

St. John's United Methodist Church

presents



A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The service will proceed without announcement.
All carol numbers refer to the United Methodist Hymnal.*

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Randall Partin

Prelude

Joel Beckett and Jim Ahrend

"Veni Emmanuel"
arr. Raymond Haan

*The Bidding Prayer

Rev. Partin

*The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

*Processional Hymn

Choir and Congregation

"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
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not
The Virgin's womb.
Very God,
Begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

**Child for us sinners,
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee
With awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels!
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens
Of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest!
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Savior of creation!
Jesus, to thee be
Glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Norlynn Blocker Price

Carol

“Amid the Cold of Winter”

Taylor Scott Davis

Choir

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Craig Cockrell

*Carol 233

“Cold December Flies Away”

Stanza 1: Choir
Stanza 2: Choir
Stanza 3: Congregation
Stanza 1 (repeat): Congregation

Choir and Congregation

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 53

Dara Bell

Carol

“Child of the Stable's Secret Birth”

Timothy Hewitt-Jones

Choir

Child of the stable's secret birth,
the Lord by right of the lords of earth,
let angels sing of a King new born,
the world is weaving a crown of thorn:
a crown of thorn for that infant head
cradled soft in the manger bed.

Voice that rang through the courts on high
contracted now to a wordless cry,
a voice to master the wind and wave,
the human heart and the hungry grave:
the voice of God through the cedar trees
rolling forth as the sound of seas.

Eyes that shine in the lantern's ray,
A face so small in its nest of hay,
Face of a child who was born to scan
The world he made through the eyes of man:
And from that face in the final day
Earth and heaven shall flee away.

Child of the stable's secret birth,
the Father's gift to a wayward earth,
to drain the cup in a few short years
of all our sorrows, our sins and tears;
ours the prize for the road he trod:
risen with Christ; at peace with God.

(Timothy Dudley-Smith)

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Carrie Eaton

Offertory Prayer
Offering

Rev. Tiffany Hollums

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Offertory Music

“Fantasia On Greensleeves”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Orchestra

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

Rev. Dr. Carl Schenck

“Magnificat”

Taylor Scott Davis
Therese Macali, soprano
Ruxandra Marquardt, violinist

*This piece was commissioned for the 2016 St. John's Festival of Lessons and Carols
by Carolyn Good, in honor of women of faith.*

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| I. | <p>Magnificat anima mea Dominum
et exsultavit spiritus meus
in Deo salutari meo.
Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae:
ecce enim ex hoc beatam
me dicent omnes generations.
Quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est:
et sanctum nomen ejus.</p> | <p><i>My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.
For he has looked with favor on the lowliness
of his servant.
For behold: from henceforth
all generations will call me blessed.
For the Mighty One
has done great things for me
and holy is his name.</i></p> |
| II. | <p>Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
the first of such to say?
All that this child will ever say or be
now lives and grows in me.</p> <p>Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
his name forever mine?
I yield to him my life's identity;
Christ lives and grows in me.</p> <p>Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
both glory and disgrace?
My song shall be both joy and agony;
Christ lives and grows in me.</p> <p>Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
as clouds and shadows rise?
I ponder scenes that I don't want to see.
Christ lives and grows in me. <i>(Terry York)</i></p> | |
| III. | <p>Et Misericordia ejus in progenies
et progenies timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo
dispersit superbos mente
cordis sui.</p> | <p><i>His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has showed strength with his arm.
He has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts.</i></p> |
| IV. | <p>Deposuit potentes de sede
et exaltavit humiles.
Esurientes implevit bonis
et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum
recordatus misericordiae suae.
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros
Abraham, et semini eius in saecula.</p> | <p><i>He has brought down the powerful from
their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
and of the promise he made our ancestors,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.</i></p> |
| V. | <p>Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto,
sicut erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper, et in saecula saeculorum
Amen.</p> | <p><i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, forever and ever.
Amen.</i></p> |

The Sixth Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Heather Pickrell
*Carol 230	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	Choir and Congregation
The Seventh Lesson	Luke 2:8-20	Colin Barz
*Carol 240	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"	Choirs and Congregation
The Eighth Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12	Gina Rivera
Carol	"Sussex Carol" Elaine Hagenberg	Chancel Choir
The Ninth Lesson	John 1:1-14	Rev. Dr. Partin
Silence		
Carol	"The First Nowell" arr. Mack Wilberg	Choir
Prayer		Rev. Tiffany Hollums
*Carol 246	"Joy to the World"	Choirs and Congregation
	<i>Stanza 1:</i>	<i>All</i>
	<i>Stanza 2:</i>	<i>Choir</i>
	<i>Stanza 3:</i>	<i>Choir</i>
	<i>Stanza 4:</i>	<i>All</i>
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Partin
Postlude	Toccata on "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Don Hustad	Jim Ahrend

THE ST. JOHN'S CHANCEL CHOIR and CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CHORUS

Natalie Adolphi
David Barton
Dee Billops
Larry Butler
James Cunningham
Carol Dolan
Marene Evans
Susan Gibson
Diane Helgevold
Nadine Holt
AnaLuz Kohl
Suzanne Lutz
Caroline Rohr Martinek
Cynthia Noe
Christopher Ober
Sue Phelps
Barbara Reeback
Julie Rohr
Susan Spaven
Curtis Storm
Bethany Trice
John Warns
Carol Wiggins

Johanna Ash
Carla Beauchamp
Marlene Bryan
Rhoni Coleman
Leia Cunningham
Suzanne Dressler
Carolyn Freese
Shane Hall
Douglas Hendry
Catharine Hull
Leslie Kryder
Lily Lybarger
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Kathryn Ritterbush
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Tina Petersen
Laura Rammage
Todd Ritterbush
Carol Sharp
Clyde Stanfield
Rhiannon Thompson
Karin Urban
Lavern Wenninger
Larry Zentner

THE ORCHESTRA

Danielle Frabutt Garcia, flutist
Keith Lemmons, clarinetist
Michael Walker, hornist
Brynn Marchiando, trumpeter
Alexis Corbin, percussionist
Ruxandra Marquardt, violinist
Nicolle Maniaci, violinist
Kimberly Fredenburgh, violist
Joel Beckett, cellist
Jean-Luc Matton, bassist

Amanda Talley, oboist
Denise Turner, bassoonist
Katelyn Lewis, hornist
Leif Atchley, trumpeter
Hovey Corbin, percussionist
Hannah Price, violinist
Carol Swift, violinist
Kathleen Hill, violist
Melinda Mack, cellist
Jim Ahrend, organist and pianist



Livestream production by the amazing Nicole Creaturo.

Make a Joyful Noise!

St. John's Music Ministry includes volunteer musicians of all ages and experience levels.

We have vocal and instrumental ensembles for children, youth and adults.

We love to have new members. If you have talents and time to share,
talk to any one of the singers (they in the fashionable beige polyester choir robes),
or contact Matthew Greer at mgreer@stjohns-abq.org.

For more information about the St. John's music ministry, go to musicatstjohns.org.

St. John's Music Staff

Matthew Greer, *Director of Music and Worship Ministries*

Therese Macali, *Assistant Music Director*

Jim Ahrend, *Organist/Pianist*

Garrett Medlock, Kacey Eustis

Music Ministry Interns

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Rev. Dr. Randall W. Partin, Senior Pastor
Rev. Tiffany Hollums, Associate Pastor
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Join us for Christmas Eve!

4pm Service for Children and Families

7:30 Candlelight Service, featuring organ, strings and the Chancel Choir

11pm Candlelight service, featuring the Sunrise Youth Choir

The 4pm and 7:30pm services will be livestreamed at stjohns-abq.org.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all people,
To make music in the heart.

- Howard Thurman