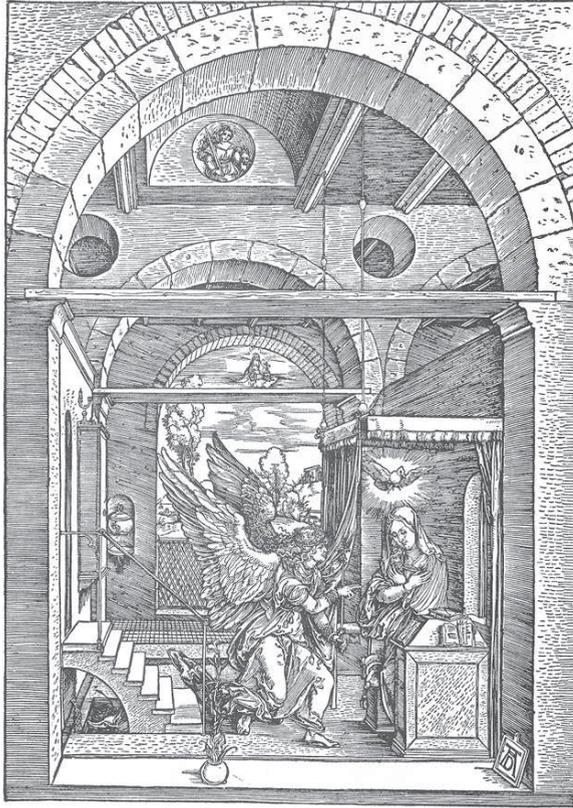


A SERVICE *of*
Nine Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2016



Annunciation, 1612
Albrecht Dürer

Nine Lessons and Carols

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music.

The format was based on an order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. The best-known version has broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve since 1918. It features carols sung by the College's famous choir. Our tradition at Second Presbyterian Church is based on this service.

The Musicians

The Second Ringers Handbell Choir: *Fred Flinn, Jim Cantrell, Molly Pennington, Annie Petzinger, Estelle Curtis, Anne Thompson, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Mimi Vestal, Beth Fischer, B.J. Webster, Lily Humphreys, Terri Theil, Director*

The Youth Choir: *Ginger Statom, Director*

The Chancel Choir: *Gabriel Statom, Director*

Instrumentalists: *Long Long Kang, violin; Anto Rodriguez, cello; Daniel Pollorena, guitar; Shelly Sublett, oboe; Joshua Smith, steel drum*

Order for the Public Worship of God

ORGAN PRELUDE: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Albin Whitworth

Samuel Metzger, organ

HANDBELL PRELUDE: "We Three Kings" J.H. Hopkins, arr. S.E. Fauble

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Chris, Jen, Dominic, and James Devine (8:15)
Lawanna Ingram and Sandy Hazelwood (11:00)

HANDBELL MEDITATION: "Carol of the Bells" Mykolo Leontovich, arr. Kevin McChesney

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson (8:15)
Gerry A. Peak (11:00)

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 225 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

Stanza 1: Abby Brown, soloist

Stanzas 2-5: Congregation

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

The First Lesson

God promises to send a serpent crusher.

GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19 Richard C. Cowan (8:15)
John N. Laughlin (11:00)

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." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Remember, O Thou Man" Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man, remember, O thou man, thy time is spent.
Remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone, and I did what I can. Therefore repent.
Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man, remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell.
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all in hell perpetual, there for to dwell.
Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man, remember God's goodness and His promise made.
Remember God's goodness, how He sent His Son doubtless, our sins for to redress. Be not afraid.
The angels all did sing, O thou man, O thou man, the angels all did sing upon the shepherds' hill.
The angels all did sing praises to our heavenly King, and peace to man living with a good will.

The Second Lesson

God promises a Child King who liberates from terrorizing darkness.

ISAIAH 9:2-7 Frances N. Cowan (8:15)
Britton D. Laughlin (11:00)

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL RESPONSE: Meditation on "Away in a Manger" James R. Murray, arr. Andrew Duncan

The Third Lesson

God promises a virgin that she will bear the Son of the Most High God.

LUKE 1:26-38 Michael B. Gore (8:15)
D. Alan Hammond (11:00)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: No. 201 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"ST. LOUIS

The Fourth Lesson

God's promise of Christ's coming elicits praise and joy.

LUKE 1:39-45 Molly G. Gore (8:15)
Kathy B. Hammond (11:00)

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

CAROL: "Mary's Magnificat" Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing,
Sweetly a maiden sings,
Ever wakeful, ever wistful,
Watching faithfully, thankfully,
Tenderly her King of kings.
My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced
In God my Savior.
Mary her song to Jesus
Softly, serenely sings:
"I will love You, I will serve You,
May my lullaby glorify,
Magnify my King of kings."

Amelia Hopper, soloist

The Fifth Lesson

God graciously blesses those in a hopeless situation.

LUKE 1:57-70 Stephen T. Nash (8:15)
John J. Colcolough (11:00)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

CAROL: "Blessed Is Our Lord" Dan Forrest
Text by R. C. Sproul

Benedictus, blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.

Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,
Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation's horn.
God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.

Christ brings light to sin's dark night: Our Dayspring, Jesus from on high,
Saints and angels sing God's praise. All the earth and Heav'ns reply:
Benedictus, blessed is our Lord. Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word.

The Sixth Lesson

God sovereignly orchestrates the details of Christ's birth.

LUKE 2:1-16 Donna C. Nash (8:15)
Lisa B. Colcolough (11:00)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: No. 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

The Seventh Lesson

God gives the riches of His grace to impoverished sinners like us.

II CORINTHIANS 8:1-9 James R. Echols (8:15)
Joel M. Kaye (11:00)

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADVENT HOMILY: "The Grace of Christ" Sanders L. Willson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our special offering today is for the Caring Ministry Fund. This fund assists those in need among our members and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please use the special envelope in the pew rack or mark your check "Caring Ministry Fund."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "What Grace Is Mine"..... Text by Kristyn Getty
Traditional Melody, Arranged by Rob Mathes

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light called through the night to find my distant soul.
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me that I might live and in His name be known.

So I will go wherever He is calling me. I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies. I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me; beneath His wings my wakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome; my Savior lives and reigns forevermore.

Christy Young, soloist

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYFRYDOL



Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; speak of peace: so says our God.



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.



Cry out to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;



tell her that her sins I cov - er and her war - fare now is o'er.

♠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

♠ GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Eighth Lesson

Jesus Christ is worthy of extravagant, sacrificial worship.

MATTHEW 2:1-11 Candace D. Echols (8:15)
Beth P. Kaye (11:00)

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

CAROL: "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" arr. André Thomas

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they said that his name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. O, yes, believer, born in Bethlehem!

The angels sang when the baby was born, and they said that His name was Jesus.

Wise men came from afar. They came following that star.

They saw where the babe was born, and they said that His name was Jesus.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Ninth Lesson

Behold the glory and receive the grace of our incarnate Lord.

✦JOHN 1:1-14 Susan D. Liddon (8:15)
Robert C. Liddon (11:00)

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. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 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.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to Christ.

✦CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: No. 215 "While by the Sheep We Watched at Night" JUNGST

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" Denis Bédard

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Christmas Flowers

The following is a list of donations to the Chancel Guild Fund, given to the glory of God.

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Getting Connected at Second

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Welcome

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to Second Presbyterian. Please sign our Friendship Pad, which will be passed during the Greetings time of the service. Our Congregational Communities (CCs), also known as Sunday School classes, offer a wide variety of options for various age groups and stages of life. Visiting a CC (Sundays at 9:45 a.m.) is the best way to get to know others and become involved. Visit 2pc.org/cc for a list of classes.

Children in Worship: We consider it a privilege for children to worship with us. If your children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary. Worship bags including material specifically designed for children are available at the Nursery desk.

Advent at Second

Advent Evensong: We hope you'll join us for worship this evening at 6:00 p.m. for a reflective service that will be led by folk instrumentalist Jeff Taylor of Nashville. Taylor is best-known for his accompanying work with Keith and Kristyn Getty, Amy Grant, Buddy Greene, Ricky Skaggs, and more. He excels on the piano and accordion but also plays the penny whistle, mandolin, bouzouki, and concertina.

Christmas Eve: We invite you to worship with us on Christmas Eve. At 4:00 p.m., the Family Service will feature our annual Christmas video and children's message. At 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will accompany a beautiful candlelight communion service. Our Westminster Singers will lead the candlelight communion service at 11:00 p.m. Nursery will be available for ages 4 and under at the 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. services. All services will be held in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Day: We will celebrate through worship at one service on Christmas Day, at 11:00 a.m. On Christmas Day, Sunday School will not meet, and the nursery will be closed. We are looking forward to worshipping together in the Sanctuary as one church family!

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: Our beloved Moore family, Mitchell, Lisa, and their four children, are serving in Indonesia where he is involved in many areas. Not only is Mitchell vice president of student affairs for the university, but he is also very involved in mobilizing church planting among the graduates, seeking to recruit people to key positions. Mitchell shared recently that the faithful prayers of Second are deeply valued and wanted us to know that they are reciprocated. Continue to pray for Mitchell — for wisdom and balance in his life and ministry.

Mission Memphis: Visible Music College trains and equips musicians, technicians, and business professionals in craft and Christian character for effective service in the music industry and in the Church. Our partners there ask us to join them in prayer for the current students who are on winter break to be refreshed during their

time away. Also, pray for new students planning to start in January — for any final application details to be handled easily, for their auditions, and for their moves to Memphis. Finally, pray for the ongoing student housing construction, set to be complete next fall.

General News

Festival of Carols CD: Second's music ministry has produced a CD of recordings from past live performances at Festival of Carols services. This compilation of 14 tracks includes Mack Wilberg's "Still, Still, Still," John Rutter's "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and "O Holy Night," featuring soloist Ginger Statom. The CD is available in The Bookmark Bookstore for \$10.

CLC 2017: Save the date for our annual Christian Life Conference, January 27-29. This year we are excited to welcome guests Harry Reeder and John Wood, who will speak on the topic of holiness. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information.

Life with Kids Luncheon: On Wednesday, January 11, there will be a free luncheon for parents of children birth-12th grade at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. Our panel of presenters will include Sandy and Allison Willson, David and Lee Bowen, and Larry and Leesa Jensen, who will speak on the topic "Navigating Against Today's Culture of Parenting." We encourage you to invite your friends! Please note that childcare will not be available, as PDO will be in session during that time. Email Mandy Morse by January 5 at mandy.morse@2pc.org if you plan to attend.

Church Directory Photos: Thank you to those who have already sent in photos or stopped by to have a picture taken this fall! We will be taking our final round of photos after the new year — Sunday mornings, January 8, 15, and 22. If you'd rather send us a family photo that you already have, email the current, high-resolution photo to creative@2pc.org.

Caring Ministry

Congratulations to: Philip and Cecilia Ogwen on the birth of a daughter, *Angela Elise Ogwen*, November 9, 2016.

In the Hospital (as of 12/13/16): Helen Cox, Allen Morgan Rehab; Mina Chase, Allen Morgan Rehab; Norma McHugh, Bright Glade Rehab

December Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of December are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Brad and Marcia Baker* by the Housholder Family; *Bernice and George Flinn* by their sons George, Jr., Fred, and Carl, and their families; *Mabel L., Forrest P., and James W. Morgan* by Forrest and Joan Morgan; *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Nicholson* by their children and grandchildren; and *Lillian and Thomas Patton* by Claude and Susan Crawford, John and Elizabeth Holmes, and their grandchildren, who have provided the Christmas wreaths on the exterior doors of the church buildings during the Advent season.




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