

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

*Our service of Lessons and Carols draws upon our English tradition. The prayers and order of lessons were put together in its current form for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, in 1918, where it is still used today. In this service we purposely use the King James Version of scripture for its aesthetic beauty and as a celebration of our rich heritage.*

PRELUDE

"Two settings of "Saviour to the Nations, Come".      Johann Sebastian Bach"  
*Tom Bara, organ*

"White Christmas"  
arr. Mark Taylor  
*The WELL Horns*

\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL      "Once in Royal David's City"      No. 250

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's peaceful vision for our world and our call to live in such peace. Today we light the candle of Joy. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

**All:    We light this candle in Joy.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Carol      "O Come, All Ye Faithful"      No. 234

\*Doxology      No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Bidding Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer      No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE      "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"      traditional  
*CUMC Cherub and Chorister Choirs*

## THE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

### FIRST LESSON:

1 Kings 8: 22-28

*Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today."*

CAROL

"In the Bleak Midwinter"  
Chancel Choir

Harold Drake

### SECOND LESSON:

Isaiah 42: 6-9

*I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

CAROL

"I Waited for The Lord"  
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

### THIRD LESSON:

Matthew 1: 18-23

*Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."*

CAROL

"Breath of Heaven"  
The WELL Band

Chris Eaton, Amy Grant

### FOURTH LESSON:

Luke 2: 26-35

*It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."*

CAROL

"Blessed Be That Maid Mary"  
Chancel Choir

Stephen Main

FIFTH LESSON:

Luke 1: 46-56

*And Mary said, "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. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.*

CAROL

"Almost There " Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant  
The WELL Band

SIXTH LESSON:

A Creed for Advent by Cally Booker

**We believe in God, Robed in splendor, Veiled in mystery, Ruler alike of darkness and light.**

**We encounter God in Jesus Christ, Who was tortured and put to death, But whose radiance could not be quenched; Whose touch brings a blaze of color To a dull, drab world: Reviving the weary, Healing the wounded, Dazzling the satisfied.**

**We walk with God, Guided by the light of God's loving spirit, Who enters the shadowed places of our hearts And leads us into truth and life.**

**We wait for God, And for the fulfilment of God's promises, For the time when the darkness will hold no fear And the light will no longer blind, But Creation will be made whole once more And God's peace will reign for ever. Amen.**

CAROL

"Love Came Down at Christmas"  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

SEVENTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

*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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

*He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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.*

CAROL

"Gloria" Cindy Cruse Ratcliff, Israel Houghton  
The WELL Band

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 240

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"  
*The WELL Horns*

arr. Jeffrey Cobb

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

**Special Thanks to the following participants in today's service:**

The WELL Band

The WELL Band – vocalists: Eliza Beutler, Ellen Grams, Allie Kessel, Jen Loup, and Claire Olinik; director and piano: Jeffrey Cobb; guitar: Phil Tarczon; bass: Stu Ford; percussion: Dave Goodwin; trumpets: Dave Hester and Scott Sorenson; saxophones: Mike Davis and Pete Deneen; horn: Julie Schleif; trombone: Mike Hunter

Tom Bara, organ

Jeffrey Cobb, Director of Chancel Choir

Claire Olinik, Director of Choristers and Cherub Choir

Lois Miller, Accompanist for Choristers