

# Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2023



## Christmas Eve Worship

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**Meditation:** What should we think? What should be in our minds on this night? God has chosen to come into our world to save us. We are lost and we are dead and God comes in the smallest and in the most helpless, powerless way to bring to us the great gift of forgiveness and life. Perhaps we should not think. Perhaps we should only feel a fullness of gratitude for all that God has done.

Prelude Lo, How A Rose

String Quartet

**Christmas Eve Welcome** 

Rev. J.D. Georlett

Introit O Come O Come Emmanuel

Choir

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Georlett Family** 

One: The lighting of the Christ candle on this Holy night symbolizes our humility in the presence of the light of God. In this moment, we bow down before the Lord. We bow down and we ask for Him to forgive us so that we may live in peace with God and with each other.

All: Lord Jesus, please receive us and allow us to worship You in the fullness of the Spirit. Please choose by grace to bless our songs and the meditations of our hearts. Cause this night to be a day of renewal of our love and service as we seek to live in honor of You.

Response O Come O Come Emmanuel

Call to Worship Rev. J.D. Georlett

Here is the star in the sky. It declares the birth of the King of kings.

We have seen it and we have followed it to this Holy place.

Here is the little town of Bethlehem, the place where God's grace is born.

We find God's gracious gift in a humble stable within a fallen world.

Here are shepherds who have heard the angels sing.

We will join them as we bow down in the presence of the Lord.

Here are the Magi, who have traveled many miles just to worship the Lord.

Like them, we have come to offer our best gifts to Jesus.

**Invocation** Rev. J.D. Georlett

\*Christmas Carol Once in Royal David's City

## Worship God in Scripture Lessons & Carols

#### THE RIGHTEOUS REIGN OF THE COMING KING

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9:2-7

Alan Oltman

\*Christmas Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

THE BIRTH OF JESUS IS FORETOLD

**Scripture Reading** Luke 1:26-38

Lisa Worrall

Christmas Anthem Peace, Peace (Bock)

Choir

(**Silent Night**, verse 1)

THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE MESSIAH

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Nancy Hicks

Christmas Anthem Away In The Manger

Choir, String Quartet John Ingraham, soloist

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:1-7

Kent Swain

Christmas Anthem Breath Of Heaven (Larson) Jonathan Mueller & Sarah Leonard

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:8-20

Alice Holmes

\*Christmas Carol Joy To The World

**Christmas Anthem** *The Huron Carol* (Forrest)

Choir & String Quartet

THE VISIT OF THE WISEMEN

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:1-12

Todd Lemen

\*Christmas Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful

The Call to Christian Offering

**Offertory** *Coventry Carol* (Warland)

**String Quartet** 

Doxology

Prayer and Dedication of the Offering

#### THE WONDER OF THE INCARNATION

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14 Teresa Ingraham

Christmas Anthem Still, Still, Still Choir & String Quartet

Christmas Eve Sermon Rev. J.D. Georlett "Under Construction"

Sharing the Light of the World

Christmas Carol Silent Night! Holy Night! Choir, String Quartet
Lisa Lever, bells

\*The Christmas Benediction

\*Wishing Each Other Merry Christmas to the Glory of God

Postlude Bell Carol / In Dulci Jubilo (arr. Naughtin) String Quartet

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Dr. Wayne Kallstrom, Organ Mahr String Quartet

