

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Mitchell Stanley

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to the church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHOIR PROCESSIONAL "Sing We Now of Christmas" French Carol Sanctuary Choir
Arlene Lathrop, Oboe

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Barry & Alisa Newsome Family

BIDDING PRAYER (unison)

Gracious God, you are welcome in our midst today. Forgive us, cleanse us, and open our hearts that we may worship you fully and joyfully. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Arr. David Nevue and Z. Smith

*DOXOLOGY Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

ANTHEM "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace) Michael Zarathustra Sanctuary Choir

LESSONS AND CAROLS

LESSON 1: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Reader: Noah Clipper
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

SOLO "Adam Lay Y 'bounden" Peter Warlock Adam Dunn

LESSON 2: Genesis 22:15-18 Reader: Noah Clipper
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

*CAROL # 198 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

LESSON 3: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Reader: Krimson Mani
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

ANTHEM "Prepare the Way of the Lord" William Rowan Laura Richardson, Soprano

LESSON 4: Micah 5:2-5a Reader: Krimson Mani
The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.

TRIO "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices" W.A. Mozart Laura Richardson, 1st Soprano
Linda Roberts, 2nd Soprano
Allison Johnson, Alto

LESSON 5: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Reader: Cooper Keller
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ENSEMBLE "The Angel Gabriel" Savannah Sewell & Cydnee Keller, Vocalists
Aaron Dunn, Guitar

LESSON 6: Luke 2:1-7 Reader: Bob Strong
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

ANTHEM "Go Tell It on the Mountain" -- Spiritual Sanctuary Choir

LESSON 7: Luke 2:8-16 Reader: Bob Strong
The shepherds go to the manger.

*CAROL # 228 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" v. 1-2

LESSON 8: Matthew 2: 1-11 Reader: Annie Laura Kelly
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

ANTHEM "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" English Carol Sanctuary Choir

LESSON 9: John 1:1-14 Reader: Rev. Susan Bennett
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

ANTHEM "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child" Traditional, arr. Sanctuary Choir
Aaron Dunn, Guitar

SOLO "No Candle Was There, And No Fire" Liza Lehmann Betty Gailey

CLOSING PRAYER

*CONGREGATION AND CHOIR ANTHEM "Peace, Peace" "Silent Night" Arlene Lathrop,
oboe

(As the choir begins singing, "Peace, Peace" please rise and take the hand of the person next to you and hold hands while singing verse 1 of "Silent Night", on cue.)

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY



The Festival of Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of King's, after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons.

The service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel. Sometime in the early 1930's the BBC began broadcasting the service on the World Service. It is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide. Since 1963, a shorter service, which uses different music and readings, has been filmed periodically for television.

WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about our Christian faith and about our church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Musician
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2013
11:00 A.M.



LESSONS & CAROLS