

**Christmas Eve Service of
Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2024**

6:30 PM



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PRELUDE

* Congregation, please stand if able

WELCOME

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Call to Worship |

John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

* O Come, All Ye Faithful-Trinity Hymnal No. 208

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
 2. God of God, Light of Light; lo, he ab -
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing: Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him born the King of
 hors not the Vir - gin's womb; ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre -
 cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God in the
 thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, late in flesh ap -

REFRAIN

an - gels;
 a - ted;
 high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 pear - ing;

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Trinity Hymnal No. 208
 TEXT: Latin hymn; Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751; Tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; alt.
 TUNE (ADESTE FIDELES): John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751
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INVOCATION

THE FIRST LESSON | God Announces in the Garden of Eden the Message of the Gospel | Genesis 3:8-15

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

CHOIR ANTHEM | Before the Marvel of This Night

Before the marvel of this night
Adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light
And with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
That fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace,
Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,
This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
In royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,
A teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss,
Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,
Our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown,
Now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love,
That rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love,
Sing love, sing God is love!

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda

Music: Marvel, Carl Schalk

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THE SECOND LESSON | The Messiah's Birth Foretold by the Prophet Isaiah | Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

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.

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.

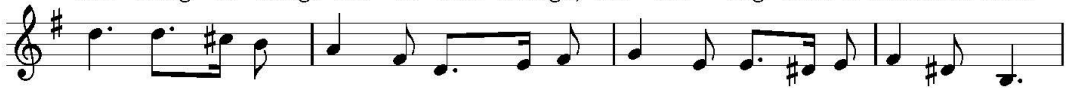
CAROL | What Child Is This-Trinity Hymnal No. 213



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with anthems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Christian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts enthrone him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

Trinity Hymnal No. 213

TEXT: Traditional English carol; Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

TUNE (GREENSLEEVES): English melody, 16th cent.

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THE THIRD LESSON | The Peace that the Messiah Will Bring Is Foretold by the Prophet Isaiah | Isaiah 11:1-9

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL | Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming-Trinity Hymnal No. 221

(vv.1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung,
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 4. This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man woe;
 of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of old have
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry -
 O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness
 sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to men a
 where. True man, yet ver - y God; from sin and death he
 know, bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of
 win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 heav - en and to the end - less day.

Trinity Hymnal No. 221

TEXT: German hymn, ca. 1500; St. 1-2 tr. by Theodor Baker, 1894; St. 3-4 tr. by Harriett R. Spaeth, 1875;

St. 5 tr. by John C. Mattes, 1914

TUNE (ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN): German melody, 15th cent.; Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

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THE FOURTH LESSON | Matthew, the Evangelist, Records the Birth of Jesus Christ | Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

CAROL | Mary's Song

1. My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spi - rit re - joic - es in
 2. He scat - ters the proud and rich; He lifts up the hum - ble and
 3. From now to the end of time, the nat - tions will know me as

4

God! My Sav - ior has seen his ser - vant in need, and be -
 weak. The kings of the earth, he casts from their thrones and the
 blest, For God has made new His prom - ise of love and —

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hold the great things he has done: 1. He
 hun - gry He wel - comes to — feast. Oh, be - hold, my Sav - ior has
 mer - cy through A - bra - ham's seed.

11

come! And my soul will tell of his praise For He who is strong has

15

come to the weak and, at last, he will reign as our King — of Peace. [To Verse 3]

Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough, 2014
 Based on Luke 1:46-56 (Mary's Song)

THE FIFTH LESSON | Luke, the Evangelist, Records the Shepherds Visit to the Manger | Luke 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

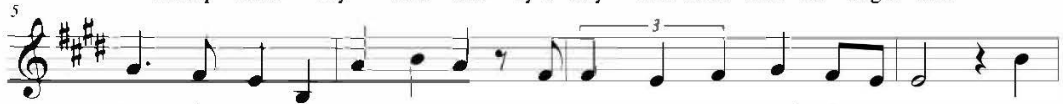
“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When 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.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL | Exult in the Saviour's Birth



1. Shep - herds watched their flocks at night at - tend - ing low - ly sheep.
 2. Pa - gan wise men from the East seek out the in - fant King.
 3. For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.
 4. Scrip - tures say that Ma - ry's boy was born that he might die.



Now with - in a cat - tle shed, a much strang - er watch they keep. To -
 Track - less miles be - hind them lie, and now all their rev - 'rence bring.
 He shall reign in right - eous - ness, this Coun - sel - or King from heav'n. The
 An - gel voi - ces burst in praise, their har - mon - y fills the sky. Sing,



day, a Sav - iour has been born and He is Christ, the Lord.
 They have come to wor - ship him with spi - ces and with gold.
 gov - ern - ment will rest on Him, He is the might - y God.
 "Glo - ry in the high - est heav'n." Sing, "Grac - ious peace on earth."



Placed with - in a hum - ble trough, this ba - by must be a - dored.
 Count - less mil - lions seek Him still, whose ad - vent was long fore - told.
 Prince of Peace, this gen - tle King, yet rules with a might - y rod.
 Those on whom His fa - vor rests, ex - ult in the Sav - iour's birth.

Words and music: Matt Boswell and D.A. Carson, 2013

CHILDREN'S SERMON | "God's Timing Is Always Right"

THE SIXTH LESSON | God's the Son's Incarnation Comes in the Fulness of Time | Galatians 4:4-5

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

HOMILY | "IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME"

Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel

HOMILY NOTES

The year was 1809. If you were living then, the news announcements of that day would not have centered around our country or Great Britain. Napoleon was the epicenter of international attention as his army swept across the European continent. Nothing else significant appeared to garner any attention, but was there something going on?

This year, some babies were born in Britain and in America. But who was interested in babies and diapers while the history of the world was being shaped? What could possibly be more important in 1809 than the fall of Austria to Napoleon? Who cared about any English-speaking babies at that time?

Someone should have, for a number of great leaders came into this world in 1809:

- William Gladstone, the famed British statesman, was born in Liverpool.
- Alfred Lord Tennyson, the noted British poet, began his life in Lincolnshire.
- Oliver Wendell Holmes, one of America's most remembered judges, drew his first breath in Cambridge, MA.
- Edgar Allan Poe, the American writer, began his tragic life in Boston.
- A physician whose last name was Darwin gave birth to their infant son, whom they would name Charles, the famed naturalist.
- In Hardin County, KY, Abraham Lincoln, one of America's most cherished presidents, was born.

All these leaders were born in 1809, but who cared? The history of the world was undergoing change and headed in new directions, right? **Wrong!** Virtually no one remembers Napoleon's Austrian campaigns except a few history buffs. But every single person in our time has been greatly impacted by these leaders who were born in 1809: "What appeared to be a super significant world event only turned out to be a big Sunday afternoon yawn. What seemed to be insignificant in America and Britain turned out to be the dawn of a new era."¹

That thought sent me back 18 centuries before 1809. The eye of the world was upon Rome as she and her rambunctious emperors ruled the known world at that time. Israel was simply a pawn in the hands of Caesar Augustus, as the money-hungry hands demanded that a census occur so that more taxes could be collected. What else could be

more important than the decisions of Octavian? Who cared about a baby born in a Bethlehem manger?

GOD CARED.

**In a time when few, if anyone, suspected something colossal,
God acted in time and space and changed eternity forever.**

He sent His One and Only Son, and the Scriptures tell us that Jesus Christ came “in the fullness of time.” Galatians 4:4 states, “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law.” For our meditation tonight, I want us to ponder for a few moments what the Scriptures teach about the fullness of time. “Fullness” can be interpreted in several ways:

- Completeness: This implies a plan.
- Exactness: This implies timing.
- Greatness: This implies a purpose.

Let us examine the fullness of time in 3 ways:

1. **The fullness of time means it was the right time in human history.** The environment in that day set the perfect stage for our Savior’s birth into the world. In God’s wisdom, He chose a time in history when the signs of the times would be right for a world leader to be born. It was an age known as the “PAX ROMANO” (The Peace of Rome), and it was marked by 2 characteristics:

It was a day of unparalleled opportunity. There existed in the Mediterranean world a spirit of learning, travel, and trade. Free exploration was encouraged, and with it came the sharing of new ideas and openness.

It was a day of peace. “The whole civilized world was practically at rest when Christianity appeared, and thus the Romans were the harbingers of the ‘peace on earth, goodwill to men’ of the Evangel. This, of course, was a condition that gave Christianity a wide-open door for the promulgation of its message. Universal political order made possible the mission of the Christian Church. If the empire embraced all men, why should Christianity aim at less? The intermixture of all races and the free exchange of thought that Rome allowed were entirely favorable to Christianity. Also, in material ways, the spread of the gospel was greatly facilitated by the great highways which Rome built throughout the lands over which it had

sway. Its system of roads knit the then civilized world together and served not only the legions and the imperial escorts but was of equal service to the missionaries in traveling from one colony to another and also made possible the communication of churches with one another. These famous roads ran throughout the empire and formed the main arteries of civilization. They made communication both easy and rapid and became the guiding lines of the missionary enterprise.”²

2. **The fullness of time means it was the right time in God’s redemptive plan.** Carefully notice the wording in Galatians 4:4: “But when the fullness of time had come (NIV: ‘But when the time had fully come’), God sent.” There is a scope and sequence element here, implying a plan. God waiting until the right time in His plan to reveal His Son to the world. We see this plan foretold by prophecy. The Son’s entrance into the world answered the following questions announced by the prophets:
 - a. *Who would come?* “The Servant of the Lord (Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 52, 53), who is the “Son of Righteousness” (Malachi 5).
 - b. *Where would this happen?* Bethlehem Ephrathah (Micah 5:2).
 - c. *How would He come?* Through a woman of virginal purity (Isaiah 7:14).
 - d. *Why did God do this?* To redeem us and to give us hope (Isaiah 9:2-4).
 - e. *When would this happen?* In the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4).
3. **The fullness of time means it was the right time in fulfilling the world’s anticipation.** Through the centuries of biblical history, you see and sense a yearning for the coming of a great figure foretold by prophecy: THE MESSIAH. He would be viewed and perceived differently, depending on the group:
 - a. Jews saw Him as a Sovereign Judge and political deliverer.
 - b. Gentiles saw Him as an exalted Redeemer and spiritual Savior.

In both instances, people were yearning for hope and for deliverance in this figure portrayed as the Messiah. In beautiful fashion, Isaiah 49 shows both groups receiving what they hope for in the person of Christ.

Personal Application:

The fullness of time means several things as it appears in the Scriptures:

- It was the right time in history.
- It was the right time in God's plan.
- It was the right time to fulfill human anticipation.

Is the coming of Christ the right time for you? Is your heart prepared? Are there any obstacles that prevent you from welcoming Christ in your own life? Do you appreciate God's plan and timing, and will you tonight welcome Christ into your heart?

Reflection:

"I invite you to consider the joyful mission of the Son of God. The Lord of Heaven has come to Earth; God has taken upon Himself human nature. Hallelujah! This great transaction was accomplished at the right time: 'When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman.' The reservoir of time had to be filled by the inflowing of age after age, and when it was full to the brim the Son of God appeared. Why the world should have remained in darkness for 4,000 years, why it should have taken that length of time for the church to attain her full age, we cannot tell; but this we are told, that Jesus was sent forth when the fullness of time was come. Our Lord did not come before His time nor behind His time: He was punctual to His hour, and cried to the moment, 'Lo I come.' We may not curiously pry into the reasons why Christ came when He did; but we may reverently muse thereon. The birth of Jesus is the grandest light of history, the sun in the heavens of all time. It is the pole-star of human destiny, the hinge of chronology, the meeting place of the waters of the past and the future. Why happened it just at that moment? Assuredly it was so predicted. There were prophecies, many which pointed exactly to that hour. I will not detain you just now with them; but those of you who are familiar with the Old Testament Scriptures well know that, as with so many fingers, they pointed to the time when the Shiloh would come, and the great sacrifice should be offered. He came at the hour which God had determined. The Infinite Lord appoints the date of every event; all times are in His hand. There are no loose threads in the Providence of God, no stitches are dropped, no events are left to chance. The great clock of the universe keeps good time, and the whole machinery of Providence moves with unerring punctuality. It was to be expected that the greatest of all events should be most accurately and wisely timed, and so it was. God willed it to be when and where it was, and that will is to us the ultimate reason."³

Footnotes:

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THE SEVENTH LESSON | The Wise Men Are Led by the Star to Jesus | Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CAROL | Silent Night! Holy Night!-Trinity Hymnal No. 210

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight!
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light;

round yon vir - gin mother and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'nly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
with the an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

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TUNE (STILLE NACHT): Franz Gruber, 1818
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DEDICATION PRAYER

CAROL | JOY TO THE WORLD-Trinity Hymnal No. 195



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em - ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove



let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re - peat the sounding joy,
he comes to make his bless - ings flow far as the curse is found,
the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love,



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
re - peat the sounding joy, re - peat, re - peat the sounding joy.
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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TEXT: Based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1719

TUNE (ANTIOCH): George Frederick Handel, 1742; Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

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POSTLUDE

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Ann Session
Courtneylove Gowans
Owen McCullough

Musicians:

Abigail Baarendse
Butch Bost
Dianne Britton
Heather Coleridge
Barbara Howell
Tim McConnell
Josiah Rogers

Audio Engineer:

Christopher Hollis

Have a Merry Christmas!

Please Don't Forget to Pick up Your Poinsettias

Notes:

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END OF YEAR GIVING

- GIVE IN THE OFFERING PLATE BY DEC. 29TH
- GIVE ONLINE BY DEC. 31ST
- BRING TO THE OFFICE BY NOON DEC. 31ST
- MAIL TO CHURCH OFFICE WITH POSTMARK DATED NO LATER THAN DEC. 31ST

The Pastor Search Committee
is taking recommendations for
Senior Pastor

Please, fill out a form and place in the box at the back of the sanctuary



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MISSION AND HOW YOU CAN BE
PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!
STARTING JANUARY 19TH
DURING CE HOUR | 5 WEEKS




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MIDWEEK RESET

Returns Jan 8th



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HERE**

UN-Deck the Halls

Please plan to stay after 11:00 worship
on January 5th
and help us UN-Deck the Halls
~Lunch will be provided~



50th Anniversary
Cookbooks
are still available.
Come to the
church office
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Photos from our
50th Anniversary
Celebration can be viewed at
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