



December 29th, 2024

The parament colors today are white as we continue in the days of the Christmas season. For worship today, we will reflect on the miracle of Christmas through the Lessons of Scripture and beloved Carols.

Piano Meditation.....Judy Copeland

Life of the Church and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Mike Brainerd

Prelude.....Glenn Ragsdale

Acolytes: Luke Newman and Reames Copeland

Call to WorshipJulie Hunter

Like the shepherds, we come to the stable,
Uncertain of what we have heard and seen

Longing to hear a word of peace and joy.

Like the wise ones, we have journeys to make,
Gifts to offer, and hope in our hearts

That our God has come to rescue us!

Here on this first Sunday of Christmas
We gather to share in the story of Emmanuel once again,
Our God who became a man so He could be our Christ.

We gather in wonder to share in our joy and

In awe to worship Jesus, the Baby in Bethlehem.

The First Lesson - Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19David Dugger

Hymn No. 77 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

2 Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Second Lesson - Genesis 22:15-18Trish Underhill

Hymn No. 76 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.**

Chorus **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Chorus**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go. Chorus**

**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. Chorus**

The Third Lesson - Isaiah 9:2, 6-7Lukas Copeland

Hymn No. 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**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.
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.**

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
 No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.
 O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today!
 We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

The Fourth Lesson- Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9Betsy Kinghorn

Hymn No. 78 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung.
It came a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter, When half-gone was the night.
 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind:
 With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
 To show God's love aright
 She bore to men a Savior, When half-gone was the night.
This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor, The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us, And lightens ev'ry load.

Prayers of the People.....Rev. Mike Brainerd

The Fifth Lesson - Luke 2:1, 3-7.....Andy Kinghorn

Hymn No. 112 *He Is Born*
 Refrain **He is born, the holy Child;**
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child;
Sing we all of the Savior mild.
 Thro' long ages of the past,

4 Prophets have foretold His coming;
Thro' long ages of the past,
Now the time has come at last! Refrain

O how lovely, O how pure
Is this perfect Child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure,
Gracious gift to humankind! Refrain

Jesus, Lord of all the world,
Coming as a Child among us;
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
Grant to us Thy heav'nly peace. Refrain

The Sixth Lesson - Luke 2:8-16Leigh Copeland

Hymn No. 85 *The First Nowell*

The first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherd in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. Chorus

And by the light of that same star
The wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. Chorus

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought. Chorus

The Seventh Lesson - Matthew 2:1-12Medicus Rentz

Hymn No. 113 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

**We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar—
Field and fountain, moor and mountain—Following yonder star.**

**Chorus O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain: Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. Chorus**

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh;

Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God on high. Chorus

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom—
Sorr’wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

Chorus

**Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav’n replies. Chorus**

The Eighth Lesson - John 1:1-14.....DJ Wilson

Hymn No. 89 *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!

Chorus 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,

O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav’n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Chorus

Blessing and Mission Moment.....Rev. Mike Brainerd

Postlude.....Glenn Ragsdale



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