



Procession of Lessons and Carols
Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Coats, N.C.

December 13, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Gathering to Worship

Prelude “The First Noel with Bach’s Jesu, Joy of man’s Desiring” arr. Cindy Berry

Call to Worship: Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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; 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.

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First Reading. God promises a Son, a King. Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Laurie Ennis, and Don Ennis, saxophone

Second Reading. God promises a Kingdom of Peace. Isaiah 11:1-6

Carol: “Do You Hear What I Hear?” Lori Downing, Hilda Bailey

Third Reading. God Names Bethlehem. Micah 5:1-3

Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Lori Downing, flute

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.

Fourth Reading. God prepares for His coming. Isaiah 40:1-9

Carol: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Hilda Bailey, piano

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angel choirs. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fifth Reading. God sends Gabriel to Mary. Luke 1:26-35, 46-55

Carol: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Lori Downing and Martha Parrish

Sixth Reading. God appears to Joseph. Matthew 1:18-25

Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Don Ennis, saxophone, Hilda Bailey, piano

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

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and
quarrels cease, fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Seventh Reading. A star appears to astrologers

Carol: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Lori Downing and Cameron Bailey

Eighth Reading. Jesus is born. Luke 2:1-7

Carol: "What Child Is This"

Lori Downing, flute

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.
Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Ninth Reading. Good news is given to shepherds. Luke 2:8-20

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Don Ennis, saxophone, Hilda Bailey, piano

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! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Response to the Procession of Lessons and Carols

Collects for Christmas

Hymn of Procession into the World “Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;
Let field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

Benediction

Postlude “Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy with Chopin's Etude Op.10/13. Arr. Cindy Berry

Refreshments. Let us gather, masked and safely distanced, in the Fellowship Hall after the Benediction.