

# A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 11, 2016 ♦ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
Rochester, Minnesota

Third Sunday in Advent

**Prelude** Savior of the Nations, Come Sandra Eithun  
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

♦ **Carol 140** Once in Royal David's City IRBY  
Please stand as the processional cross passes.

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

(8:30) Joe and Julie Doppler and Family  
(11:00) Peter and Roxanna Potosky

**Advent Candle Song 92** (stanza 1) While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING (CASON)

**Carol 88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL  
Arr. Margaret Tucker

Stanza 1 – ALL  
Stanza 6 – All women and children  
Stanza 2 – ALL men  
Stanza 7 – ALL

**Lesson One** from Genesis 3 Reader

**Anthem** Christ, the Apple Tree Stanford Scriven  
The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green.  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.  
His beauty doth all things excel. By faith I know, but n'er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.  
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought.  
I missed of all but now I see, 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive.  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.  
I'm wearied with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while.  
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.  
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**Lesson Two** from Genesis 22 Reader

**Anthem** Lo, How a Rose/The Rose arr. Craig Hella Johnson  
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.  
*Some say love, it is a river that drowns the tender reed;*  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
*Some say love, it is a razor that leaves your soul to bleed;*  
It came, a Flow'ret bright,  
*Some say love, it is a hunger, an endless aching need;*  
Amid the cold of winter,  
*I say love, it is a flower and you, its only seed.*

When half spent was the night.

*It's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance;  
It's the dream afraid of waking that never takes a chance;  
It's the one who won't be taken who cannot seem to give;  
And the soul afraid of dying that never learns to live.*

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
*When the night has been too lonely and the road has been too long;*

Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.

*And you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong;*

True man, yet very God,

*Just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snow.*

From sin and death He saves us

*Lies the seed that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose.*

And lightens every load.

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**Lesson Three** from Isaiah 9 Reader

**Anthem** This Night F. Melius Christiansen  
This night a wondrous revelation makes known to me God's love and grace;  
The child that merits adoration brings light to our benighted race,  
And though a thousand suns did shine still brighter were that light divine.  
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**Anthem** For Unto Us a Child is Born (MESSIAH) G. F. Handel  
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and  
His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.  
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**Lesson Four** from Isaiah 11 Reader

**Carol 373 - ALL** O Day of Peace JERUSALEM

**Lesson Five** from Luke 1 Reader

**Anthem** There is Faint Music Dan Forrest  
There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;  
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.  
A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger safe and warm,  
And Mary singing lullabies, to hush her baby's sleeping sighs.  
Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unheeded here is time and space,  
Her heart is filled with blinding joy, for God's own Son, her baby boy!  
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**Lesson Six** from Luke 2 Reader

**Anthem** Lully, Lulla, Lullay Philip W. J. Stopford  
Chancel Choir  
(Refrain) Lully, lulla, Lully, lulla, Lully, lulla, Lully, lulla, By, by, lully, lullay.  
Thou little tiny Child, By, by lully, lullay.  
O sisters too how may we do for to preserve this day?  
This poor youngling for whom we sing By, by, lully, lullay. (Refrain)  
Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day.  
His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. (Refrain)  
That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day.  
For Thy parting neither say not sing, By, by, lully, lullay.  
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**Anthem** Angels We Have Heard on High Taylor Davis  
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!  
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the glad tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
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◆ **Carol 134** Joy to the World! ANTIOCH, arr. John Rutter  
Stanza 1 – ALL  
Stanzas 2,3 - Choirs  
Stanza 4 – ALL  
Please hold “king” and “prove” longer than usual.

**Offertory**  
Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you.

**At the offertory** O Holy Night Adolph Adams, arr. James Biery  
O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, when Christ was born.  
Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our Friend.  
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger; Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!  
Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his gospel is peace.  
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise his holy name.  
Christ is the Lord, O praise his name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim!  
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**Lesson Seven** from Luke 2 Reader

**Carol 147** The First Nowell arr. Mack Wilberg  
Stanza 1 – All men  
Stanza 2 – All women and children  
Stanza 6 – ALL

**Lesson Eight** from Matthew 2 Reader

**Anthem** Star Carol Robert Hobby  
Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:  
Out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.  
Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth  
To the world its God announcing, seen in fleshly form on earth.  
Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;  
See them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.  
Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,  
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.  
May we lift our eyes in wonder, see thy star and worship thee;  
May the nations sing rejoicing, offer praise on bended knee.  
Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped at thy glad Epiphany,  
Unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit glory be.  
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**Anthem** The Glory of the Father Egil Hovland  
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth  
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life and the life was the light of men.  
He came to his own and His own received him not.  
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◆ **Lesson Nine** from John 1 Reader  
Congregation, please stand as you are able.

◆ **The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)**

◆ **Carol** O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES, arr. John Rutter  
1. 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!  
Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!  
2. God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten, not created. Refrain.  
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heav'n  
above; Glory to God in the highest. Refrain.  
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesu, to thee be  
glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. Refrain.  
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**Benediction** (please be seated)

**Postlude** Pastorale from 'The Christmas Concerto' Arcangelo Corelli  
Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God;  
if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken “Amen” or “Praise God” is appropriate.

◆ **Those who are able please stand.**

### Welcome to worship this morning

- First Presbyterian Church welcomes families with young children. Staffed nursery care is available during worship. Audio from the worship service can be heard in the library (adjacent to the sanctuary) and social hall.
- Large print copies of the hymns are available. Please ask an usher for them.
- If you are visiting because of medical treatment at Mayo Clinic we offer our prayers for healing.
- Our activities and programs are open to all, member and friend alike.
- We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the social hall following the 8:30 service and in the atrium following the 11:00 service.

\* As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. \*

**Today's readers are:**

	at 8:30	at 11:00
Lesson 1	LaDonna Fay	Mark Mueller
Lesson 2	Ellis Bloomfield	Elizabeth Sorenson
Lesson 3	Jacob Dyck	Lavonne Jacobson
Lesson 4	Kathy Tremaine	Tim Zetsche
Lesson 5	Juliet Parlette	Marion Pitts
Lesson 6	Brett Carroll	Holly Ebel
Lesson 7	Char Higgins	Andrew Thoreson
Lesson 8	Roger Ring	Van Jacobsen
Lesson 9	Jay Rowland	T. J. Parlette

**We thank these people for their ministry through music:**

Calvin, Chancel and Youth Choirs, Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir, and Church Orchestra:  
 Violin: Joan Elkins, Dwight Jennings, Anne Judisch, Amy Lindstrom, Melissa Wobig  
 Viola: Grafton Parlette, John Vettel  
 'Cello: Lea Dacy, Kay Tate  
 Double Bass: Blake Bonde  
 Flute: Carolyn Beck, Anne Gyura, Maddie Perkins, Chelsea Rostad  
 Oboe: Gabrielle Alvarado, Kristina Hesby  
 Clarinet: Jenny Matoush, Kristen Perkins  
 Horn: Andrea Sivertson, Ellington Starks  
 Trumpet: Warren Bandel, Kelly Mason  
 Trombone: Dennis McMillin, Ryan Perkins  
 Tuba: Paul Herr  
 Percussion: Jeremy Braun, Gabe Perkins  
 Handbells: Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir  
 Piano: Zoe Abrahamson, Lee Afdahl, Lois Marsh  
 Organ: Lois Marsh  
 Conductors: Katie Kruger, Lee Afdahl

Some of the music and musicians for today's service were underwritten by generous donations from C. Michel and Mary Harper and in memory of Lewis Woolner.

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Jay and Carolyn Beck, Thomas and Connie Smyrk, and Thomas and Kiyomi Takekawa

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***Calendar for the week of December 11-December 18  
(and beyond)***

**TODAY – December 11 (Third Sunday in Advent)**

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.  
The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dan and Tammy Buchanan in celebration of their anniversary.  
A **nursery** for infants through 3-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a quiet space for nursing mothers. An usher would be happy to direct you if you don't know where the nursery is located.

**Education hour:**

- 9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (3-years-old)
- 9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grades 6 – adult education
- 9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5
- 9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1
- 10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4-grade 1
- 10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grade 2-5

**Adults:**

- 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study* in south fireside room ... *Matthew*
- 9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues* in Sheldon Jackson lounge ... *Current Events: the pros and cons*

**Dedication of remodeled spaces.** At 9:45 we will dedicate our recently renovated spaces with a special ribbon cutting ceremony. Meet in the atrium and visit the social hall, kitchen, music room and multipurpose room.

**MONDAY – December 12**

**First Players** will present their Winter Concert at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**WEDNESDAY – December 14**

All gifts for the **Sharing Tree** should be dropped off by December 14.

**Kitchen Guild** meets at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday Activities**

4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)
5:45	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)
6:30	Adult Bible study—"The Redemption of Scrooge" led by Rev. T. J. Parlette.
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

**THURSDAY – December 15**

Items for the **January newsletter** are due. Turn them in to the church office or e-mail them to fpc\_carol@hotmail.com.

**Jubilate Deo** bells and **Chancel Choir** will have a party at Lee Afdahl's home at 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY – December 17**

**Ruth Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. in the lounge for Bible study and then have Christmas lunch.

**SUNDAY – December 18 (Advent 4)**

**Worship** at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

There will be a special time during the 8:30 service for prayer for those struggling in the holiday season.

The **children's Christmas program** will be presented during the 11 a.m. service.

The **Christmas Joy offering** will be dedicated although your contribution will be gratefully accepted any time through January. Please note "Joy Offering" on the memo line of your check or use an envelope from the pew rack.

**Covenant Fellowship's** annual Christmas party will begin at 6 p.m. at the home of Dave and Alice Kerr (1405 Wilshire Woods Lane NE). Please bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift to exchange and an appetizer to share. Come even if you don't have time to fix or buy a food item. Hosts are Barbara Boyer, Alice Kerr, and Ruth Saling. Please contact Barbara (282-3776) if you plan to come.

**MONDAY – December 19**

**Esther Circle** will meet at noon in the lounge for a potluck lunch. Please bring a small hot dish or salad to pass and two dozen Christmas goodies to share.

### **WEDNESDAY – December 21**

All **Wednesday activities** are meeting as scheduled.

**Priscilla Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. in the social hall with a potluck brunch.

**Crafters Group** will meet at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Bring that almost finished project or help us make cards for C.A.R.E. members of FPC.

### **THURSDAY – December 22**

**Jubilate Deo Bells** rehearses at 6:15 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **SATURDAY- December 24** (Christmas Eve)

**Services of worship** at 4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

3:00 Cherub and Calvin Choirs and youth handbell choirs warm up.

4:00 Worship service with Calvin and Cherub Choirs and Alleluia Ringers and Joyous Praise.

10:00 Chancel Choir and Jubilate Deo handbell choir warm up.

10:30 Prelude with ensembles, ringers and choir.

11:00 Candlelight service.

### **SUNDAY – December 25** (Christmas)

One service of worship at 11 a.m. No Sunday school.

### **MONDAY – December 26**

**Church office will be closed.**

## ***For Your Information***

Pick up a copy of the PCUSA **Advent devotional calendar** at the welcome desk or in the church office.

The annual Christmas Joy Offering distributes gifts 50/50 to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Please give generously.

**Spread Christmas joy by ringing a bell for the Salvation Army.** The Social Concerns Committee encourages FPC members to support the Salvation Army's Christmas Red Kettle campaign by spending an hour or two ringing bells at one of their collection sites. Every hour is important because a one-hour shift, on average, raises \$50 compared to zero for an unstaffed kettle. To volunteer, register online at [www.RochesterSA.org](http://www.RochesterSA.org). A community menu will appear. Choose "Sign up to ring bells" and follow the prompts. Check the appropriate boxes and then "submit." Thanks!

**Offering envelopes** for 2017 are in the social hall. If there isn't a box with your name and you want to use envelopes, check in the church office. We also have boxes of envelopes available for children and youth.

As you consider your **year-end financial donations**, please make your church a high priority. Gifts can be given to your General Budget or Outreach pledges for either this year or next year, as an "over and above" donation, designated for the Endowment Fund, or designated for special programs within the church. Talk to Carol Evans if you have any questions.

**Alternative Giving Opportunity.** Members of the Mission Committee will be in the atrium with information about making an alternative Christmas gift through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This is a chance to give a gift in honor of someone who has everything or to give a gift in memory of a loved one. Gifts may be in any amount. Please consider this Christmas shopping opportunity.

**2017 budget update:** In November we dedicated our pledges to help underwrite FPC's General Budget and Outreach Budget for 2017. Projected pledges and related income now total \$742,406, leaving a gap of about \$56,328 between income and committee requests. If you haven't returned your pledge card yet, please do it soon. Thank you! Thanks to those who have already responded! Members of the Stewardship and Finance Committee are Jackie Moen, (lead elder), Ken Boyer, Carol Evans, T. J. Parlette.

## ***Among Our Church Family***

Congratulations to Clifford Gastineau who will celebrate his 96th birthday December 18.

Congratulations to Robert and Susan McClocklin who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary December 17.

We extend our condolences to Lynn and Bette Ferschweiler and Tami Busby on the death of Lynn and Bette's daughter and Tami's twin sister, Teri Ferschweiler Harding, December 7 in Alabama.

We extend our condolences to Elmer and Mary VanDerHeyden on the death of Roger's brother, Roger VanDerHeyden, December 7 in Rochester.