

Heritage United Methodist Church

DEC 26, 2021, THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Maria Campbell

Opening Prayer Liturgist—Sally Williams

Lord of Light, be with us today as we, like Wise Men long ago, continue our journey to the manger. We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us courage as we strive to be faithful. Keep our hearts and minds open to be bearers of your love and peace. As we encounter others, guide us to share the joy we have in you. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn Joy to the World, v 1 & 2 #246 UMH

Children's Moment Rev. Maria Campbell

Centering Song Joy to the World, v 4 #246 UMH

Readers—Diana Dalen, Sally Williams, Rev. Maria Campbell

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Carol Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196 UMH

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

Carol O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v 1 & 2 #211 UMH

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming v 1 & 2

#216 UMH

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem v 1 & 3

#230 UMH

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Maria Campbell

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.

Fifth Lesson		Luke 1:26-35, 38
Carol	All Earth Is Waiting	#210 UMH
Sixth Lesson		Luke 2:1-7
Carol	The First Noel, v 1	#245 UMH
Seventh Lesson		Luke 2:8-16
Carol	The first Noel, v 2	#245 UMH
Offertory		

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Dedication of Offering

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Doxology

Liturgist—Sally Williams

#95 UMH

Gracious God, your love shines forth in the abundance of your creation. We give thanks for all we have received. Use these offerings to transform our communities. We pray through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

Carol What Child Is This, v 1 & 3 #219 UMH

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14

Carol O, Come All Ye Faithful, v 1,3,4 #234 UMH

Blessing Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

Joy to the World v 1,2,4

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven, and heaven, and heaven sing.
- 2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v 1 & 2

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

O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Refrain—Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming v 1 & 2

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came a floweret 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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem, v 1 & 3

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 hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

All Earth Is Waiting

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord. All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel," For his name is "God with us," our brother shall be, with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain; open new highways, new highways for the Lord. He is now coming closer, so come all and see, and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared, yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today, for he lives in all Christians and is with us now; again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

The First Noel

- 1—The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
- 2—They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

What Child Is This, v 1 & 3

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

O. Come All Ye Faithful, v 1.3.4

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; O 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.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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