

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MORNING WORSHIP



LESSONS AND CAROLS
DECEMBER 22, 2024

DUNCAN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
REV. E. ROSSITER CHELLIS, MINISTER

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A Service of Lessons and Carols

**Please stand, if able*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

UMH 234 v. 1, 3, & 6

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.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest:
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 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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;
tell the good news of salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world, and those who live in it.
Let the whole creation sing for joy
at the presence of God, who is coming.
God is coming indeed,
to judge the earth with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity and truth.
Praise the Lord!**

***OPENING HYMN: "Once in Royal David's City"**

UMH 250

Hope Richardson, solo

**Solo 1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**Choir 2. 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 mean, and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**Choir & Congregation 3. 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 feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness**

**Choir & Congregation 4. 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

McCormick Family

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

DuPre Harmon and J. E. Chellis

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

***CAROL: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

UMH 196

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

Bobo Thompson

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

ANTHEM: “Emmanuel, God with Us”

arr. Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us. Revealed in us. His name is called Emmanuel

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-5

Shuler McKay

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

SOLO: from *Messiah* “*Every Valley Shall Be Exalted*”

George Frideric Handel

Zach Marshall, tenor

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made low

The crooked straight and the rough places plain

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Quinn Giesler and Hanna Harwell

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

ANTHEM: “Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming”

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

From tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming

As men of old have sung

It came, a flow'ret bright

Amid the cold of winter

When half-spent was the night

Isaiah 'twas foretold it

The rose I have in mind

With Mary we behold it

The virgin mother kind

To show God's love aright

She bore to us a savior

When half-spent was the night

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Debbie Kaufman

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

***CAROL:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

UMH 240

Hark! the herald angels sing,

”Glory to the new-born King;

peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,

join the triumph of the skies;

with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
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 th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

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

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

John Prevatte

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child.

ANTHEM: "Still, Still, Still"

arr. Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Dr. Jennifer Marshall and Sandra Nihiser, four-hand piano

Still, still, still, the child's eyes softly close,
and Mary, breathless, draws him,
weeping, to her heart so pure for keeping.
Still, still, still, his bright eyes softly close.
Sing, sing, sing, he hears and sweetly smiles,
and kneeling, Joseph joins in chorus
with the angels bending o'er us
Sing, sing, sing, he hears and sweetly smiles.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, he breaths a tender sigh,
for soon he'll wake the world from slumber,
bringing life and endless wonder.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, he breaths a tender sigh.
Sleep holy Jesus, sleep, sleep, sleep.

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

Harper Moore

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

ANTHEM: "Praise Ye, The Lord of Hosts" from *Christmas Oratorio*

Camille Saint-Saens

Chancel Choir

Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts, sing his salvation.
Bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house.
Rejoice ye heavens and be joyful on earth.
For He cometh, alleluia!

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

Robin Dawson

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.

SOLO: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Gustav Holst

Sarah Stuckey, soprano

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter, a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty – Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels, may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim, thronged the air;
But only His Mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved, with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

Rev. Ross Chellis

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

ANTHEM: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

arr. Mack Wilberg

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round young 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Cantique de Noel"

arr. Matt Hyzer

***CLOSING SONG:** "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
And He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords
And He shall reign forever and ever
King of Kings (Forever and ever)
And Lord of Lords
King of Kings and Lord of Lords
Hallelujah!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE: "The Holly and the Ivy"

arr. Christopher Wicks

The altar flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory and honor of God and in loving memory of Jack Rockey and Pam Ingram by Janet Rockey

Weekly Opportunities

12/22

10:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Sunday School

11:00 Worship

12/23

9:00 Counter: Cindy Shaw

12/24

5:00 Christmas Eve Service

12/25

Office Closed, Merry Christmas!

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Assisting in Worship

Acolyte:

12/22: Georgia Marshall

12/29: Izzi Lloyd

Crucifer:

12/22: Mary Frances J.

12/29: Quinn Giesler

Nursery:

12/29: Mona Floyd

Children's Church:

12/29: Bevin Googer, Lindsay Moore

Greeters: Laura Royster, Cheryl Bolin, Elsie Jayroe (P)

Ushers/Offering: Marshall Easterling, Sammy Waters, Laura Royster

Ministers of Music - Dr. Zach Marshall and Dr. Jennifer Marshall **Pianist** - Sandra Nihiser
Christian Education - KassiJo Lloyd **Nurture/Outreach** - Debbie Kaufman
Administrative Assistant - Sarah Stuckey **Communications** - Sarah Pruitt
Financial Secretary - Bonnie Altman **Nursery Director** - Adrienne Farris
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Our Faithfulness for December 15, 2024

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$13,306

Collection: \$6, 852

Attendance: 174

Ways to Give

At Church: Place your offering in the collection plate

Online: duncanumcsc.com/giving

Mobile: Text DUNCAN1785 to 73256

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