

The Service of Lights

Lesson 6: John 1:1-5

Hymn: *Silent Night, Holy Night*, #60 (See text below.)

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

+ **Benediction**

Postlude

Participants: Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Julia A. Carlson, Associate Pastor; Rev. Zach O. Wilson, Transition Associate Pastor; Dr. Aaron David Miller, Organist; Dr. Matthew Culloton, Conductor

HOUSE OF HOPE MOTET CHOIR

SOPRANOS: Hannah Armstrong*, Amanda Bindner, Melissa Holm-Johansen*, Signe Ilstrup, Jennifer Gobel, Lynda Jorgenson, Linh Kauffman*, Kristina MacKenzie, Nicole Menard, Peggy Radio, Kathleen Schubert, Linda Smith, Tom Teeple, Linda Trouten ALTOS: Dorothea Anderson, Deb Broberg, Krista Costin*, Allison Eckberg*, Margot Haining, Jane Henderson, Stacia Hilmar, Deb James, Laura Merriam, Barbara Molstad, Julie Schramke, Ingrid Verhagen TENORS: Andrew Collins, John Dell, Joel Fischer*, Lon Hendricks, Phil Jorgenson, David Lower*, Thomas Oстераas, David Pearson, Fred Skarich, Patrick Smith, Bruce Trouten BASSES: Gordon Anderson, Ben Behler, Timothy Bruett*, Sheldon Damberg, Gabriel Hilmar, Thomas Jermann, Brad Runyan*, William Sales*, Gail Tritle, Robert Wojcicki (* denotes Section Leader)

BACH CHAMBER PLAYERS OF SAINT PAUL

Violins 1: Deborah Serafini, David Brubaker, Laurie Petruconis Violins 2: Jean De Vere, Holly Ager, Stephanie Skor Viola: Tamas Strasser, Susan Janda Cellos: Arek Tesarczyk, Hocheol Shin Bass: David Williamson Flutes: Adam Kuenzel, Wendy Williams Oboes: Basil Reeve, Robert McManus Clarinets: David Pharris, Jennifer Gerth Bassoons: John Miller, Joseph Jones Horns: Bruce Hudson, Michael Petruconis Trumpets: Marissa Benedict, Lynn Ericson, Amy Schendel Trombones: Kari Sundstrom, Todd Schendel Timpani: Peter Kogan Percussion: Paul Gunther

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Silent Night, Holy Night

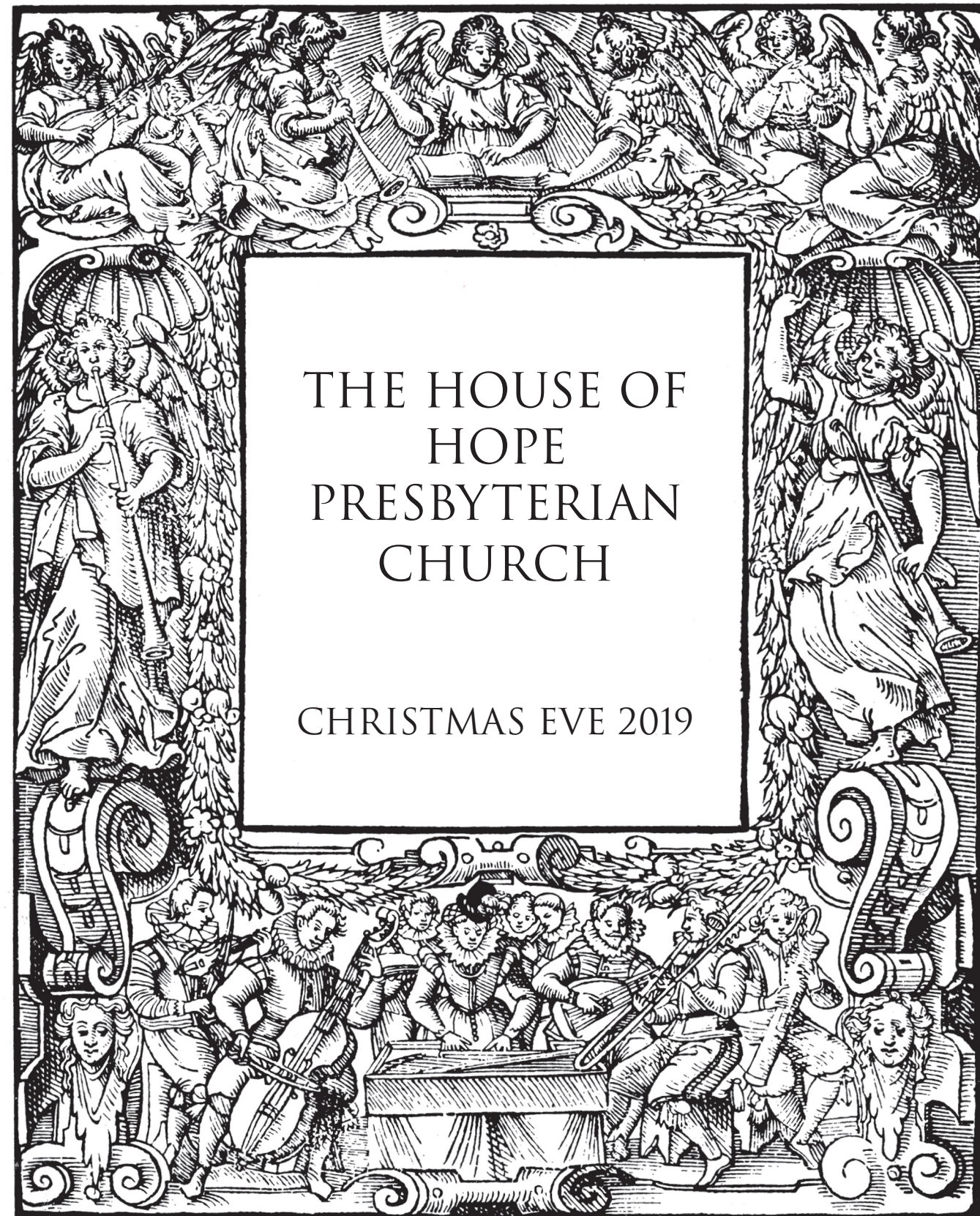
**1. Silent night, Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**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



A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

Please turn off all cell phones.

Prelude:

(7:30) *Vom Himmel Hoch*

16th Century Carol

(10:00) *Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248, Part 1* - (See insert for text)

J. S. Bach

+Please stand when the bell rings.

+Antiphon:

Cantor: Be - hold, our Sa - vior has come, Congregation: Glo - - - ri - a,

Cantor: Be - hold, our Sa - vior has come, Cong: Glo - - - ri - a,

Cantor: Be-hold, He brings us Hope, He brings us Peace, Cong: Glo - ri - a,

Cantor: He brings us joy, He brings us Love,

Cong: Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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

arr. Matthew Culloton

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

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Rev. Zachary O. Wilson

Anthem: Myn Liking

R. R. Terry

Motet Choir; Rachel Brandwein, Harp; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

I saw a fair mayden sytin and sing,
She lulled a lytel childe, a sweete Lording.

Lullay myn lyking, my dere sonne, my sweeting, Lullay my dere herte myn own dere derling.

That same Lord is He that made alle thing;
Of alle Lordes He is Lord, Of alle King es King.

There was mickle melody at that chylde's birth.
All that were in heav'nly bliss they made mickle mirth.

Angels bright sang their song to that chyld;
Blyssid be Thou, and so be she, so meek and so mild.
(15th Century English Poem)

Lesson 1: Isaiah 11:1-10

Jane Henderson

Carol: *On This Day Earth Shall Ring, #46* (remain seated)

Lesson 2: Micah 5:2-5a

Linda Smith

+Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem, #44*

arr. Aaron David Miller

Lesson 3: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Bob Wojcicki

+Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #31*

arr. Aaron David Miller

Lesson 4: Luke 2:1-7

Peggy Radio

Anthem: Hallelu!

Stephen Paulus

Down in a valley, sing hallelu!
Mary had a baby, sing hallelu!
What did she name Him, sing hallelu!
Named Him Jesus, sing hallelu!

Carol: *Away in a Manger, #25* (remain seated)

Anthem: Rise up Shepherd and Follow

African-American Spiritual, arr. Matthew Culloton

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn,
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born!

Leave your flocks and leave your lambs, Leave your flocks and leave your rams, Rise up, shepherd, and follow!

Follow, follow, rise up shepherd and follow, Follow the star of Bethlehem,
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.

Lesson 5: Luke 2:8-20

Margot Haining

+Carol: *What Child Is This, #53*

arr. Matthew Culloton

Christmas Homily: Shepherds, Singing

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

+Carol: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, #28*

arr. Aaron David Miller

Christmas Offering

Harp Solo: *Venite Adoremus*

English Folk Song, arr. Aaron David Miller

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

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.