

December 5, 2021

Order of Worship
2nd Sunday in Advent

10:15 AM

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude - Highland Cathedral, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, David Goodman, Bagpipes

Lighting of the Advent Candle - David, Janet, Lillie, and Max Smith

Leader: In the beauty of the Advent season, we light the candle of hope.

With the hope of Christ in our hearts, we dream of what could be.

People: **A world in which the Prince of Peace reigns and we walk God's paths.**

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of God's protection and care. (*moment of silence is observed*)

We light this candle to remember that Christ is our peace.

People: **Our peace is that Christ is born to lead us. And the day is coming when the wolf and the lamb shall lie down together.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Intercession and Bidding Prayers – Paul Casner

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The First Lesson, from the 3rd Chapter of Genesis - Dennis Crumby

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

• **Congregational Hymn** – #115 - Away in the Manger

The Second Lesson, from the 22nd Chapter of Genesis - Alan Koonce

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

Children's Sermon – Paul Casner

The Third Lesson, from the 9th Chapter of Isaiah - Ellen L. Zink

The promise of the Messiah is given to the people who walked in darkness.

Special Music - His Name is Wonderful, Zora Mallory, vocals; Randy Mallory, vocals and guitar

The Fourth Lesson, from the 11th Chapter of Isaiah - Robert McCarthy

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

Giving and Offertory

The Fifth Lesson, from the 1st Chapter of Luke - Colleen Casner

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

• **Congregational Hymn** - #121 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Sixth Lesson, from the 2nd Chapter of Luke - Lee Fox

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.

Special Music - In the Bleak Midwinter, DPC Adult Choir; Brooks Parker, piano

The Seventh Lesson, from the 2nd Chapter of Luke - Dennis Crumby

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

• **Congregational Hymn** - #145 - What Child is This

The Eighth Lesson, from the 2nd Chapter of Matthew - Robert McCarthy

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offers gifts to the baby Jesus.

Special Music - Christmas Amazing Grace, Carol Battle, vocals; Brooks Parker, vocals and piano.

• **The Ninth Lesson**, from the 1st Chapter of John - Lee Fox

The Word becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

• **Congregational Hymn** - #133 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

• **Benediction**

Postlude – David Goodman, bagpipes

The (•) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold** indicates unison reading.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has taken place at King's College, Cambridge, since 1918. Dean Eric Milner-White based it on a Christmas Eve service that had been introduced in 1880 by the Right Reverend Edward White Benson, Bishop at Truro Cathedral. While the carols have varied year to year, the lessons and the prayers have remained virtually unchanged.

The service was first broadcast on Christmas Eve by the BBC in 1928. It has been broadcast every year since then, with the exception of 1930.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 8 – Logos, 5:30pm, Dance the Night Away/Agape, 6:30pm, Christmas Music with the Dorman Family (postponed from December 1st).

December 12 – Advent III, Choir & Band, Handbells – 10:15am

December 14 – Dot New Circle, 10:00am

December 19 – Advent IV, Jazz Trio, Children's Choir – 10:15am

December 24 – Christmas Eve, Traditional Candlelight Worship – 6pm

***We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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