

# A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 17, 2017 ♦ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
Rochester, Minnesota

Third Sunday in Advent

**Prelude** Impressions on 'Veni Emmanuel' arr. Cathy Moglebust  
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) Susanna Stone, Jake Wright, and Teddy Stone-Wright  
(11:00) Lindsay and Tim Zetsche, Elijah and Inge

**Advent Candle Song 85** (stanza 3) Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah TIF IN VELDELE  
**Carol 347** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY  
arr. Gustav Holst

Stanza 1 – All women and children  
Stanza 2 – All men  
Stanza 3 – Choir  
Stanza 4 – ALL

**Lesson One** from Genesis 3 Reader

**Anthem** Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree Carl Schalk  
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.  
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while.  
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus 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.  
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**Lesson Two** from Genesis 22 Reader

**Anthem** A Spotless Rose arr. Bryan L. Greer  
A spotless rose is growing, sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seer's foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter and in the dark midnight.  
The rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest maid;  
For through God's great love and might the Blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night. A spotless rose she bare us in a cold winter's night.  
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**Lesson Three** from Isaiah 9 Reader

**Carol 88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel  
arr. Margaret Tucker

(ALL) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(WOMEN AND CHILDREN)

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(MEN) O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(ALL) O come, Desire of nation, bind all people in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Anthem** There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth Felix Mendelssohn  
There shall a star from Jacob come forth,  
and a scepter from Israel rise up and dash in pieces princes and nations,  
How brightly beams the morning star.  
With sudden radiance from afar with light and comfort glowing.  
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing,  
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!  
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**Lesson Four** from Isaiah 11 Reader

♦ **Carol 373** O Day of Peace JERUSALEM

**Lesson Five** from Luke 1 Reader

**Anthem** Gabriel's Message (Basque Carol) arr. Nancy Grundahl  
The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!  
"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee;  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!  
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady. Gloria!  
Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and  
Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!  
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**Lesson Six** from Luke 2 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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**Anthem** Gloria in Excelsis Antonio Vivaldi  
Gloria in excelsis Deo: Glory be to God on high.

◆ **Carol 134** Joy to the World! ANTIOCH  
arr. Mack Wilberg

Stanza 1 – ALL

Stanza 2 – ALL women and children

Stanza 3 - ALL men

Stanza 4 – ALL

Please hold “king,” “employ,” “ground,” and “prove” longer than printed.

### Offertory

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

**At the offertory** Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,

Lift up your voice, Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms.

He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,

From time eternal, He was Alpha and Omega, He, Behold your Lord!

He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth,

Hope of all nations, Light of all! He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms.

Love and trust him as a child, love him, trust him, as a child.

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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** We Three Kings (See hymn 151 for text.) Philip W. J. Stopford

**Anthem** In the Beginning Was the Word Michael Ryan-Wenger

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we beheld the glory, full of truth and grace.

◆ **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.**

**Today’s readers are:**

	8:30	11:00
Lesson 1	Al Depman	Allen Dollerschell
Lesson 2	Sara Kluck	Lindsay Zetzsche
Lesson 3	Marylynn Alderks	Alex Luna
Lesson 4	Joseph Doppler	Suzanne Dinusson
Lesson 5	Katie Van Buren	Lucinda Cutrer
Lesson 6	Denise Ring	Jason Wobig
Lesson 7	Tammy Buchanan	Robert Sixta
Lesson 8	Bruce Fye	Mary Bayrd
Lesson 9	T. J. Parlette	Jay Rowland

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

Calvin and Chancel 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

Bass: Blake Bonde

Flute: Carolyn Beck, Ariel Boswell, Anne Gyura, Maddie Perkins, Chelsea Rostad

Oboe: Kristina Hesby, Michalea Pasch

Clarinet: Jenny Matoush, Kristen Perkins

Horn: Andrea Sivertson, Ellington Starks

Trumpet: Warren Bandel, Kelly Mason, Andrew Thoreson

Trombone: Dennis McMillin, Ryan Perkins

Tuba: Paul Herr

Percussion: Jeremy Braun, Gabe Perkins

Piano: Zoe Abrahamson

Organ, piano, harpsichord: Lois Marsh

Conductor: Lee Afdahl

### 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. \*

## Calendar for the week of December 17-December 24 (and beyond)

### SUNDAY – December 17 (Advent 3)

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Don and Barbara Cain in memory of their loving parents.

A **nursery** for infants through 3-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a space for nursing mothers. An usher will 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 grade 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 grades 2-5

#### Adults:

9:40 a.m.: *Current Events: Beyond the Headlines* (lounge/E-207)

9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study of Matthew* (south fireside room/A-104)

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

The annual service of **Lessons and Carols** is being led by the Chancel/Youth and Calvin Choirs with handbells, orchestra and organ at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship hours. The service, including the reading of nine lessons, carols and anthems, is based on the traditional English service of the same name.

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

**Covenant Fellowship** will gather for its annual Christmas Party at 6 p.m. at the home of Dave and Alice Kerr 99(1405 Wilshire Woods Lane NE). Please bring an appetizer and a dessert plus a wrapped white elephant gift. Reply to Connie Polk (cmbpolk@gmail.com or 507-288-4205) if you can come. We truly would love to see you and have your response so we can have a plate and cup of punch awaiting your arrival Hosts are Connie, Cindy, Barb, and Jane (Alice's Santa associates)

### MONDAY – December 18

**Esther Circle** will meet at NOON in the lounge for a potluck luncheon.

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

### TUESDAY – December 19

**Session** meets at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

### WEDNESDAY – December 20

**Priscilla Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. in the social hall with a potluck brunch at 11 a.m.

**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.

#### 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 – <i>Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph</i> led by Rev. T. J. Parlette
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

### THURSDAY – December 21

**Chancel Choir** and **Jubilate Deo Bells** will have a Christmas Party at 6 p.m.

### SUNDAY – December 24 (Christmas Eve)

**Morning worship at 11 a.m. only. No Sunday school. During the Sunday school hour Cherub and Calvin Choirs and Sunday school children will rehearse for the afternoon pageant.**

**Christmas Eve Services** at 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. Child care will be provided at the 4 p.m. service only.

3:00 Cherub and Calvin Choirs and Alleluia Ringers warm up.

4:00 **Service of worship and Children's Pageant** with Calvin and Cherub Choirs, Alleluia Ringers, and Sunday school children.

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

10:30 Prelude with organ, handbells, and choir.

11:00 **Candlelight service** with Chancel Choir and Jubilate Deo.

**The offering we receive on Christmas Eve** supports the work of the Deacons in the coming year including flowers for members in the hospital, rides and van service to worship and other activities at FPC, parking passes for Mayo parking lots for people visiting members in the hospital, HomeTouch subscription for homebound members, funeral coffees, and gas vouchers for assistance requests.

### MONDAY – December 25

#### Merry Christmas!

No services will be held at the church.

The church will be closed.

### TUESDAY – December 26

The church will be closed.

### WEDNESDAY – December 27

**NO Wednesday activities** this week.

### SUNDAY – December 31

**One service of worship** at 11 a.m. No Sunday school, choirs or nursery.

## For Your Information

If you or anyone you know would be interested in working security on Wednesday and Friday evenings from about 6:30-9:30 p.m. and occasionally on Sunday mornings, we are looking for additional staff. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**Christmas Pageant Information:** The annual FPC Christmas Pageant will be held at the 4 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, December 24. A mandatory Pageant rehearsal will be held at 9:45 a.m. on December 24 in the church sanctuary. The Pageant is open to all FPC children, from Pre-K to High School. Children who are interested in the Pageant but not regular choir attendees are encouraged to attend the first few minutes of choir rehearsal on Sunday mornings in order to learn the Pageant songs, though this is not necessary.

**Offering envelopes for 2018 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.

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

**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.** Visit the Mission Committee display in the atrium for 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.

**2018 budget update:** In November we dedicated our pledges to help underwrite FPC's General Budget and Outreach Budget for 2018. Projected pledges and related income now total \$783,037, leaving a gap of about \$18,000 between income and committee requests. If you haven't returned a pledge card yet, please do it soon. Thank you! Thanks to those who have already responded!

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

Congratulations to Clifford Gastineau who will celebrate his 97th birthday December 18.

Congratulations to Robert and Susan McClocklin who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary December 17.

We extend our condolences to Donald McIlrath on the death of his wife, Alice Hoffman McIlrath, December 11.



### **About Our Church**

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor	Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor	Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist	Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Susanna L. Stone, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Brian D. Stevens, Custodian

Child Care staff: Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith

Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn

Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (9:30 a.m.-noon)

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