

DECEMBER 1, 2024 • 6:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PRELUDE: Meditation on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"..... J. Christopher Pardini Leo Davis, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 157 "Angels, We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Words: Trad. French Carol / Music: French Carol Melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes / Luke 2:14

Cherub Choir; Jauna Ellis, director:

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.

Congregation, standing as directed:





†INVOCATION

CAROL: No. 142 "Away in a Manger"..... MUELLER Cherub Choir; Jauna Ellis, director:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Congregation joins:



FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:6-7	
⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace	there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
This is the Word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God.	
CAROL: "Sing We Now of Christmas/He Is Born"	arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear. Sing we Noel, the King is born Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.	
He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily He is born, the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.	
O how lovely, O how pure is the precious Child from heaven. O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to human kind.	
He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily; He is born, the divine Christ Child, sing we all of the Savior.	
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.	
CAROL: "Bethlehem Night"	
On this night, a King is born in a cattle shed. Swaddling clothes to keep Him warm, in His man Shepherds watching flocks by night, in the fields See an angel in great light, glory fills the sky.	
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight? Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night.	
Hear the angel share the news, tidings of great joy. Now a Savior comes to you in this baby Boy.	
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight? Love has come, our God is with us on this Bethlehem night.	
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Music Makers Choir Calvin Ellis, director	
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:1-7	Ronshel Kurusanthony
¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,	because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
This is the Word of the Lord.	

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"J.S. Bach; John F. Wilson
Wake, awake for night is flying, The watchmen on the heights are crying: Awake, Jerusalem arise.
Here ye now, ere comes the morning, The midnight call of solemn warning:

The midnight call of solemn warning: He comes, O church, lift up thine eyes.

Behold the Bridegroom comes. Your lamps with gladness takes. Alleluia!

The feast prepare, your Lord drawn near. Go forth with joy to meet Him there.

> Spirit and Song Choir James Ryan, violin Leo Davis, organ Calvin Ellis, conductor

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-15.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

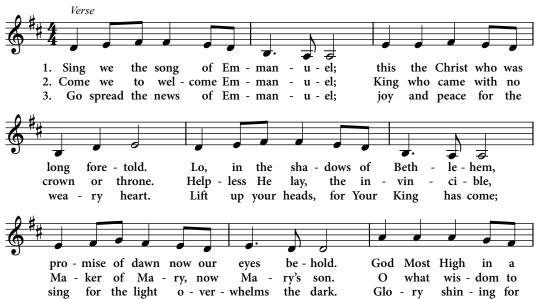
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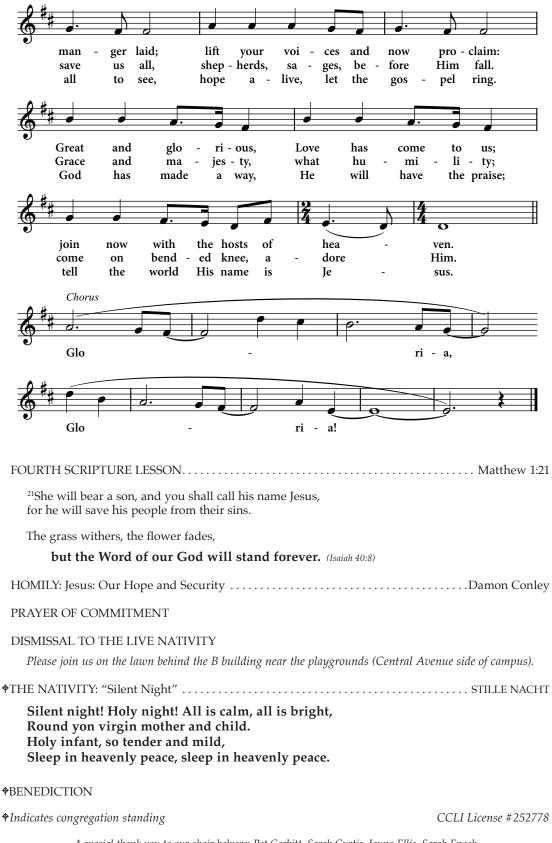
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HYMN: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel" Getty Music

Led by the Faithline Choir James Ryan, director



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A special thank you to our choir helpers: Pat Corbitt, Sarah Curtis, Jauna Ellis, Sarah Enoch, Garrett Heady, Macon Ivy, Vicki Simmons, Edy Smith, and Emily Woelke

Advent

Festival of Carols December 8, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this festive service of sing-along Christmas carols led by our choirs and a full orchestra—an annual favorite!

Nursery is available for ages five and under. A reception will follow in the lobby outside the bookstore. Invite your family and friends to join you for family fun and worship throughout December!

PJ Christmas Party *December 22, 4:30 p.m.*

Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 p.m. Family Service 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Services

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