



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

“Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.”

Leonard Cohen

Anthem

**The Worship of God
Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2016

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

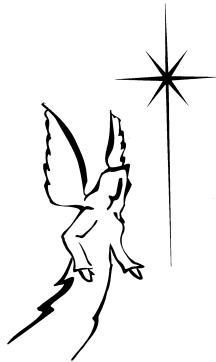
Joy to the World!

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. We offer a wide variety of programs for all ages, including music, education, and outreach.

Our next "Exploring Membership Lunch" will take place on February 5; 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 luncheon, please respond to Lynette Sparks (lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106). You can also learn more about us by visiting www.thirdpresbyterian.org.

Please silence all electronic devices.



2016 Christmas Joy Offering

The 2016 Christmas Joy Offering will be received this evening.
Please be generous as you are able.

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Worship on December 25, 2016

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 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.

CAROL "Jesus Emmanuel"

K. Lee Scott
Junior Choir

O come, the broken heart to mend,
the troubled soul to cure;
with treasures of your grace,
come to the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim;
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

He comes, the prisoners to release,
in satan's bondage held;
brass gates before him break,
Strong chains and shackles yield.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim;
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

How glad the sound, the Savior comes!
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,
and ev'ry voice a song.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come.

SCRIPTURE of the ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:26-35

CAROL "Puer Natus Est"

arr. Andrea Ramsey
Junior Choir

Puer natus est nobis, alleluia,
unde gaudet Jerusalem, alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alleluia.

A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia.
Therefore rejoice, Jerusalem. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alleluia.

Puer natus est nobis, alleluia,
Deo dicamus gratias, alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alleluia.

A Son is given on this day, alleluia.
Rejoice before the Lord and pray, alleluia, alleluia.
Alle, alleluia.

Alle, alleluia.

**CONGREGATIONAL
CAROL 121**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

Stanzas 1 and 2

**SCRIPTURE of the
MANGER**

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL “Rocking Song”

Czech carol
Glorious Voices

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep,
do not stir;
we will lend a coat of fur;
we will rock you, rock you, rock you,
we will rock you, rock you, rock you,
see the fur to keep you warm,
snugly ‘round your tiny form.

Mary’s little baby, sleep,
sweetly sleep;
sleep in comfort, slumber deep;
we will rock you, rock you, rock you,
we will rock you, rock you, rock you,
we will serve you all we can,
darling, darling little man.

CAROL “Unto Us a Child Is Born”

Laura Farnell
Junior Choir and Glorious Voices
Gabrielle Owen, *flute*

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 119**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

**SCRIPTURE of the
ANGELS**

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL "Glory to God"

Pergolesi arr. Michael Burkhardt
Junior Choir; Gabrielle Owen, *flute*

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace,
peace and goodwill
to his people evermore.

**SCRIPTURE of the
SHEPHERDS**

Luke 2:15, 18

CAROL "Sussex Carol"

Traditional English Carol
Arr. William Miller
Junior Choir

On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful king's birth.
Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our redeemer made us glad?
Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?
All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heav'n;
peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen."

**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.
vs. 2– Bailey Briggs, *soloist*
vs. 3– Sophie Veitch, *soloist*
vs. 4– Cooper Ossont, *soloist*

**CONGREGATIONAL
CAROL 132**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
Stanzas 1 and 2

IN DULCI JUBILO

**SCRIPTURE of the
GIFT**

1 John 4:7-12

**CONGREGATIONAL
CAROL 133**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Stanzas 1 and 4

ADESTE FIDELIS

**LIGHTING of the
CHRIST CANDLE**

The Weishaar Family:
Peter and Kelly, Jacob and Faith

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 place their Christmas Joy Offering in the basket at the manger or with the ushers at the door.

Participants in the Nativity:

<i>READERS:</i>	Jonathan Lutzer, Juliana Lutzer
<i>ACOLYTES:</i>	Kelly Knickerbocker, Maisie Merz, Miranda Owen, Lydia Stratton-Smith, Tessa Vasta, Audrey Vinton Celia Fox
<i>ANGEL GABRIEL:</i>	
<i>MARY:</i>	Danielle Lipari
<i>JOSEPH:</i>	Harrison Lucas
<i>INNKEEPER:</i>	Greg Monrad
<i>2ND INNKEEPER:</i>	Dan Bishop
<i>SHEPHERDS:</i>	Katrin Althouse, Hannah Broshears, Tim Hutkowski, Zachary Hutkowski, Sabine Lucas, Harrison Lutzer, Bizzy Merz, Alexa Monrad, Eilee Ossont, Reese Ossont, Ava Taylor, Myles Vasta, Madeline Veitch
<i>KINGS AND PAGES:</i>	Tim and Jack Allyn Mark, Eleanore, and Ethan Derthick Sean and Sarah Singh
<i>COSTUMES:</i>	Cori Averill
<i>LIGHT CREW:</i>	Keira Mahar, Alex Bishop, Trevor Lucas, Julia Wisbey
<i>NATIVITY STAGING DIRECTORS:</i>	Leanne Averill, Lauren Rye
<i>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:</i>	Mary Ann Rutkowski
<i>ORGANIST:</i>	Peter DuBois
<i>JUNIOR CHOIR/GLORIOUS VOICES</i>	
<i>ACCOMPANIST:</i>	Beth Fischer
<i>GUITAR:</i>	Paul Henry
<i>LITURGIST:</i>	John Wilkinson
<i>CHOIR ASSISTANTS:</i>	Chris Colaluca, Barb Rich
<i>USHERS:</i>	Bob Merz, Elmer Dustman, Griff Vinton, Betsy Vinton, Natalie Vinton, Youth volunteers, Rob White

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:00 p.m. Chapel

Please silence all electronic devices.

** Stand as you are able*

- PRELUDE** **From the *Orgelbüchlein*** Johann Sebastian Bach
 “Puer natus in Bethlehem”
 (A Child is Born in Bethlehem)
 “Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar”
 (The Angel Host came from heaven)
 “Pastorale” César Franck

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

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 son 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.

- * HYMN 133** **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** ADESTE FIDELIS

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the Good News.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

- * HYMN 145** **“What Child is This?”** GREENSLEEVES

OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

(Pew Bible, OT page 638)

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

SOLO "Ave Maria"

Jehan Alain
Paige Kiefner, *soprano*

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

SOLO "Wexford Carol"

arr. Philip Maue

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. All bread is gluten free.)

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

"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!"
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Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
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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,
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3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
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Far as the curse is found,
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The glories of His righteousness,
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And wonders, wonders of His love.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fantasy on 'Antioch'"

Emma Lou Diemer

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

- PREACHER:* John Wilkinson
LITURGISTS: Martha Langford, Ernest F. Krug, Lynette Sparks
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson
SOLOIST: Paige Kiefner
USHERS: Roxanne Boyer, Hank Theuer, Lea Theuer, Gloria Pleger

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

11:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Please silence all electronic devices.

** 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 **"Noel en trio et en dialogue"** Louis-Claude Daquin
"The Snow Lay on the Ground" Leo Sowerby
"Prelude on DIVINUM MYSTERIUM" Gerald Near
(based on Hymn 108)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140

"Once in Royal David's City" IRBY
arr. David Willcocks

(stanza 1— Junior Choir ensemble: Evelyn Bishop, Bailey Briggs, Caitlin Clarke, Cory Elder, Megan Stout)

Stanza 2, 3 and 4— Junior Choir ensemble 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 "The Lamb"

John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, wooly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild;
He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
-William Blake (1757-1827)

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

Annelise Bay

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 Cathedral, Buffalo*) Roland E. Martin

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 Spotless Rose"

Herbert Howells

Trevor Cook, *baritone*

A Spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit; Its
fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter, And
in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, Whereof
Isaiah said, Is from its sweet root springing In Mary, purest
maid; For through our God's great love and might, The
Blessed Babe she bare us In a cold, cold winter's night.

-anonymous 14th century text

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.**

ANTHEM "The Star-Song"

Jonathan Dove

(Chorus) Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue, where is the Babe but lately sprung? Lies he the lily-banks among?

Or say, if this new Birth of ours, sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers, Spangled with dew-light; thou canst clear all doubts, and manifest the where.

Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek Him in the morning's blushing cheek, or search the beds of spices through, to find him out?

(Star) No, this ye need not do; but only come and see Him rest a Princely Babe in's mother's breast.

(Chorus) He's seen, He's seen! Why then around let's kiss the sweet and holy ground; and all rejoice that we have found a King before conception crowned.

Come then, come then, and let us bring unto our pretty Twelfth-tide King, Each one his several offering;

And when night comes, we'll give Him wassailing; and that His treble honours may be seen, we'll choose Him King, and make His mother Queen.

- Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

*** CAROL 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

MENDELSSOHN

THE SIXTH LESSON

The Shepherds go to the Manger

Luke 2:15-20

Audrey Vinton

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Polish Carol
arr. Gerre Hancock

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you!

-trans. Edith Reed

HOMILY

John Wilkinson

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Martha Langford

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ave Maria”

Franz Biebl

(translation)

The angel of the Lord came to Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Mary said: "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, Let it be to me according to your word." Hail, Mary . . .

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Hail Mary . . .

THE SEVENTH LESSON

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-5

John Wilkinson

**LIGHTING of the
CHRIST CANDLE**

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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 "Final" (Symphonie I)

Louis Vierne

* *Stand as you are able*

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

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Martha C. Langford, Lynette K. Sparks,
Audrey Vinton
ACOLYTES: Hannah Broshears, Audrey Vinton, Natalie Vinton
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