

Congregational Carol
Rutter

(Remain Seated)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

John

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

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the new born king.*

*Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the new born king.*

*Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new born king.*

Third Lesson

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT

Paul Epley

A Reading from the 9th Chapter of Isaiah

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Anthem

Fourth Lesson

THAT CHRIST IS TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM IS FORETOLD

Dan Forrest

Tricia Laws

A Reading from the 5th Chapter of Micah

Bethlehem

Anthem

Craig Courtney

Fifth Lesson

THE ANGEL GABRIEL ANNOUNCES TO MARY THAT SHE WILL BE THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Betty Jane Honeycutt

A Reading from the 1st Chapter of Luke

Anthem

The Annunciation

Tom Fettke

Sixth Lesson

SAINT LUKE TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Tori Houser

A Reading from the 2nd Chapter of Luke

Anthem

Breath of Heaven

Craig Courtney

Seventh Lesson

THE SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Meagan Smith

A Reading from the 2nd Chapter of Luke

Anthem

Courtney

How Great our Joy

Craig

Eighth Lesson

The Magi Visit The Messiah
A Reading from the 2nd Chapter of Matthew

Paul Freeman

Anthem

Carol of the Magi

John Rutter

Ninth Lesson

SAINT JOHN UNFOLDS THE GREAT MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

A Reading from the 1st Chapter of John

Dr. Ray Howell

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. John Rutter

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Choir Only – On Verse 2

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest,"
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Closing Prayer

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Mendelssohn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous
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 new born King!"*

Benediction

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Postlude

D'Andrieu

Magnificat

Jean Francois

Orchestra

Rebecca Nussbaum, Flute
Kali Poore, Oboe
Nicolae Soare, Violin
Anna Goodman, Violin
Marian Wilson, Viola
Worth Williams, Cello
John Spuller, Bass

Bill Harbinson, Trumpet
Jon Myers, Trumpet
Keith Grush, Horn
Chris Ferguson, Trombone
Wes, Richardson, Tuba
Danny Burkhart, Timpani
Beverly Khemlani, Organ/Piano

Sanctuary Poinsettias

Given in honor of Evelyn Bingham by Sterling Wall Family
Given in honor of Ray and Joyce Howell by Ashley and Gaye Whitfield
Given in honor of Kay Kepley by Kay Kepley's Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren
Given in honor of Carol Jean Stutts-Wall by The David and Julia Dunn Family
Given in memory of our parents Dick and Birdie Dunn and Carroll Wall Jr. and Betsy Wall Medford by David and Julia Dunn
Given in memory of Mickey LeCroy by Judy LeCroy and family
Given in memory of Bill Medford by The David and Julia Dunn Family
Given in memory of Ronald and Myra Walton and Taylor Mathews by Tracy and Jimmy Livengood

Christmas Eve Service

Next Sunday morning on Christmas Eve we will travel to Riverdale in the 11 a.m. service to hear about a Riverdale Christmas Miracle. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service begins at 5:30 p.m. The downstairs entrances by the elevator will be open until 5:15 p.m. at which time they will be locked for security reasons. The front doors will be open throughout the service.

Cancer Services Christmas Party

We will host the annual Christmas party for cancer patients this Thursday at 6 p.m. Please let Joyce Howell know if you can provide food or a monetary donation.

Musicians for The Nine Lessons and Carols

Director

Paul Freeman, Minister of Music

Soloist

Ralph Ashley (*Once in Royal David's City*)

Accompanist

Beverly Khemlani

Sanctuary Choir

Soprano

Debbie Auman
Mary Bell
Courtney Foster
Debra Freeman
Barbee Krugel
Sidney Minner
Dolly Skinner
Debbie Tate
Wendy Walker

Alto

Beth Bunce
Lori Gilliam
Bonnie Harvey
Alyson Honeycutt
Betty Jane Honeycutt
Judy LeCroy
Eryn Myers
Ellen Smith
Harriet Whiteman

Tenor

Ralph Ashley
Jim Barton
Jimmy Davis
LeGrand Skinner
Will Tate
Brian Walker

Bass

Ken Auman
Chuck Bell
Herb Davis
Harvey Fulbright
Alan Hall
Bruce Hill

*First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC
The Forty-Fourth Annual
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Wilson

Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Roger C.

Opening of the Bible

Elaine and Julia Allen

Greeting

Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Offertory Prayer

Brannon Gilliam

Offertory

Pachelbel

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann

Processional

Harbinson

Once in Royal David's City

arr. Dr. William G.

(Solo) Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child

(Choir only) He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth, our Savior holy.

(Congregation and Choir) *Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.*

*And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
And He leads His children on to the place where He has gone.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Emma Jolly

Bidding Prayer

Dr. Ray Howell

First Lesson

Rod Penry

GOD CREATES THE WORLD THROUGH HIS CREATIVE WORD
A Reading from the 1st Chapter of Genesis and the 1st Chapter of John.

Anthem
Helvy

When Came in Flesh the Incarnate Word

Howard

Second Lesson

Harrison Fulbright

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD PROMISES TO BLESS ABRAHAM
A Reading from the 22nd Chapter of Genesis

