



THE HOUSE OF
HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2025

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
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Prelude

(5 p.m.) *Gloria* (1st Movement)

Antonio Vivaldi

(7:30 p.m.) *Gloria* (Complete) (see insert for texts)

Please stand in body or spirit when the bell rings.

+Antiphon:

The antiphon is written for Cantor and Congregation. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Be - hold, our Sa - vior has come, Glo - - - ri - a, Be - hold, our Sa - vior has come, Glo - - - ri - a, Be - hold, He brings us Hope, He brings us Peace, Glo - ri - a, He brings us joy, He brings us Love, Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!"

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

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

ADESTE FIDELES

Verse 1: All

Verse 2: Treble Voices

Verse 3: All

Anthem: *Light of the World*

Karen Marrolli

Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.
Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.
Christ, in your glory, come to light the way;
teach us how to follow.

Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.
Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.
Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love.
Teach us how to follow!

We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless.
We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.
Christ, in your image, we'll greet the world;
this is how we follow.

Light of our days, we feel your dawning call;
send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!
Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one.
We will always follow!

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Lesson 1: Isaiah 11:1-10

Gordon Anderson

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

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Lesson 2: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol Kolb

+Carol: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Verses 1 & 4), #38*

CAROL

Lesson 3: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Julie Schramke

Anthem: *Do You Know the Song the Angels Sang*
Rachel Brandwein, Harp

Frank Ferko

Do you know the song that the angels sang
On that night in the long ago,
When the heavens above with their music rang
Till it echoed in the earth below?

*All glory in the highest,
Peace on earth, goodwill to all.*

Do you know the song that the shepherds heard
As they watched o'er their flocks by night,
When the skies bent down, and their hearts were stirred
By the voices of the angels bright?

Do you know the story that the wise men learned
As they journeyed from the east afar,
O'er a pathway plain, for there nightly burned
In their sight a glorious guiding star?

(Abner Cobb, 1854-1923)

Lesson 4: Luke 2:1-7

Bill Sales

+Carol: *Angels We Have Heard on High, #23*

GLORIA

Lesson 5: Luke 2:8-20

Tim Bruett

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

IN DULCI JUBILO

Christmas Meditation

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

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

MENDELSSOHN

Christmas Offering (see back page for ways to give)

Harp Solo: *Sussex Carol*

17th Century English Carol

Rachel Brandwein, Harp

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

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.

Anthem: *Light Everlasting*

Olaf Christiansen

O Light Everlasting, O Love never failing.
Illumine our darkness and draw us to thee.
May we from thy spirit receive inspiration
As children together thy wisdom may see.
Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation,
And help us O Father, thy temple to be.

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Lesson 6: John 1:1-14

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

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

STILLE NACHT

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

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.

***Benediction**

Postlude

⁺Stand in body or spirit

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Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please give generously to this important offering.

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- QR Code. Select "Give online", enter amount and use "Contribution General Fund"



PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff; Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Transitional Associate Pastor;
Dr. Aaron David Miller, Organist; Dr. Matthew Culloton, Conductor; The Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra; Carillon Prelude:
Timothy Short.

*Carol orchestration arranged by Matthew Culloton. **Carol orchestration arranged by Aaron David Miller.

THE MOTET CHOIR:

Sopranos: Hannah Armstrong*, Ann Elliott, Signe Ilstrup, Lynda Jorgenson, Linh Kauffman*, Diane Koschak*, Kristina MacKenzie, Cally Minner, Peggy Radio, Linda Smith, Sophie Stein, Lillie Elliott Sterling, Rebecca White, Catherine Wood, Yojin Yoon **Altos:** Dorothea Anderson, Kelsey Bogdanovich, Allison Eckberg*, Stacia Hilmar, Deb James, Laura Merriam, Cindy Messer, Lezlie Nelson, Paula Norman, Sandy Schoenecker*, Julie Schramke, Christy Sutherland **Tenors:** Dale Braun, John Dell, Bryan Garcia*, Lon Hendricks, Phil Jorgenson, Ron Kolb, David Lower*, Tom Osteraas, David Pearson, J. Patrick Smith, Mark Sutherland, Bruce Trouten **Basses:** Gordon Anderson, Kip Beardsley, Ben Behler, Jeff Bipes*, Timothy Bruett*, Samuel Eckberg*, John Hokanson, Ben MacKenzie, William Sales*, Seung Joo Yoon *indicates section leader

THE HOUSE OF HOPE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:

Violin 1: Stephanie Arado, Conor O'Brien, Elizabeth Bell **Violin 2:** Karl Braaten, Erika Hoogetveen, Stephanie Skor **Violas:** Lydia Grimes, Niloofar Hadi Sohi **Cellos:** Rebecca Parker Downs, Melissa McCarthy Steinberg **Double Bass:** Irving Steinberg **Flutes:** Catherine Ramirez, Karen Baumgartner **Oboes:** Sarah Boyle Carmack, Robert McManus **Clarinets:** Jennifer Gerth, Simon Plum **Bassoons:** Matthew Bertrand, Emma Plehal **Horns:** Patrick Pridemore, Katelyn Lewis **Trumpets:** Marissa Benedict, Graham Taylor **Trombones:** Larry Zimmerman, Mark Springer **Timpani:** Adam Rappel **Percussion:** Andrew Myers