

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 2025

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

—John 1:14

Gathering Music Carols for Organ *arr. Robert Powell*

Words of Welcome

Prelude “Ave Maria” *J. Arcadelt*

Choral Introit “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” *J. S. Bach*

Lighting of the Christ Candle (*responsive*) The Haskins Family

We light these candles as a sign
of the Advent of Christ, the everlasting light.

**O Christ, on this holy night,
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in you.**

***Hymn 121** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST. LOUIS

Prayer of Intercession

A Moment for Children

Lessons and Carols

A great light in the darkness — Isaiah 9:2–7 Martin Roller

Choral Anthem “Still, Still, Still” *arr. Norman Luloff*

A little child will lead them — Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9 Landen Gailey

Carol 129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN’ ROS’

An angel appears to Mary — Luke 1:26–35, 38 Carol Steele

Carol 123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

Mary gives birth in Bethlehem — Luke 2:1–7 Robin Hodgson

Solo “O Holy Night” *Adolphe Adam*

Tabitha Judy, *soprano*; Lauren Stuligross, *oboe*

Angels announce the Messiah — Luke 2:8–16 Diocles Wells

Carol 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

Magi come from the East — Matthew 2:1–11 Kathleen Madigan

Carol 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELIS

And the Word became flesh — John 1:1–14 Tom Karvonen

The Lighting of Candles

***Hymn 122** “Silent Night, Holy Night!” STILLE NACHT

***Closing Hymn 134** “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

***Blessing and Charge** (*responsive*)

Go with joy:

May we be surprised by angels and join in their song.

Go with light:

May the holy light we carry shine in our hearts and lives.

Go with empty hands:

May we receive the generosity of others and the blessings of God.

Go with full hearts:

May we find opportunities to share all we have been given.

Go, then, in the love of the Creator,

who gives us life and calls us by name.

. . . *continued on reverse*

Go in the love of the Son,
who walks with us.
Go in the love of the Spirit,
who feeds us and leads us home.
Go in peace.
Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude

“Sortie Noel”

C. Franck

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* *You are invited to stand, in body or spirit.*

We are pleased to welcome soloist Tabitha Judy and oboist Lauren Stuligross.

This service of lessons and carols originates from a 1918 Christmas Eve service at King's College Chapel, University of Cambridge, England, and is adapted from Book of Common Worship, © 2018 Westminster John Knox Press.

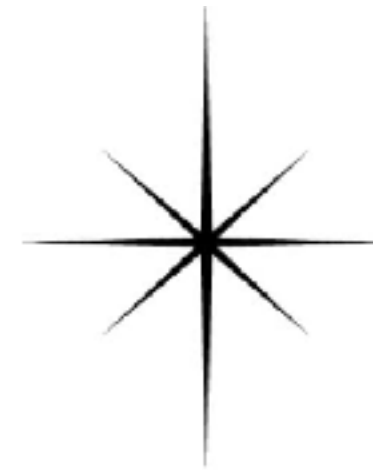
Join us for Worship

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

(But note the special service time on January 4 and 25: 10:00 a.m.)

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Christmas Poinsettias

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- in honor of Kim, Russ, and Jack

Dick & Christine Bobb

- in memory of John Cromarty
- in memory of Betty Bobb

Margaret Bolick

- in memory of her parents
- in honor of her sister,
Nancy Alexander

Bill & Marcy Bone and family

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Darrel Holden

Rev. Lesley Bush

- in honor of the Music Ministry
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- in memory of her husband,
Albert H. Clark

Marsha Covington-Rigsbee

- in loving honor of family
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- in loving memory of her hus-
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Paul & Claire Crook

- in memory of their son,
Gregory McGuire

Molly Garnett

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Barbara Goodman

- in memory of Edward
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- in memory of loved ones

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Katie and Kenneth Davis
- In memory of his parents,
Lois & Harry Hankla

Gayle Hoverson

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- to his loving wife, Diane

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& Jim

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Malcolm & Eugenia Gardner
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Bill & Louise Payne

Emma Persigehl

- in honor of her grandson,
Alan Persigehl

John & Pam Villanti

- in honor and remembrance
of our dear Villanti and
Lightner families

Bud & Sandy Weeks

- in memory of Bud's parents,
Theron & Mary Jane Weeks
- in memory of Sandy's par-
ents, Bob & Virginia Kenney

Marty Zigovsky

- in memory of Katherine
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- in memory of Tillie Zigovsky
- in memory of Patricia
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- for the work of Sally
- for the love of Ruth Mills
- for his "favorite Marine",
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