. Carlson

Anthem:

This Christmas Night

Malcolm Williamson

How sweet and clear above the sounds of war, the clamorous bells are pealing their delight! The angels sing of glory, as they soar among manmade stars, this Christmas night. And, once again, with spices and with gold, Three Kings are riding through the sparkling snow.

To this poor lodging in the bitter cold where Mary kneels within the lantern glow to watch her baby lying in the hay, and think about the wonder of His birth; And as He sleeps, to fold her hands and pray for peace to come upon this troubled earth.

Lesson 1: Isaiah 11:1-10 Linda Smith

Carol: Prepare the Way, #13 (remain seated)

Lesson 2: Micah 5: 2-5a Gordon Anderson

Carol: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming, #48 (remain seated)

Lesson 3: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Jennifer Gobel

***Carol:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #31 arr. Aaron David Miller

Lesson 4: Luke 2:1-7 Ingrid Verhagen

***Carol:** What Child Is This, #53 arr. Mathew Culloton

Lesson 5: Luke 2:8-16

Julie Schramke

Anthem:

Rise up, Shepherd and Follow arr. Matthew Culloton

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn,
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born!
Follow, follow, rise up and shepherd and follow,
Follow the star of Bethlehem,
Rise up shepherd and follow!

Leave your flocks and leave your lambs,
Leave your flocks and leave your rams.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow!

If you take good heed to the angel's word,
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd.

*Carol: Away in a Manger, #25

Christmas Homily What Do You Need for Christmas?

David A. Van Dyke

***Carol:** Joy to the World!, #40 arr. Aaron David Miller

Christmas Offering

Jeffrey T. Foels

Offertory Anthem:

What Sweeter Music John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol, for to sing The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night fly hence away, And give the honor to this day That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn Thus on the sudden? Come and see The cause, why things thus fragrant be:

'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth Gives life and lustre, public mirth, To heaven and the underearth.

We see him come, and know him ours, Who, with his sunshine and his showers, Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come, And fit it is, we find a room To welcome him, The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart,

Which we will give him; and bequeath This holly, and this ivy wreath, To do him honor; who's our King, And Lord of all this revelling. (adapted from Robert Herrick)

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.

The Service of Lights

Lesson 6: John 1:1-14

(During the orchestral introduction to the hymn, candle light is passed from the ushers to the congregation.

Stand for the singing of the hymn.)

- † **Hymn:** Silent Night, Holy Night, #60 (See text below.)
- + Benediction

Postlude

Participants: David A. Van Dyke, Pastor; Jeffrey T. Foels, Associate Pastor; Julia A. Carlson, Associate Pastor; Aaron David Miller, Organist; Matthew Culloton, Conductor

House of Hope Motet Choir

SOPRANOS: Beth Althof*, Maggie Armstrong, Melissa Culloton*, Signe Ilstrup, Jennifer Gobel, Lynda Jorgenson, Linh Kauffman*, Nicole Menard, Peggy Radio, Kathleen Schubert, Myrtis Skarich, Linda Smith, Hannah Armstrong Stanke, Tom Teeple, Linda Trouten ALTOS: Dorothea Anderson, Deb Broberg, Krista Costin*, Erika Gesme*, Jane Henderson, Stacia Hilmar, Laura Merriam, Barbara Molstad, Gina Porter, Elena Rosenberg-Carlson, Julie Schramke, Ulla Tervo-Desnick, Ingrid Verhagen TENORS: Andrew Collins, John Dell, Joel Fischer*, Lon Hendricks, Phil Jorgenson, David Lower*, Thomas Osteraas, David Pearson, Fred Skarich, Patrick Smith, Bruce Trouten BASSES: Gordon Anderson, Ben Behler, Timothy Bruett*, Sheldon Damberg, Gabriel Hilmar, Ben MacKenzie, Everett Rotenberry, Brad Runyan*, William Sales*, Gail Tritle, Robert Wojcicki (* denotes Section Leader)

Bach Chamber Players of Saint Paul

Violins 1: Deborah Serafini, Emilia Mettenbrink, Laurie Pétruconis • Violins 2: Jean De Vere, Holly Ager, Stephanie Skor • Violas: Tamas Strasser, Sam Bergman • Cellos: James Jacobson, Kirsten Whitson • Bass: Fred Bretschger • Flutes: Barbara Leibundguth, Wendy Williams • Oboes: Merilee Klemp, Robert McManus • Clarinets: David Pharris, Jennifer Gerth • Bassoons: John Miller, Katie Bauernfeind • Horns: Bruce Hudson, Charles Hodgson Trumpets: Martin Hodel, Amy Schendel • Trombones: Larry Zimmerman, Todd Schendel • Timpani: Peter Kogan Percussion: Paul Gunther

The CHRISTMAS OFFERING will be distributed by the church's Mission Outreach Committee to help the poor, sick, hungry, and homeless in our neighborhood, our city, and across the world. At this holy time of the year, we pray for a generous response to this special offering for those in need. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please give generously to this important offering.

Silent Night, Holy Night

1 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.

2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!" 3 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus Lord, at thy birth!

4 Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

⁺ Stand as you are able