



## LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2020, 9:00 p.m.

*Online Live Streaming Service*

Christmas Eve

Lessons and Carols

<b>OVERTURE from <i>Messiah</i></b>		G. F. Handel
	Northern Kentucky Community Chorus	
<b>WELCOME</b>		Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Prelude on Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her</i> Thom Miles, organ	Johann Pachelbel
<b>HYMN #140</b>	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	IRBY
<b>BIDDING PRAYER</b>		Rev. Louisa Umphres
<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman
<b>LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE</b>		The Umphres Family
<b>HYMN #112</b>	<i>On Christmas Night All Christians Sing</i>	SUSSEX CAROL
<b>FIRST LESSON</b>	Genesis 3:8-15	Debbie Williams
	<i>God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.</i>	

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked: and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL***Adam lay ybounden*  
Chancel Choir

Boris Ord

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 abeen heavené queen.  
 Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
 Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

**SECOND LESSON**

Genesis 22:15-18

James Miller

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son. I will indeed bless you and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****CAROL***An Invitation for Advent*  
Kyrie and Celebration Choirs

Ruth Elaine Schram

Come to us, Emmanuel, come to us, Lord Jesus,  
 Come to us, Emmanuel, come and set us free.  
 We lift our longing hearts to you, come and bring us peace.  
 Come to us, Emmanuel, O come, Lord Jesus, come.  
 O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.  
 That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
 Rejoice and be glad, Emmanuel, shall come to Thee, O Israel.  
 Come to us, Emmanuel, come to us, Lord Jesus.  
 Come to us, Emmanuel, come and bring us your light.  
 From darkness we have called to you, praying in the night.  
 Come to us, Emmanuel, O come, Lord Jesus, come.

**THIRD LESSON**

Isaiah 9:2b-7

Rev. Louisa Umphres

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CAROL

*O Radiant Dawn*  
Chancel Choir

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:  
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'  
Amen.

## FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Kierra Guttadauro

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like an ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN #94

*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

JEFFERSON

## CAROL

*E'en so Lord Jesus Quickly Come*  
Chancel Choir

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins;  
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and light shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

## HYMN #129

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ES IST EIN' ROS'

## FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Wayne Clark

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his word and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid. Mary, for

you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN #100**

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*      STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

## **CAROL**

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*  
Chancel, Kyrie, and Celebration Choirs  
Lakeside Ringers

Neil Harmon

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,  
Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth;  
shepherds kneel before him, Praise him and adore him.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

God’s bright star, o’er his head, Wise Men three to him led;

Kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, Praise him and adore him.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,

Praising Christ, heaven’s King, born on earth to save us; Peace and love he gave us.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

## **SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

Sterling Pratt

*Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN #138**

*Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

WHITE ROSETTES

## **HYMN #122**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

STILLE NACHT

## **SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

Stephanie Nash

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

In that region there were shepherds in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CAROL

*The First Nowell*

arr. Alice Carpenter

Northern Kentucky Community Chorus

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was do deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

## HYMN #119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

## EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Peter Teremi

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN INTERLUDE

*Zu Bethlehem geboren*  
Thom Miles, organ

Helmut Walcha

## CAROL

*What Shall We Sing for the Child?*

Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir Tenors & Basses

What shall we sing for the Child in the stable?  
What shall we sing for the Infant so fair?  
Singing, we offer our humble devotion;  
Gently a song will make sweeter the air.  
We shall sing freely the song of the Virgin;

Joining with Mary our voices are one.  
All generations will count her as blessed,  
All generations delight in her Son.  
Softly we sing for the Child.  
Softly we sing for the beautiful Son.

## NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the Light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become the children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CAROL

*Sing We Now of Christmas*  
Lakeside Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

## HYMN #133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## HYMN #134

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

## POSTLUDE

*Noël*  
Thom Miles, organ

Louis-Claude Daquin