



**Third  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*Seeking the Light*

Let midnight gather up the wind  
And the cry of tires on bitter snow.  
Let midnight call the cold dogs home,  
Sleet in their fur—last one can blow

the streetlights out. If children sleep  
after the day's unfoldings, the wheel  
of gifts and griefs, may their breathing  
ease the strange hollowness we feel.

Let midnight draw whoever's left  
To the gate where a burnt-out log unrolls  
Low mutterings of smoke until  
A small fire wakes in its crib of coals.

Conrad Hilberry  
*Christmas Night*

**The Worship of God  
Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2015

4:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

# Joy to the World!

On behalf of the Third Presbyterian Church family -- members, officers and staff -- welcome to Christmas Eve worship at Third Church. We hope that your celebration on this holy night is filled with joy and peace.

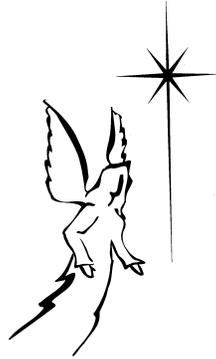
If you are visiting Third Presbyterian Church, we extend an especially warm welcome and invite you to join us in our ministry of worship, service, and nurture. We worship every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We offer a wide variety of programs for all ages, including music, education, and outreach.

Our next "Exploring Membership Dinner" will take place on February 21; it offers an opportunity to share your story and hear from others about the journeys that brought us here, and explore ways to connect. For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, please respond to Lynette Sparks (lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 106). You can also learn more about us by visiting [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org).

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Please turn off your cell phone, pager, and/or chiming watch before the service begins.

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## **2015 Christmas Joy Offering**

The 2015 Christmas Joy Offering will be received this evening.  
Please be generous as you are able.

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### Worship on December 27, 2015

8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Music, Prayers and Readings for Christmas

"A Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols" from Third Church, clergy, lay readers, and congregation, will air on WXXI FM 91.5 on Christmas Eve at 11:00pm. You can send friends and relatives around the world the link to [www.wxxi.org/listen](http://www.wxxi.org/listen) so that they can stream the audio of the broadcast live at that time. This is a pre-recorded service of Lessons and Carols (not a live broadcast of our Christmas Eve service) recorded this past January in the Third Church Sanctuary.



For Thy coming we prepare, wisdom from on high,  
Gracious Spirit, Lord most fair: now to us draw nigh.

O come, O come, Immanuel, and free Thy children, Israel,  
be now our hope, our comfort from above, And bless us all with  
everlasting love; O bless us all with everlasting love.

**SCRIPTURE of the  
ANNUNCIATION**

Luke 1:26-35

**CAROL** **“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”** West Indian Carol  
arr. Hal Hopson  
Junior Choir; Myles Vasta, *maracas*

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
And they said that his name was Jesus.

*He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.*

The angels sang when the baby was born,  
And proclaimed him the Savior Jesus.

The shepherds ran to where the baby was born  
And they worshipped the Savior Jesus.

**CONGREGATIONAL  
CAROL 121**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

ST. LOUIS

*Stanzas 1 and 2*

**SCRIPTURE of the  
MANGER**

Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL** **“Sing Noel”** Natalie Sleeth  
Glorious Voices

Shepherds, shepherds, hear the story:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Rise and go to see His glory,  
leave your flock to welcome Him!

*Sing noel, O sing noel,  
O sing noel, for Christ is born!*

Angels, angels, heav’nly chorus,  
Christ has come to earth today!  
Bright the star that goes before us,  
pointing clear to all the way!

*Sing noel...*

Wisemen, wisemen, treasure bringing  
to the manger bed afar,  
joyful praises ever singing,  
follow now the guiding star.

*Sing noel...*

**CAROL "Unto Us a Child Is Born"**

Laura Farnell  
Junior Choir and Glorious Voices

For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is giv'n.  
God is with us, Emmanuel. For unto us a child is born;  
unto us a son is giv'n. Alleluia! A savior has come!

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay.  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

He shall be called Emmanuel. Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

*For unto us... Away in a manger...A savior has come!*

**CONGREGATIONAL  
CAROL 136**

**"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

GO TELL IT

*Stanzas 1 and 2*

**SCRIPTURE of the  
ANGELS**

Luke 2:8-14

**CAROL "Wind Through the Olive Trees"**

arr. Lee Kjelson  
Junior Choir; Reese Ossont, *soloist*

Wind through the olive trees  
Softly did blow  
'Round little Bethlehem  
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay  
Whiter than snow,  
Angels were watching them  
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky,  
Angels bent low,  
Singing their songs of joy  
Long, long ago.

Then from a manger bed,  
Cradled we know,  
Christ came to Bethlehem,  
Long, long ago.

**SCRIPTURE of the  
SHEPHERDS**

Luke 2:15, 18

**CAROL "I Saw Three Ships"**

Craig Curry

Junior Choir; Sabine Lucas, *soloist*; Junior High Bells

I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day!  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;  
And what was in those ships all three,  
On Christmas Day in the morning?

Our Savior, Christ, and his lady,  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
Our Savior Christ and his lady,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray, wither sailed those ships all three,  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?  
Pray, wither sailed those ships all three,  
On Christmas Day in the morning?

And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
And all the angels in heav'n shall sing,  
And all the souls on earth shall sing.  
on Christmas Day!

Then let us all rejoice again,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
Then let us all rejoice again,  
on Christmas Day in the morning!

**SCRIPTURE of the  
MAGI**

Matthew 2:1-12

**CAROL 151**

**"We Three Kings"**

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*Congregation sings stanzas 1 and 5 and refrain.  
Junior Choir sings stanzas 2,3,4*

**CONGREGATIONAL  
CAROL 147**

**"The First Nowell"**

THE FIRST NOWELL

*Stanzas 1 and 2*

**SCRIPTURE of the  
GIFT**

1 John 4:7-12

**CONGREGATIONAL  
CAROL 133**

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

ADESTE FIDELIS

*Stanzas 1 and 4*

## LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

The Willett Family:

Claudia and Richard Willett, Amanda and Alexandra

**LEADER:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. Unto us a child is born. Unto us a child is given. As we light the Christ candle on this holy night, let us seek to share the light of Christ in our hearts and homes, in our city and world, for this light is the light of all.

**PEOPLE:** Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*(The acolytes will light the candles of those at the ends of the pews. Pass the light to those next to you, holding the lit candle upright and tilting the unlit candle toward it. Please extinguish candles with the singing of "Joy to the World.")*

## SPREADING the LIGHT

## CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

### "Silent Night"

STILLE NACHT

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,  
Alleluias to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

**PRAYER  
& 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.

**RECESSIONAL**

**"Joy to the World"**

ANTIOCH

1. 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.
2. Joy to the world! 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Fantasy on 'Antioch'"**

Emma Lou Diemer

*During the postlude, the congregation is invited to bring their Christmas Joy Offering forward and place it in the basket at the manger or with the ushers at the door.*

## Participants in the Nativity:

<i>READERS:</i>	Celia Fox, Jonathan Lutzer
<i>ACOLYTES:</i>	Kelly Knickerbocker, Danielle Lipari, Maisie Merz, Miranda Owen, Rachel Schaefer, Audrey Vinton Lily Hutkowski
<i>ANGEL GABRIEL:</i>	Emily Rachfal
<i>MARY:</i>	Harrison Lucas
<i>JOSEPH:</i>	Greg Monrad
<i>INNKEEPER:</i>	Daniel Bishop, Henry Fox, Andy Hutkowski, Timothy Hutkowski, Zachary Hutkowski, Alexa Monrad, Benjamin Primerano, Nicholas Pimerano, Olivia Rye, Lydia Stratton-Smith, Massimo Vasta, Tessa Vasta
<i>SHEPHERDS:</i>	Andy and Nate Austin Ron Roach and Layne Harned Peter and Jacob Weishaar Cori Averill and Leanne Averill
<i>KINGS AND PAGES:</i>	Keira Mahar, Anthony Mangieri, Max Wheeler, Jarr Briggs
<i>COSTUMES:</i>	Lauren Rye
<i>LIGHT CREW:</i>	Mary Ann Rutkowski
<i>NATIVITY STAGING DIRECTOR:</i>	Caroline Robinson
<i>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:</i>	
<i>ASSISTANT ORGANIST:</i>	
<i>JUNIOR CHOIR/GLORIOUS VOICES</i>	
<i>ACCOMPANIST:</i>	Beth Fischer
<i>GIUITAR:</i>	Paul Henry
<i>JUNIOR HIGH HANDBELL DIRECTOR:</i>	Jeanne Fisher
<i>CHOIR ASSISTANTS:</i>	Chris Colaluca, Barb Rich, Katie Orem
<i>USHERS:</i>	Justin Connolly, Ann McMican, Bob Merz, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., Griff Vinton, Rob White



**ANTHEM "Adam Lay Ybounden"**

Carson Cooman

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a-been heavene queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun (*must*) singen, *Deo gratias!*

*15<sup>th</sup> century, anonymous*

**GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20**

*(Pew Bible, NT page 5)*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**MEDITATION**

John Wilkinson

**\* HYMN 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

ST. LOUIS

**\* LITANY for CHRISTMAS**

Our Song of Hope, Reformed Church in America

LEADER: We sing to the Lord a new song;  
We sing in our world a sure Hope:

PEOPLE: **Our God loves this world, God called it into being,  
God renews it though Jesus Christ, God governs it by  
the Spirit. God is the world's true Hope.**

LEADER: We are a people of hope  
waiting for the return of our Lord.

PEOPLE: **After we refused to live in the image of God, He was  
born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and our  
instinct, entering our culture, speaking our language,  
fulfilling the law of our God. Being united to Christ's  
humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in Him.**

LEADER: God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all  
unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands,  
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.

PEOPLE: **Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no  
more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth,  
and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

ALL: **Come, Lord Jesus; We are open to your Spirit. We  
await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you  
alone.**

**OFFERTORY  
ANTHEM**

**"Ave Maria"**

Robert Parsons

# THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION  
TO THE LORD'S TABLE  
GREAT PRAYER  
OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**  
LEADER: Lift up your hearts.  
PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
LEADER: Eternal God, on this holy night  
we do give you thanks and praise...

Therefore we praise you, joining with choirs  
Of angels and with the faithful of every time and place,  
Who forever lift their voices and sing:

(organ intro) Richard Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
san-na in the high-est. Blest is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## 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 WORDS  
OF INSTITUTION  
SHARING THE BREAD  
AND CUP

*(The elements will be served as you sit in the pews. Please hold the elements until all have been served. Gluten-free bread is provided for the Lord's Supper. Each bread tray contains pieces of gluten-free bread individually packaged in small plastic bags.)*

MOTET

### **"O Little One Sweet"**

Old German Melody  
harm. by J.S. Bach

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled; Thou cam'st from heav'n to mortal ken, Equal to be with us poor men, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, With joy thou hast the whole world filled; Thou camest here from heav'n's domain, To bring us comfort in our pain, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, In thee love's beauties are all distilled; then light in us thy love's bright flame, That we may give thee back the same, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we thank you for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank you that in Jesus you became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. Glory to you for your grace-filled love. Glory to you, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE SHARING  
of THE LIGHT**

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CAROL

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## MOMENT of SILENCE

### \* CAROL "Joy to the World"

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And heaven and nature sing,  
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And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
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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.

### \* BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" (BWV 729)

J.S. Bach

#### Participants in the 8:00 p.m. service:

- PREACHER:* John Wilkinson  
*LITURGISTS:* Martha Langford, Lynette Sparks  
*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:* Peter DuBois  
*ASSISTANT ORGANIST:* Caroline Robinson  
*VOCAL ENSEMBLE:* *Soprano*– Deven Hearne, Betsy Marvin, Paige Kiefner, Katie Orem  
*Alto*– Jeanne Fisher, Caroline Nielson, Caroline Robinson, Helen Tiss  
*Tenor*– Anders Namestnik, Russell West  
*Bass*– Michael Orem, Craig Packard, Chadwick Somers

# A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

11:00 p.m. Sanctuary

*Please turn off all mobile phones, pagers and chiming watches.*

*\* Stand as you are able*

The aisle candles in the sanctuary are designed to be decorative, and are not intended to support weight. For your safety, we ask that you not touch them, or pull on them to assist in standing or sitting. Thank you.

**PRELUDE**    **“Berceuse-Paraphrase”**    George Baker  
**“Le Sommeil de L’Enfant Jésus”**    Henri Büsser  
(The Sleep of the Infant Jesus)    Rosina Curren, *violin*; Grace Wong, *harp*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140

**“Once in Royal David’s City”**    IRBY  
arr. David Willcocks  
(*stanza 1 – Junior Choir soloists: Gemma Figer, Sabine Lucas, Harrison Lutzer – Junior Choir and Chancel Choir*)  
(*The congregation will stand and join in singing stanzas 5 and 6*)

**\* 5. And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.**

**\* 6. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
Shall we see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God’s right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.**

## \* CHRISTMAS GREETING and INVOCATION

(*Unison*)    John Wilkinson  
O God, who on this night makes us glad with the remembrance of the birth of our Savior; we pray for peace upon the earth Christ came to save; for love and unity within the one Church He did build; for goodwill among all people. And particularly at this time we remember before Him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed, the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children. Lastly we remember those who rejoice with us, but on another shore and in a greater light; that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in this Lord Jesus, we are one forevermore. Amen.

# THE STORY of OUR SALVATION in LESSONS and CAROLS

## THE FIRST LESSON

*In the two Genesis readings, God first tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise; later, God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19; Genesis 22:15-18

Lynette Sparks

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM "Adam Lay Ybounden"

Carson Cooman

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*15<sup>th</sup> century, anonymous*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*In the Isaiah lesson, Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold; in the Micah lesson, the prophet foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 and Micah 5:2-4

Russell West

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## \* CAROL 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

## THE THIRD LESSON

*The angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary*

Luke 1:26-35,38

Ernest Krug

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM "Magnificat" (St. Paul's)

Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me; and Holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shown strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away. He rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel; as He promised to our forefathers Abraham and His seed forever. (*Canticle of Mary - Luke 1:46-55*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE FOURTH LESSON

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

Luke 2:1,3-7

Roderic P. Frohman

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM "A Stable Lamp is Lighted"

David Hurd

arr. Thomas Morgan

Audrey Yu, *oboe*; Grace Wong, *harp*

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voices and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry and straw like gold shall shine, A barn shall harbor heaven, A stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; The palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry, and every stone shall cry, Though heavy, dull, and dumb, And lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken, And yielded up to die. The sky shall groan and darken And every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry For hearts made hard by sin; God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now as at the ending, the low is lifted high; The stars shall bend their voices, And every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry In praises of the Child By whose descent among us The worlds are reconciled.

- Richard Wilbur

## THE FIFTH LESSON

*The Angels announce the birth to the Shepherds*

Luke 2:8-14

Martha Langford

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### \* CAROL 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

### ANTHEM "Ding! Dong! Merrily on High"

arr. Mack Wilberg

Ding! dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing! Ding! dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing. *Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And "I-o, i-o, i-o!" by priest and people sungen! *Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers! May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers! *Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

- G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

## THE SIXTH LESSON

*The Shepherds go to the Manger*

Luke 2:15-20  
Bradley Sparks

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM "I Wonder as I Wander"

Carl Rütli

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die for poor on'ry people like you and like I. I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from the heavens a star's light did fall, and promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

*- John Jacob Niles*

## HOMILY

John Wilkinson

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lynette Sparks

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**"O Nata Lux"**  
(from *Lux Aeterna*)

Morten Lauridsen

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus we pro perditis. Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis.

(translation) O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

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## LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

*(The ministers will light the candles of those at the ends of the pews. Pass the light to those next to you, holding the lit candle upright and tilting the unlit candle toward it. Please extinguish candles at the beginning of "Joy to the World.")*

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*

John 1:1-5  
John Wilkinson

## **CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night"**

STILLE NACHT

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.

## **MOMENT of SILENCE**

### **\* CAROL "Joy to the World"**

ANTIOCH

1. 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.

2. Joy to the world! 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

## \* BENEDICTION

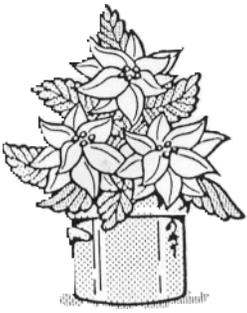
### POSTLUDE "Toccata—Gigue on the Sussex Carol"

George Baker

\* *Stand as you are able*

#### **Participants in the 11:00 p.m. service:**

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*USHERS:* Murie Gillett, Tom Gillett, David Tennant,  
Beth Sieber, Beth Tschorke, Phil Tschorke



We remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.

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**Sunday, December 27, 2015**

8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
Music, Prayers and Readings for Christmas

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Saturday and Sunday, January 9, 10, 2016**

4:00 p.m. Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival



You are invited you to join us at 6:00pm  
in the Third Church Chapel.  
Living Waters returns January 6, 2016.

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