





Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

*Please stand if you are able.

INTROIT "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst
Choir

WELCOME Rev. Dennis Wright

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Kurmann Family

CAROL "Brich an,
o schönes Morgenlicht" Johann Sebastian Bach
Vocal Quartet

THE BIDDING PRAYER Rev. Dennis Wright

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in English or the language of your choice)
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.

*HYMN "Away in a Manger" attr. James R. Murray

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Johanna Lindenstruth
God announces in the Garden of Eden
that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head

SOLO "He shall feed his flock" Georg Friedrich Händel
from *The Messiah* HWV 56
Deborah Fogal, Soprano

SECOND LESSON	Genesis 22:15-18 God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed	Kristin Fuchs
CAROL	“Coventry Carol” Choir	Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors arr. Martin Shaw
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah	Magnus Osei-Akoto
SOLO	“I Wonder as I Wander” Randal Turner, Bass	John Jacob Niles
FOURTH LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-4, 6 The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown	Blesson George
*HYMN	“The First Nowell”	English carol <i>Sandy’s Christmas Carols</i>
SOLO	“Cantique de Noël” Zacharie Fogal, Tenor	Adolphe Adam
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-35, 38 The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary	Bemi Okorodudu
*HYMN	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	John Francis Wade
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7 Luke’s record of the birth of Jesus the Messiah	Jeff Anhut
CAROL	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Choir	Michael Praetorius
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16 The shepherds go to the manger	Heather Altermatt

SOLO "Nun wird mein liebster Bräutigam - Bereite dich, Zion" Johann Sebastian Bach
from *Weihnachtsoratorium* BWV 248
Siena Licht Miller, Alto

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Suresh Theodore
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

HYMN "Joy to the World" Isaac Watts
attr. Georg Friedrich Händel
arr. Lowell Mason

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Hellen Kahughu
John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation

CAROL "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" Elizabeth Poston
Vocal Quartet

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS Rev. Dennis Wright

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" Joseph Mohr
trans. John Freeman Young
Franz Xaver Gruber

BENEDICTION

CAROL "Carol of the Bells" Traditional Ukrainian
Choir

This evening's offering will be received at the door at the end of the service.
Proceeds will go to Netz4 and Chrischtehüsli.

Serving today:

Rev. Dennis Wright, Interim Pastor

Chandler Cudlipp, Music Coordinator and Choir Director

Musicians: Deborah Fogal, Soprano; Siena Licht Miller, Alto

Zacharie Fogal, Tenor; Randal Turner, Bass

Ruth Pfister, Organist

Paul and Eva Nelson, Ushers

Marco Schnitter, Security

Kay Stobaugh, Altar Guild

Stephen Heuberger, Sound and Zoom

“Brich an, o schönes Morgenlicht”
Weihnachtsoratorium, BWV 248

Brich an, o schönes Morgenlicht,
und lass den Himmel tagen!
Du Hirtenvolk, erschrecke nicht,
weil wir die Engel sagen,
dass dieses schwache Knäbelein
soll unser Trost und Freude sein,
dazu den Satan zwingen
und letztlich Friede bringen!

Break forth, o beauteous morning light,
and let the sky dawn!
You shepherd folk, be not afraid,
for the angels will tell you
that this feeble, little boy
shall be our comfort and joy,
thereby constraining Satan
and bringing peace at last!

“Cantique de Noël”
words by Placide Cappeau

Minuit, chrétiens
C'est l'heure solennelle
Où l'Homme Dieu descendu jusqu'à nous
Pour effacer la tache originelle
Et de Son Père arrêter le courroux
Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance
En cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur
Peuple à genoux, attend ta délivrance
Noël ! Noël ! Voici le Rédempteur
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'Tis Midnight, Christians
It is the solemn hour
When God as Man came down to us
To erase the original stain
And stop the wrath of His Father
The whole world shivers with hope
In this night that grants it a Savior
People on their knees, await your
deliverance
Noel! Noel! Here is the Redeemer
Noel! Noel! Here is the Redeemer

Le Rédempteur
A brisé toute entrave
La terre est libre et le ciel est ouvert
Il voit un frère ou n'était qu'un esclave
L'amour unit ceux qu'enchaînaient le fer
Qui Lui dira notre reconnaissance ?
C'est pour nous tous qu'Il naît
Qu'Il souffre et meurt
Peuple debout, chante ta délivrance
Noël ! Noël ! Chantons le Rédempteur
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The Redeemer
Has broken every fetter
The earth is free and the sky is open
He sees a brother or was only a slave
Love unites those who were in chains
Who will tell Him our gratitude?
He is born for all of us
He suffers and dies
People standing, sing your deliverance
Noel! Noel! Let us sing of the Redeemer
Noel! Noel! Let us sing of the Redeemer

“Nun wird mein liebster Bräutigam - Bereite dich, Zion”
Weihnachtsoratorium, BWV 248

Rezitativ

Nun wird mein liebster Bräutigam,
Nun wird der Held aus Davids Stamm
Zum Trost, zum Heil der Erden
Einmal geboren werden.

Nun wird der Stern aus Jakob scheinen,
Sein Strahl bricht schon hervor.
Auf, Zion, und verlasse nun das Weinen,
Dein Wohl steigt hoch empor!

Now my dearest bridegroom,
now the hero from the race of David
for the consolation and salvation of the Earth
shall at last be born.

Now the star that comes from Jacob shall
shine,
Its rays already burst forth.
Rise up, Zion, and abandon your weeping,
your well-being climbs aloft!

Aria

Bereite dich, Zion, mir zärtlichen Trieben,
Den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir
zu sehn!
Deine Wangen
Müssen heut viel schöner prangen,
Eile, den Bräutigam sehnlichst zu lieben!

Make yourself ready, Zion, with tender
desires
to see with you soon him who is most
beautiful, most dear!
Your cheeks must today be far more
beautifully resplendent,
hasten, to love your bridegroom with the
greatest longing!