



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2024 • 4:00 PM • Christmas Eve

Artwork by Adair Rabun

PRELUDE *Angels from the Realms of Glory with Ding Dong Merrily on High* Arr. Richard Kingsmore
Shenwei Geng, pianist

WELCOME Suzy Edwards

***CAROL** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (v.1)
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

One: We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light;
All: We, who lived in darkness, on such a light has shined.

One: For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us,
All: He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace! He will rule with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Word Family

***CAROL** *(Cloth and Hay - Helen and Carter Cline)* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v.1)
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SECOND LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-4 The Peaceful Kingdom - Burchell Heuring*

***CAROL** *(Gabriel and Animals - Ada and Eleanor DeStafano)* *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King": the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

THIRD LESSON *Luke 1:26-33, 38 The Birth of Jesus Foretold - Sally Magill*

***CAROL** *(Children's Choir come forward)* *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v.1 and 2)
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

FOURTH LESSON

*Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus - Matthew Cline
(Mary, Joseph and Bethlehem - Anna Stewart, Hunter Judy and Dixon Wendell)*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *(Baby Jesus and Stable - Leighton Lucy and Burchell Heuring)* *Away in a Manger*

FIFTH LESSON *Luke 2:8-20 The Shepherds and Angels - Elliott and Taylor Wendell*

***CAROL** *(Shepherds and Angels - Rose & Evelyn Collie; Neela, Miller and Jay Dhand)* *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (v.1)*
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

SIXTH LESSON *Matthew 2:1-11 - Carter Cline*

***CAROL** *We Three Kings (v. 1 & 5)*
(Star and Wisemen - Addie Grace, Ella Rae and Sullivan Smith; Adair, Foster and Wallace Rabun)
We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect
light!
Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice: Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.

GOSPEL LESSON *John 1:1-5; 14- Suzy Edwards*

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

CHRISTMAS PRAYER WITH 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***CAROL** *(Ushers pass out candles to children)* *Silent Night, Holy Night! (v. 1-4)*
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.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"

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!

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

***CAROL** *Joy to the World (v. 1-4)*
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature
sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the
sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is
found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his
love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.