



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Christmas Day*

### A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 25, 2022

11:00 a.m.

*The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

Prelude "What Child Is This? *with Coventry Carol*" arr. by Joel Raney  
*Lullay, thou little tiny child, sleep well, lully, lullay,  
And smile in dreaming, little one, sleep well, lully, lullay.*

#### Opening Sentences

*Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;*

**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

*Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;*

**All: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

*Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.*

**All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

*Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.*

**All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.**

*Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.*

**All: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn #136

**"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

GO TELL IT

First Lesson

**Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19**

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

Carol

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

#121 (verses 1 & 4)

Second Lesson

**Genesis 22:15-18**

*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed*





Carol

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

#88 (verses 1,6, & 7)

Third Lesson

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

*The people who walk in darkness  
receive the promise of the Messiah.*



Carol

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

#123 (verses 1 & 5)

Fourth Lesson

**Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9**

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse  
to restore the peace of creation.*



Carol

**“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”** arr. by Joel Raney

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.*

*It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;*

*With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.*

*To show God's love aright, she bore for us a Savior when half spent was the night.*

*This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,*

*Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.*

*Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us and lightens every load.*

Fifth Lesson

**Luke 1:26-35, 38**

*An angel appears to Mary and announces  
that she will bear a holy child.*



Carol

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** arr. by Joel Raney

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.*

*Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;*

*With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!*

*Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.*

*Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,*

*Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”*



Sixth Lesson

**Luke 2:1-7**

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,  
where Mary gives birth to her child.*

Children's Sermon

***For All the World***  
by Helen Earle Simcox

Carol

**“Away in a Manger”**  
#115 (verses 1, 2, & 3)



Seventh Lesson

**Luke 2:8-16**  
*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields  
and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

Carol

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**  
#113 (verses 1,2, & 3)

Eighth Lesson

**Matthew 2:1-11**  
*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah  
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*

Carol

**“We Three Kings of Orient Are”**  
#151 (verses 1 & 5)



A Christmas Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ninth Lesson

**John 1:1-14**  
*The Word of God became flesh  
and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Carol

**“What Child Is This?”**

*arr. by Joel Raney*

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!  
Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!*

AND THE WORD  
BECAME  
FLESH AND  
DWELT AMONG  
US JOHN 1:14



\*The Affirmation of Faith: *Philippians 2:5-11*

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Today  
December 25**



**NO NURSERY**



**Joyce Ange  
Charley Farris  
Hayes Ludlum**

**Opening  
Church  
Building**

**December**

**16-31:**

**Dave Long**

**Children's  
Church  
No Children's  
Church**

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

\*Closing Hymn

**“Joy to the World”**  
#134 (verses 1,2,3, & 4)

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand*

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **A Service of Lessons and Carols** is traditionally celebrated on or near Christmas Eve. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings or lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems.

\* **The church office** will be closed this week while Philip Gladden and Cheryl Brinkley are on vacation.

\* **Church Treasurer Wayne Casteen** will make the final 2022 deposit on Friday, December 30. Contributions must be deposited by that date to be credited to your 2022 giving statement. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving!

\* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023. All are welcome at the table.



*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Glenn and Debbie Price in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.*

*Merry  
Christmas*