

Piano Solo ~ *Silent Night* ~ Lynne Moore

Carol ~ *Silent Night*, verses 1, 2, 4 ~ No. 253

*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;*

*Heav'nly 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.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

*Special thanks this afternoon go to all our participants and their families:*

*Anna Cahill*

*Conor Cahill*

*Tara Cahill*

*Brock Moore*

*Lynne Moore*

*Martha Moore*

*Alisa Ratliff*

*Sean Ratliff*

*Tara Ratliff*

*Maryanna Turnage*

*Parker Turnage*

*Eugene Tuttle*

*Andrew Wyche*

*and Joan Wright, Pianist and Director*

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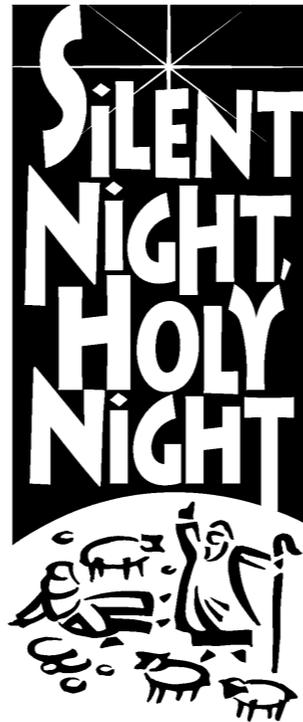
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# THE CHRISTMAS *Story*

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*The Order of the Worship of God*

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PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Children's Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

*Welcome to this celebration of our Lord's birth! This afternoon's worship service features the gifts and talents of many of the young people of Hebron Presbyterian Church as they lead us in the worship of God, including a modified service of Lessons and Carols, as well as vocal and instrumental solos and readings. Special thanks go to Joan Wright for her work with our youth. No offering will be collected, but you may make free-will offerings to the church in the baskets by the doors as you exit the sanctuary.*

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Children's Handbells

Anna Cahill, Brock Moore, Lynne Moore, Alisa Ratliff, Tara Ratliff,  
Sean Ratliff, Maryanna Turnage, Parker Turnage, Eugene Tuttle

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Luke 2: 10b-12; Isaiah 9:6 ~ Andrew Wyche

L: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;  
for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**P: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths  
and lying in a manger.**

L: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon  
his shoulder,

**P: And his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace."**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From PCUSA *Book of Common Worship* ~ Sean Ratliff

**All glory to you, eternal Father, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us.  
Along with singing angels, let us praise your holy name, and tell the earth his story, so  
that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Christ Candle ~ Tara Cahill and Sean Ratliff

**SUNG RESPONSE: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 2***

*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.*



**Christmas Eve**

Ninth Lesson ~ A Blessing for All Peoples ~ Genesis 12: 1-3 ~ Parker Turnage

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Tenth Lesson ~ John 3:16-17; Acts of the Apostles 2:39 ~ Andrew Wyche

For the promise was not only to Abraham, but that through Abraham, all the world would be blessed, as the gospel according to John says: "For God so loved *the world* that he gave his only Son, that *whoever* believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." And as the apostle Peter said in Acts, "For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."



Piano Solo ~ *Joy to the World* ~ Lynne Moore

**Carol ~ *Joy to the World!*, verse 1 ~ No. 270**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come; / Let earth receive her king!  
Let every heart prepare Him room, / And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, /  
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing!*

Christmas Message ~ Pastor Frank Wyche

Lighting Candles To Share the Light of Christ ~ John 1: 1-14, 16-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every person was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

The LIGHT  
  
Shines in the  
darkness  
& the darkness  
& did not  
overcome it  
John 1:5



Carol ~ *What Child Is This?*, verse 1 ~ No. 281

*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.*

Carol ~ *How Great Our Joy!*, verses 1 and 4 ~ No. 269

**J** *While by the sheep, we watched at night  
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.*  
**O** *How great our joy! Great our joy! / Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!*  
*Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! / Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*  
**Y** *This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.*  
*How great our joy! Great our joy! / Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!*  
*Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! / Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

Eighth Lesson ~ *Wise Men Bring Gifts* ~ Matthew 2: 1-2, 9b-11 ~ Martha Moore

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." [A]nd lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Carol ~ *We Three Kings*, verse 1 ~ No. 288

*We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar –  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain –  
Following yonder star.  
O, star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*



## A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

"Lessons and Carols" is a traditional English celebration of Christmas using selected scripture lessons to tell the Christmas story, alternating with special music and congregational singing of selected verses of Christmas hymns and carols related to the scripture lessons. The opening prayer is traditionally called the "Bidding Prayer."

Bidding Prayer and **The Lord's Prayer** (...debts/debtors...) ~ Martha Moore

First Lesson ~ *God Gives a Promise* ~ Isaiah 9: 2-3b, 6-7; 7:14 ~ Eugene Tuttle

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. "They Shall Name Him

Carol ~ *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, verse 1 ~ No. 245

*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*



Second Lesson ~ *A Birth Foretold* ~ Luke 1: 26-33 ~ Conor Cahill

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Carol ~ *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, verse 1 ~ No. 259

*Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;  
Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ the newborn King.*



Third Lesson ~ The Promise Fulfilled ~ Matthew 1:18-23 ~ Maryanna Turnage

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us).

Carol ~ *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, verse 1 ~ No. 250

*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.*



Fourth Lesson ~ The Birth of the Christ ~ Luke 2: 4-7 ~ Brock Moore

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Solo ~ *When I Kneel at the Manger Tonight* (by Mary Kay Beale) ~ Anna Cahill



Carol ~ *Away in a Manger*, verse 1 ~ No. 261

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Carol ~ *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, verse 2 ~ No. 250

*For Christ is born of Mary, / And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning starts, together / Proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God, the King,  
And peace to men on earth.*

Fifth Lesson ~ The Shepherds Hear of the Birth ~ Luke 2: 8-11 ~ Alisa Ratliff

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Piano Solo ~ The First Noel ~ Parker Turnage

Carol ~ *The First Noel*, verses 1, 6 ~ No. 265

*The first Noel, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel! Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!*

*Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.  
Noel, Noel! Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!*



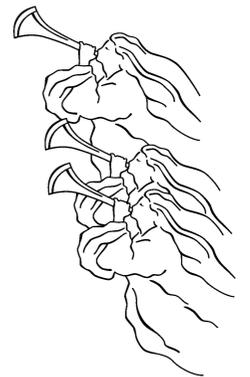
Sixth Lesson ~ The Angels Praise God ~ Luke 2: 13-14 ~ Anna Cahill

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Trumpet Solo ~ *Angels We Have Heard on High* ~ Andrew Wyche

Carol ~ *Angels We Have Heard on High*, verse 1 ~ No. 278

*Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
Glo-ria in excelsis Deo, / Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.*



Seventh Lesson ~ The Shepherds Visit the Child ~

Luke 2: 15-18 ~ Brock Moore

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.