

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

West Main Baptist Church

Advent III

December 11, 2022

*congregation standing

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Canonic Trio (J.S. Bach)
Noël Nouvelet (French Carol; David Overton & James Galway arr.)

WELCOME

Drew Herring

SOLO

The Wexford Carol
Traditional Irish Folk Song; David Willcocks, arr. Jon Lawton

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.

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL 104

Once in Royal David's City

Stanza 1: Georgia Sobacki, treble soloist; *Stanza 2:* Choir Only; *Stanzas 3 and 4:* All (standing)

BIDDING PRAYER

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Jennifer Clatterbuck

CAROL

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Plainsong Melody, 13th Century (Text and Tune, *Celebrating Grace, 113*) Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Tim Montgomery

CAROL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(VENI EMMANUEL) Plainsong; Richard Shephard, arr. Sanctuary Choir

O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind. Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Barbara Shaver

CAROL

On This day Earth Shall Ring
(PERSONENT HODIE) Hal Hopson, arr. Sanctuary Choir

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. (*Refrain*) *Ideo-o-o gloria in excelsis Deo.*

His the doom, ours the mirth; When he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth; Ox and ass beside him

From the cold would hide him. (*Refrain*) *Ideo-o-o 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. (*Refrain*) *Ideo-o-o gloria in excelsis Deo.*

THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 40: 4-5, 11

Georgia Sobacki

CAROL

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain (Carolyn Jennings) Sanctuary Choir

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world, Lift up your voice, Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms, He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord, comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal, he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He, Behold, your Lord! He will come in power, He will rule with truth, Hope of all the nations, Light of all the world. He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms. Love and trust him as a child, Behold, your Lord comes to you. Love Him, Trust Him, as a child.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Tiffany Franks

CAROL

O Love So Small (John Carter) Sanctuary Choir

O Love so small, so newly come to earth, O Love so small, asleep upon the hay. The angels gather close around to share this night when Love lies sweetly unaware.

O love so new, you dream the night away; O Love so new, You dream while shepherds pray. And as they kneel, they wait for morning's light to shine on Love, born softly on this night. O Love, the world has waited long! O Love, the world is filled with care. O Love, the world is bending low to greet the answer to a prayer.

O Love divine, Your sweetness fills the air; O Love divine, no sweetness can compare. And while the world sleeps on, a star will shine on love so small, on Love so new, on Love divine.

*CAROL 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Church

CAROL

Il est né (He Is Born) [sung in French & English] Children's Choir
18th Century French Carol; Carlton Young

(*Refrain*) Il est né le divin Enfant, jouez hautbois résonnez musettes! (*He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!*) Il est né le divin Enfant, chantons tous son avènement. (*He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.*)

Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming; thru long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!

(*Refrain*)

O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect child of heaven; O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind! (*Refrain*)

Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child of among us, Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace.

(*Refrain*)

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Ethan Stephens

CAROL

O Come to the Manger (Patrick Liebergen) Sanctuary Choir

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hope and fears of all the years are met in the tonight. O come, little children, O come to the manger. O come to Bethlehem. O come and sing a glad noel, O come, sing one and all, O come adore Emmanuel the child is born so small. God's gift for a Son came to you on that night to be your redeemer, your joy and delight. O come, adore the holy child, come, praise the Lord of Light!

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2: 8-16

Cary Wright

CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Vernon Hoyle) Sanctuary Choir

Angels We Have Heard on High, Singing sweetly o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains: *(Refrain)* Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *(Refrain)*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King! *(Refrain)*

See him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise. *(Refrain)*

THE EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2: 1-11 Judy Gourley

CAROL *Follow That Star* (Brian Lewis) Sanctuary Choir

Follow that star to Bethlehem. See the Wise Men trav'lin' far, they were told to follow that star.
Bright star shining, filling the night. Following that guiding light. Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

*THE NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Drew Herring

*CAROL 103 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* The Church

*OFFERTORY STATEMENT Drew Herring

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Love Came Down at Christmas* (Joel Raney)

Love Come Down at Christmas at the holy Savior's birth. In Bethlehem on Christmas morning, love came
down to earth. Love came down at Christmas, in a manger filled with hay. In Bethlehem on Christmas morning,
love came down to stay. Heaven's glowing, cattle lowly, shepherds knowing, love is born. Love came down at
Christmas; angels gave the sign. Love came to earth at Christmas, love amazing, love divine. Angels we have
heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. *Gloria
in excelsis Deo.* Angels' singing, praises bringing, carols ringing, Christ is born! Love come down at Christmas,
at the holy Savior's birth. Love come down at Christmas, bringing hope and peace on earth.

*ADVENT RESPONSE (Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN) The Church

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 *Trumpet Tune on IN DULCI JUBILO*
(*Good Christians All, Rejoice*) German and Latin Carol; David Lasky, arr.

Thank you to our Worship Service Participants today: Readers; Soloists; Jon Lawton, Georgia
Sobacki, Brandie Collins & Peggy Cotta; Sanctuary Choir; Instrumentalists; Dr. Janet Phillips, *flute*;
John Scott, *violin*; Dr. Thor Wright, *bassoon and soprano saxophone*; Judy Gourley, *handbells*;
Luke Clatterback, *percussion*; Sandie Parker, *piano*.

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