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CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND PRAYERS

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2021

5:00 P.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

Service Participants

Rev. Michael Moore, Pastor

Bryant Hand, Organist

Leslie Goldsmith, Pianist

Mary Anne Taylor, Musical Meditations

Lighting of Advent Wreath and Christ Candles

Johnny Jackson & Mimi Gentry

Bill Hearnburg, Reader #1

Denise Moore, Reader #2

Mike, Linda, & Meghan Handyside, Reader #3

Rev Moore, Reader #4

CENTERING MOMENT

I will light candles this Christmas, Candles of joy, despair, sadness, Candles of hope where despair keeps watch. Candles of courage where fear is ever present, Candles of peace through tempest-tossed days, Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens. Candles of love to inspire all my living, Candles that will burn all the year long. - Howard Thurman

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Franz Xaver Gruber and William J. Kirkpatrick
Silent Night and Away in a Manger

WELCOME

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Musical Meditation "Silent Night, Holy Night!" and "Away in a Manger" © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818.

"Away in a Manger" Music: William James Kirkpatrick, 1854.
Piano arrangement by Mary Anne Taylor.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song

Sing to the Lord, all the Earth

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name

Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

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Text: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1845; harm. Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

"Once in Royal David's City" *Glory to God* Hymnal # 140. © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt. Music: John Henry Wainwright, 1861; alt. Music: Arthur Henry Mann, 1919.

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As "Silent Night" begins playing on the organ, the ushers will share the light of Christ with everyone from the Christ Candle. Once everyone's candle is lit, Mimi Gentry will sing the first verse of "Silent Night." Then, everyone is invited to join in singing.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
 Let the sea roar, and all the waters that are over it,
 Let the whole creation sing for joy at the coming of the Lord.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
 'Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace..

***HYMN**

Once in Royal David's City
 (Verses 1 & 2)

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
 Glories stream from heaven afar; heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia":
 Christ the Savior is born; Christ, the Saviour is born.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light;
 Radiant beams from thy holy face; with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord at thy birth; Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City
 (Verses 3 & 4)

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 With the angels let us sing; Alleluia to our King:
 Christ the Savior is born; Christ, the Saviour is born.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 (Verses 1 & 2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-



Members are invited to take home the poinsettias they purchased any time after the Christmas service.

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 (Verses 3 & 4)

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Denise Moore

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
(Verses 1 -3)

SPECIAL MUSIC

American Folk Song
Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Denise Moore

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
(Verses 4 & 5)

GTG#118

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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We believe that God has revealed
who wishes to bring about justice
people; that the church must th
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against and strive against all the
privileged who selfishly seek the
thus control and harm others.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The Handyside's

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

The Handyside's

HYMN

Joy to the World

HYMN

Away in A Manger
(Verses 1 & 2)

GTG# 115

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SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

The Handyside's

Invitation to light candles a

HYMN

Away in A Manger
(Verse 3)

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CLOSING HYMN

Silent Night, Holy
Mimi Gentry, Song Leader