

# FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

West Main Baptist Church December 12, 2021

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*An Advent Prelude* (Charles Callahan) Dr. Janet Phillips, *flute*  
*Ding Dong Merrily on High* (French Carol; David Overton, arr.)

## WELCOME

Drew Herring

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Noël Nouvelet* Janet Phillips, *flute*  
French Carol; David Overton, arr.

## \*CAROL 104

*Once in Royal David's City*  
Stanza One: Pearson Wales; Stanza Two: Choir;  
Stanzas Three & Four: Congregation

## LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE: JOY

## BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Drew Herring

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, And the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CAROL

*The Wexford Carol* (Traditional Irish Folk Song; David Willcocks, arr.)  
Good people all, this Christmas time, Consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done, In sending his beloved Son.  
With Mary holy we should pray To God with love this Christmas Day;  
In Bethlehem upon that morn There was a blessed Messiah born.  
With thankful heart and joyful mind, The Shepherds went the Babe to find,  
And as God's angel had foretold, They did our Savior Christ behold.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Skyler Daniel

## CAROL

*Savior of the Nations, Come* (Michael Larkin)  
Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel, now both heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wondrous birth! O wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!  
Though by all the world disowned, still to be in heav'n enthroned.  
Christ, the Father's only son, has o'er sin the vict'ry won.  
Boundless shall your kingdom be; when shall we its glories see?  
Brightly does your manger shine, glorious is its light divine.  
Let not night cloud o'er the light; let our faith shine always bright,  
shine always bright. Savior of the nations come.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Jessamyn Rubio

## CAROL

*O Emmanuel* (Karen Marroli)  
Shadows are deep'ning and evening is falling, dusk ever hast'ning our midnight of souls.  
Light to our darkness and hope for our longing, come dwell among us till daylight consoles.  
O Emmanuel, your people are calling, calling for healing as darkness unfolds.  
Shadows are deep'ning and evening is falling, dusk ever hast'ning our midnight of souls.  
Come as the artist, forever creating torrents of dayspring where all tears have dried.  
Bring us your sunrise, the darkness abating. Bring us your healing for hearts broken wide.  
O Emmanuel, your people are waiting, waiting for solace: O come and be our guide.  
Come as the artist, forever creating torrents of dayspring where all tears have dried.  
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.

## THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Joe Lee

## CAROL

*Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming* Janet Phillips, *flute*  
Michael Praetorius; David Overton, arr.

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 40: 4-5,11

Claudia Uitto

## CAROL

*Prepare the Way of the Lord* (William Rowan)  
Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way! Make straight his path.  
Every valley shall be exalted, every hill made low; and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it, shall see it together.

## THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Lynn Huckabee

## CAROL

*Were You There on That Christmas Night?* (Natalie Sleeth)  
Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night when the world was filled with a holy light?  
Were you there to behold, when the wonder foretold came to earth? Did you see, did you see how they hailed Him King,  
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring? Did you see how they bowed, as they praised Him aloud at His birth?  
Did you hear how the choirs of Angels sang at the glory of the sight? Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang all through the night?  
Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son, the salvation of the world begun?  
Did you know it was love, that was sent from above to the earth?

## \* CAROL 127

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* The Church

## THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Eme Clatterbuck

## CAROL

*Close by a Manger* (Gordon Young)  
Close by a manger, blooming near, Grows the Christmas rose so dear,  
O lovely rose of Christmas. Close by a cradle, lowing low,  
Stand the oxen here below, O lovely rose of Christmas. Close in a cradle, rocking low,  
Lies the Baby, Jubilo, O blessed Child, O blessed rose of Christmas.

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Drew Wilson

## CAROL

*See in Yonder Manger Low* (HUMILITY; John Goss, John A. Behnke, arr.)  
See 450 yonder manger low, Born for us on earth below,  
See the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.  
Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption's happy dawn;  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Lo, within a stable lies He who built the starry skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim.  
Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this.  
Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child, By they face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble thee In thy sweet humility.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Sallie Minter

CAROL

*What Can I Give Him? (Gustav Holst; Howard Helvey, setting)*

In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, Long ago. Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, Nor the earth sustain; Heav'n and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign: In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed The Lord God Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Angels and archangels May have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air; But His mother only In her maiden bliss, Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss. What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were 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.

\*THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Drew Herring

\*CAROL 103

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

The Church

*If you would like to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ or to unite in membership with this congregation, you are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.*

OFFERTORY

*Il est Né*

Dr. Janet Phillips, *flute*

French Carol; David Overton, arr.

Luke Clatterbuck, *percussion*

\*ADVENT RESPONSE (*Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*)

**His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell. God is with us! Alleluia!  
Born in our darkness, He is Light; born in our weakness, He is might.  
God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*THE BLESSING

Drew Herring

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Joys Seven (Variation 7)*  
Franklin Ashdown

Mark Gourley

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

Thank you to our worship participants:  
Readers, Sanctuary Choir, Jessica Hearne & Pearson Wales, *soloists*  
Dr. Janet Phillips, *flute*; John Scott, *violin*  
Luke Clatterbuck, *percussion*

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