

Christmas Day—2016



And the **WORD** became flesh
and dwelt among us
full of Grace and Truth.

Christmas Day Lessons and Carols

Prelude

Darrell Scott, organist

Welcome

Call to Worship – from Handel’s Messiah

Pastoral Symphony
There were shepherds abiding in the field
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them
And the angel said unto them
And suddenly there was with the angel

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Carol, #41

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;

Refrain: 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; **Refrain.**

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above;
Glory to God, All Glory in the highest; **Refrain**

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 9

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

People: We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

People: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: 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?

Refrain.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain.

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol, #44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Duet

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Danielle Talamantes and Kerry Wilkerson

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Carol, #53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

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!

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and donkeys are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce him through, the cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of king's salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise a song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Fifth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks/Rise Up Shepherds

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Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

Christmas Reflection

The Shepherds' Example

Carol, #36

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

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, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped 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 can I give him; give my heart.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Offering

The Benedictus from the Saint Saens Christmas Oratorio

Danielle Talamantes and Kerry Wilkerson

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you: You are my God, I will praise you.

(Psalm 118: 26-28)

Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-5, 14

Benediction and Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Filled with the joy of Christ's birth, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #29

Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain: *Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain.**

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain.**

Down in lowly manger Our humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain.**

Postlude



May the wonder
Child make these
wonder and grace

of the Christ
days full of
for you. We are

blessed to **live** and serve among you. Our prayers surround each and
all these grace-filled days.

The Pastors and Staff of Vienna Presbyterian

Vienna Presbyterian in the New Year



Join us in the New Year as we devote five months in 2017 to reading the Gospel of John together. We're not reading the Bible simply for information, so you can identify Mesopotamia on a map or recite the names of the 12 disciples. We read it to become transformed people of faith. Our goal is to explore the difference Jesus can make in our lives in 2017. The Bible is not merely an account of things that happened a long time ago. It is written for people like us with real life challenges. You will undoubtedly find yourself in this story. John summarizes his gospel this way, "These things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" 20.31. It's all about real life. What an offer!

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