

SIXTH LESSON & CAROLS

I Saw Three Ships / Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine / Good Christians All, Rejoice!

(Congregation join in singing when directed)

**Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

SEVENTH LESSON & CAROLS

Sheep May Safely Graze / Sing We Now of Christmas / The First Noel

EIGHTH LESSON & CAROLS WITH CLOSING BLESSING

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright / O Come All Ye Faithful
Silent Night, Holy Night / Joy to the World*

(Congregation join in singing when directed)

**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!**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let us our songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!**

Postlude *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* Nancy Carleton

† *Standing as able* *Please silence or turn off your cell phones.*

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the greater glory of God.
Comfort and joy to all who gather here
from Zachary's family.*

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sopranos and Altos

Morgan Ard / Shirley Bowden / Carole Dean / Belinda Dorrance / Ronda Hastings
Robbie Kennedy / Diane Watson / Elise Whetstone / Joy Whetstone

Terry Galbraith / Barb Heinzen / Rosemary Johnston

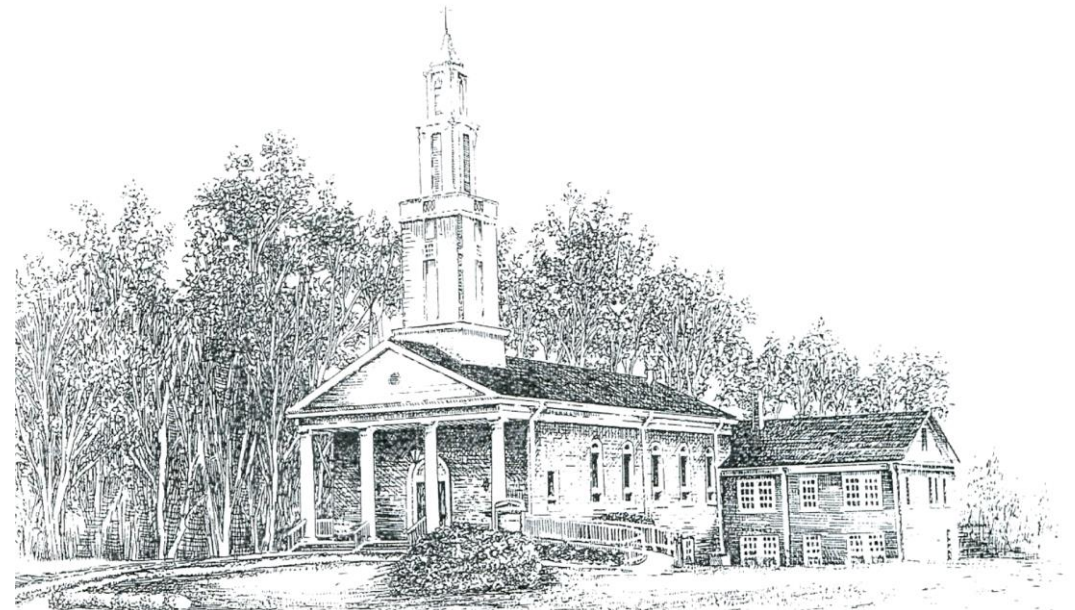
Tenors and Basses

Chris Ard / Lanar Hastings / Conrad Watson • Al Brewton / Danny Brittingham / Jim Kane / Mike Stoops

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Morning Worship

December 8, 2019 † 9:00 & 11:00

Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Gathering	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter Opportunities Greet One Another</i>	Nancy Carleton Rev. Bill Curtin Rev. Curtin
Introit	<i>Lighting the Flame of Love</i>	Chancel Choir
Invocation		Rev. Pam Barnhardt
<p>Gracious God, we are a people of many distractions; pulled in different directions, responding to multiple and often conflicting needs. We thank you for the gifts of Sabbath and worship, for a space and a time to set aside everything that tugs at us and instead focus our hearts and minds on you. Draw us more deeply into your presence. Grant us rest as we rely on your provision, and faith as we trust in your grace. Quiet our spirits so we may hear your Spirit speaking to us. Amen.</p>		
† Hymn 209	<i>Blest Be the God of Israel</i> (Sung to the tune of <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>)	Congregation
Lighting the Advent Wreath	<i>Candle of Love</i>	The Family of Emory Dunn
† The Apostle's Creed		Congregation
<p>I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</p> <p>I Believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</p>		
† The Gloria Patri		Congregation
Pastoral Moment and Prayer		Rev. Curtin
Bringing Our Gifts Before God		Nancy Carleton
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Hymnal, 95
Children's Sermon		Rev. Barnhardt

A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

Narrators: Micheal Ard and Rev. Bill Curtin

OPENING CAROLS & BIDDING PRAYER

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel / Once in Royal David's City

FIRST LESSON & CAROLS

The Holly and the Ivy / Fairest Lord Jesus / Sans Day Carol

SECOND LESSON & CAROLS

Angels We Have Heard on High / Angels from the Realms of Glory

(Congregation join in singing when directed)

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to th' eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

THIRD LESSON & CAROLS

For Unto Us a Son Is Born / See, Amid the Winter's Snow

FOURTH LESSON & CAROLS

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming / Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

(Congregation join in singing when directed)

**Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

FIFTH LESSON & CAROLS

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came / Good People All, This Christmastime
What Child Is This / O, Little Town of Bethlehem*