

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Lessons & Carols 2020

Music for Gathering *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach
Paul Schakel, violin; Jonathan Schakel, guitar

Bidding Prayer concluding with the **Lord's Prayer** Winston Barham

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 Sara Chambers

Hymn 140 **Once in Royal David's City** IRBY
v. 1, Ellie Weikle; vs. 2-4, all

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

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.

Second Lesson Isaiah 11 Mia Wade

Anthem *Dance and sing for the Lord will be with us* arr. Hal Hopson

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps* African-American Spiritual
arr. André Thomas

Third Lesson Luke 1:39-55 Aurora Nichols

Anthem *Magnificat* Jacques Berthier
Margaret Anne Doran and Elizabeth Latta Brother

Hymn **The Angel Gabriel** GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother you shall be,
All generations praise continually,

Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleases God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:1-14

Jane Penner

Hymn 113

Angels We Have Heard On High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Eden Garth

Anthem

Still, Still, Still

arr. Walter Ehret

Hymn 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Dick Redding

Anthem *Rejoice and Be Merry* J. Alban Hinton

Prayer Dorothy Piatt

Leader: Light of the world, we need your love today to shine in the dark corners of this earth where loneliness and hatred, war and suffering, greed and lust destroy.

People: Light of the world, come to us.

Leader: Light of the world, we need your love today to shine on our path through the darkness of this earth that we may follow surely in your footsteps.

People: Light of the world, come to us.

Leader: Light of the world, we need your love today to shine in our lives that we may more perfectly love you and reflect your love on earth.

People: Light of the world, come to us.

Seventh Lesson John 1:1-14 Will Miller

Passing the Light - *Light a candle to shine the light of Christ into the world.*

Hymn 122 **Silent Night, Holy Night** STILLE NACHT

Quartet: Megan Sharp, Dana Patek, Steve Patek, Winston Barham

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.

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!"

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.

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!

Sending Forth Dorothy Piatt

Leader: Arise! Shine! For your light has come
 and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.
 Go forth into the darkness as children of the light,
 that through us the light may shine in all the world.

People: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world!**
Come, let us adore Him!

Closing Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
 O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
 O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Choirs:

Adults: Winston Barham, Betsy Bloom, Carol Brinkerhoff, Bill Chambers, Sara Chambers, Vivian Dillard, Marijke Durieux, Bette Flickinger, Gail Hassmer, Jim Hassmer, Heather Henry, Erika Herz, Carolyn Kelly, Lydia Peale, Dana Patek, Steve Patek, Nancy Paulson, Jane Edmister Penner, Dick Redding, Nadine Roddy, George Stetkevych, Nancy Verwest, Ellie Weikle, Lynanne Wilson, Steve Wilson

Singers: Elizabeth Latta Brother, Margaret Anne Doran, Judy Dunscomb, Wayne Hyder, Jenn Lyster, Aurora Nichols, Paul Schakel, Robert Stetkevych, Ellie Weikle

Choristers: Eden Garth, Colin Seaman, Andrew Stetkevych, Mia Wade