

**\* CAROL**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* EPILOGUE**

*Bethlehem*  
*Gabriel's Oboe*

Claude-Michel Schönberg/Boublil  
Ennio Morricone

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**Soloists**  
**(in order of performance)**

Megan Mashburn, soprano	John Wingert, tenor
Stefanie Sudduth, soprano	Rob Cromwell, tenor
Tami Giusto, mezzo-soprano	Andrew Sudduth, baritone
Marcella Meredith, mezzo-soprano	Brandon Odom, baritone
Sheryl Wingert, soprano	Lara Longworth, mezzo-soprano
David Wingert, tenor	Wendy Baker, soprano

**Instrumentalists**

Rebecca Collins, oboe; Greg Holland, trumpet; Mark Mashburn, trumpet;  
Walter Huff, organist/choirmaster

**Liturgists**

Dr. Baron Mullis, Rev. Kellie Anderson-Picallo  
Jennye Guy, Dana Kling



# Morningside

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**DECEMBER 24, 2011**

**8:00 P.M.**



Baron Mullis, Pastor

Walter Huff, Organist/Choirmaster

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2011      Order of Worship      8:00 p.m.

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PRELUDE

Ave Maria

Men’s Ensemble

Franz Biebl

INTROIT

The First Noel / Mary, Mary

arr. McLachlan / Huff

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Baron Mullis

Leader:      Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

People:      **His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader:      Let us worship God!

\* PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Chorus: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,

Lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;

Very God, begotten, not created.      Chorus

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!      Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!      Chorus

\* (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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This Christmastide

Donald Fraser

EIGHTH LESSON

The light in the darkness

John 1:1-14

SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The light is passed throughout the congregation during the singing of the hymn.)

CAROL

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia,”  
“Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

SOLO

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

PRAYER (in unison)

(The congregation is asked to extinguish the candles following the prayer.)

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ your light shines in our darkness,  
bringing joy in our sorrow and presence in our loneliness. On this holy  
night, draw us in to the mystery of your love. May the blessings of  
Christmas fill every heart, and may we fall to our knees in recognition  
and joy. In the name of the Christ child we pray. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

FIRST LESSON                      *The Messiah is foretold by Isaiah*                      Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM                      *A Virgin Most Pure*                      Traditional English  
A virgin most pure, as the prophets do tell, hath brought forth a baby, as it hath befell, to be our Redeemer from death, hell, and sin, which Adam’s transgression hath wrapped us in: and therefore be merry, set sorrows aside; Christ Jesus our Savior was born on this tide. The King of all kings to this world being brought, small store of fine linen to wrap him was sought; and when she had swaddled her young son so sweet, within an ox-manger she laid him to sleep. Then God sent an angel from heaven so high, to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie, and bade them no longer in sorrow to stay, because that our Savior was born on this day.

SECOND LESSON                      *The peace that the Messiah will bring is foretold*                      Isaiah 11:1-9

ANTHEM                      *Love Came Down at Christmas*                      Traditional Irish melody  
Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine, love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

\* CAROL                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
  
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THIRD LESSON                      *The prophet foresees the glory of the coming of the Lord*                      Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM                      *Susanni*                      Richard Rodney Bennett  
A little child there is y-born. Eia, eia, susanni. And he sprang out of Jesse’s thorn. Alleluya. To save all us that were forlorn. Jesus is the childe’s names, and Mary mild she is his dame; and so our sorrow’s turned to game. It fell upon the high midnight. The stars they shone both fair and bright. The angels sang with all their might. Three Kings there came with their presents, of gold and myrrh and frankincense, as clerks sing in their sequence. Now sit we down upon our knee, and pray we to the Trinity, our help and succor for to be. (text-14<sup>th</sup> century)

FOURTH LESSON                      *The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary*                      Luke 1:26-33

CAROL                      *Gabriel’s Message*                      Basque carol

ANTHEM                      *Canticle of the Turning*                      Traditional Irish, arr. Cooney  
(This text is loosely based on Mary’s *Magnificat*, found in Luke 1:46-55.)

FIFTH LESSON                      *The birth of Jesus is told*                      Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM                      *The Gift*                      Traditional Shaker, arr. Chilcott  
The gift we deliver, the gift we receive is the living spirit Mary did conceive, the royal gift of love, incandescent flame is given to all mankind in His name. Joy, joy, it is our true delight to receive on this wondrous night. A boy-child to Mary is born and His light will shine on beyond the dawn.

TRIO                      *What Child Is This?*                      Traditional, arr. Foster/Huff

SIXTH LESSON                      *The angels proclaim the Messiah’s birth*                      Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM                      *Gloria in excelsis* (from *Gloria*)                      Antonio Vivaldi  
Glory to God in the highest.

SEVENTH LESSON                      *The shepherds go to the manger*                      Luke 2:15-20

ANTHEM                      *What Strangers Are These?*                      Old Scottish Carol, arr. Purvis  
What strangers are these that wander through the town? Hush, ‘tis Joseph and weary Mary. And what does he seek so hopeless and in vain? He is seeking shelter for Mary, for she is the blest and chosen of the Lord, who will bear to all a goodly King. And who is this king of whom ye proudly sing? Know ye not the Christ, Jesus the Saviour? What wee bairn is this, that in a manger lies? Hush, ‘tis Jesus Christ, son of Mary. Say, what fair maid is this whose joy is mixed with awe? Oh, ‘tis Mary, holy mother of Jesus. O, these are the shepherds, and these the Magi Kings who have brought him their gifts of gold and myrrh. But why kneel they in homage here before a babe? They adore their King, Jesus the Saviour. Who are these that march from death to life? These are they who love Jesus, the Christ Child. And how do they triumph o’er the gates of hell? Through the grace of him, Jesus, the Christ Child. He is born to redeem the sons of God and man, to bring peace, joy, love and brotherhood. Oh, where shall I find him, where shall I seek? He is here and now, Jesus, your Saviour.