



LESSONS AND CAROLS WORSHIP SERVICE
December 12, 2021

PRELUDE "Carol of The Bells" arr. Alex Guebert
featuring Central Bells
"Savior to the Nations, Come BWV 559" by J.S. Bach
featuring Tom Bara, organ
"White Christmas" arr. Mark Taylor
featuring the Well Horns

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

One: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and allow it to benefit others.

**All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you,
trusting that this is how you made us:
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us peace that comes from right relationships.
But also fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained.
We have come here to again be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVING Rev. Chris Lane

OFFERING CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful No. 234 (vs. 1-3, 6)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Noel Woodbury
Response: We give thanks.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 <i>The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.</i>	Rev. Chris Lane
CAROL	"There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob" <i>featuring Central's Chancel Choir</i>	by Felix Mendelssohn
SECOND LESSON	Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9 <i>The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.</i>	Rev. Linda Stephan
CAROL	"Love Came Down at Christmas" <i>featuring Central's Chancel Choir</i>	by Howard Helvey
THIRD LESSON	Matthew 1:18-23 <i>Joseph is visited in a dream.</i>	Rev. Chris Lane
CAROL	"When Love was Born" <i>featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists</i>	by Mark Schultz
FOURTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	Noel Woodbury
CAROL	"The Shepherd's Carol" <i>featuring Central's Chancel Choir</i>	by Dan Forrest
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-6 <i>St. Luke tells of the coming birth of Jesus.</i>	Rev. Chris Lane
CAROL	"Make Room" <i>featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists</i>	by Matt Mark, Mark Hall
SIXTH LESSON	John 1:1-14 <i>St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.</i>	Rev. Linda Stephan
CAROL	"Gloria" <i>featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists</i>	by Israel Houghton
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	No. 240
BLESSING		Rev. Chris Lane

POSTLUDE

“The First Noel”

arr. Bob Turner

featuring The Well Horns

*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.)*

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan
Noel Woodbury, liturgist

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist; Central’s Chancel Choir,
Jeffrey Cobb, director; Central Bells, Lynne Lombard, director;
The Well Worship Band and Vocalists; The Well Horns

GREETERS: Jay Berger, Geri Torno, Dick Wallace, Nora and Dean Francis

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard, John Sonnemann
Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator
Silvio Ciccone, production director

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