

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
December 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m. West

PRELUDE *Coventry Carol* arr. Hayes and Gaspard

CAROL OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* arr. Mark Fisher

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 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.

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.

WELCOME Pastor Lance Richards

THE FIRST LESSON Gracie Martinez
 Jeremiah 23:5-6

CAROL OF WELCOME *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Wayne Fisher

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 angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
 Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
 Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Repeat Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings, risen 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.

Repeat Refrain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – PEACE The Parmar Family

SUNG RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #211

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
 Our spirits by Thine advent here.
 Your birth shall cause all strife to cease,
 And be for us the King of Peace.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.

SECOND LESSON Pastor Ken Coneby
 Psalm 72:1-4, 8, 10-14, 17-19

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – LIFELINE VIDEO
 Faithful Giving Prayer Pastor Lance Richards

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Pastor Lance Richards

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *While Shepherds Watched* arr. Dan Forrest

Their Flocks by Night

Sanctuary Choir; Laura Schachner, Soloist

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground
 The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around,
 And glory shone around. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
 Had seized their troubled minds, "Glad tidings of great joy
 I bring to you and all mankind."
 "To you, in Bethlehem this day Is born of David's line*

*The Savior who is Christ the Lord and this shall be the sign."
"The heavenly Babe there you shall find to human view displayed.
All simply wrapped in swaddling clothes, and in a manger laid."
"All glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace.
To those on whom His favor rests goodwill shall never cease,
Begin and never cease."*

OFFERING RESPONSE ***O Little Town of Bethlehem*** arr. Wayne Fisher

Sanctuary Choir with Congregation; Tyler Surratt, Soloist

**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.**

SOLOIST ONLY

*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!*

SOLOIST AND CHOIR ONLY, A CAPELLA

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

THE THIRD LESSON
Micah 5:2-5a

Pastor Ann Spears

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Ann Spears

Apostles' Creed #881
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.

**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.**

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard On High

arr. Wayne Fisher

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?**

Refrain

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Repeat Refrain

Repeat Refrain

FOURTH LESSON

Mandy Jones

Luke 1:26-35, 38

CAROL OF PREPARATION

The First Noel

arr. Wayne Fisher

**The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.**

Repeat Refrain

**And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.**

Repeat Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood our life hath bought!

Repeat Refrain

THE FIFTH LESSON:
Matthew 1:18-36

Pastor Lance Richards

MINISTRY IN MUSIC ***The Hands That First Held Mary's Child*** Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir

*The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood.
From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.
This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,
But cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.
When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,
And gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name,
The angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height,
And like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.
"This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,
But God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone."
The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard,
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.
The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift
And use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift.
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today,
But charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.*

THE SIXTH LESSON
Luke 2:4-14

Pastor Sylvia Kiboko

CAROL OF JOY ***Angels From the Realms of Glory*** arr. Wayne Fisher

**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:**

Refrain

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:**

Repeat Refrain

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his Natal star:**

Repeat Refrain

**All creation join in praising
God the father, spirit, son.
Evermore your voices raising,
To the eternal Three in one.**

Repeat Refrain

THE SEVENTH LESSON
Matthew 2:1-12

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MINISTRY IN MUSIC ***Do You Hear What I Hear*** Harry Simeone
Sanctuary Choir

*Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?
"Way up in the sky, little lamb. Do you see what I see?"
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite."
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?"
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the tree with a voice as big as the sea."
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?"
In your palace warm, mighty king. Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold, Let us bring him silver and gold."
Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say:
Pray for peace, people everywhere! Listen to what I say:
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light. Bring us light."*

THE EIGHTH LESSON
John 1:1-14

Anthony Rogers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lance Richards

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR

Pastor Lance Richards

CAROL OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE ***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** arr. Wayne Fisher
**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;**

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

True God from true God, Light from Light eternal,
Born of a Virgin a mortal He comes;
Very God, begotten, not created.

Repeat Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Repeat Refrain

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lance Richards

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Come, all Ye Faithful

arr. Wayne Fisher

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

arr. J. S. Bach

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