

11 AM CHILD-LED SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

A decorative border of various Christmas-themed plants and flowers surrounds the central text. It includes green pine branches, clusters of red berries, large red poinsettias, and sprigs of holly leaves. The plants are rendered in a flat, illustrative style with vibrant colors.

Christmas

IN THE **GOSPELS**

CHRISTMAS EVE
CHILD-LED SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SECOND  PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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Child-led Service of Lessons and Carols

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Willie, Take Your Little Drum
Dawn Waddell, organ

James Biery
(b. 1956)

I Wonder as I Wander

Marianne Kim
(b. 1970)

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

A.D. Miller
(b. 1972)

Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Fum, Fum, Fum!

Richard Lind
(b. 1949)

Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry and Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

*** Call to Worship**

One: We have been waiting, and the day is here. Come, all ye faithful.

All: We come with joy!

One: We have prepared our hearts and homes, and our hope has been kindled.
Come, all ye faithful.!

All: We come with joy!

One: The story of the Christ child is both ancient and new.
It is true today, yesterday, and tomorrow. Come, all ye faithful.

All: We come with joy!

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

* Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
 O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O
 come let us a - dore Him, — Christ, — the Lord!

We Hear The Story

In the Beginning

John 1:1-5

Hymn

People, Look East

BESANÇON

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near, Of the crown - ing of — the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is plant - ed
 year: Make your house fair as you seed are a - ble, Trim the
 there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in
 hearth and set — the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east and sing to -
 course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look east and sing to -
 day: Love the guest is on — the way.
 day: Love the rose is on — the way.

Gabriel's Visit

Luke 1:26-38

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth Thy ev - er - last - ing light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.

Mary's Song

Luke 1:39-55

Hymn

My Heart Sings Out With Joyful Praise

SKYE BOAT SONG

Refrain

My heart sings out with joy - ful praise To God who rais - es me, —

Fine

Who came to me when I — was low And changed my des - ti - ny. —

Verses

1. The Ho - ly One, the Liv - ing God, Is al - ways full of grace —
 2. The hun - gry all are sat - is - fied; The rich — are sent a - way. —

To those who seek their Mak - er's will In ev - 'ry time and place.
 The poor of earth who suf - fer long Will wel - come God's new day. —

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord

Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.

The Witness of Angels and Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a



- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Coming of the Light

John 1:6-14

Invitation to Participation

Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun - tain O - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo! a - bove the earth,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,



Be - hold through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light. —
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth. —
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

D.C.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light the candle as a symbol of the hope, peace, joy, and love to be found in God's kingdom on earth.
For the Lord lifts up the lowly,
releases the captive,
and proclaims joy for all of creation.
We rejoice in God's justice and mercy,
faithful to all generations.
We rejoice in the birth of the Christ Child,
the coming of God into our lives in a new way.

All: We rejoice filled with hope, knowing God's light shines in the darkness.

One: We rejoice anticipating God's peace, believing that one day it will fill our world.

**All: We rejoice embracing your love;
may we reach out to share it with our neighbors.**

One: We rejoice eagerly, standing on tiptoe to sense your presence.

**All: Lord, we rejoice.
You came as a babe born to Mary and filled us all with life. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Sharing of the Light

Anthem

Night of Silence

Daniel Kantor

Cherub Choir; Carol Choir

Danny Fisher, piano; Tom Ristine, guitar

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Spirit among us, Shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

Voice in the distance, Call in the night,
On wind you enfold us You speak of the light,
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing,
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

*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.*

* Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

After you receive candlelight, please light your neighbor's candle.

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight,
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

Round you vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts__ sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 Rad - iant beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,__ Sleep__ in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born,__ Christ__ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth,__ Je - sus, Lord at Thy birth.

* Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart__ pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods,__ rocks, hills, and__ plains
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of__ His righ - teous - ness,__

And, heaven and na - ture__ sing, And heav'n and na - ture__
 Re - peat the sound - ing__ joy, Re - peat the sound - ing__
 And won - ders of His__ love, And won - ders of His__

sing, And heaven, and heaven__ and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat,__ re - peat__ the sound - ing joy.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Gratitude abounds for everyone who **led us** in worship this morning, up front and behind the scenes, named and unnamed. This service of worship takes a team, and our team is deep in dedication. Gratitude abounds for everyone who **joined us** in worshipping our God this afternoon, exuberant and filled to the brim, or exhausted and frazzled by a hectic holiday. We pray that you all heard a fresh word in the ancient story. We pray you heard the angels singing.

Please know that you are welcome here all year long. We worship every Sunday morning and all children's programming begins again on Sunday, January 7 at 9 AM Please take a schedule of children's events from the ushers as you leave worship today, and visit us online at **SecondChurch.org/Children**.

ADVENT CANDLES

Srouer Family

USHERS

Ben Henry
Asher Higgs
Hutson Meenan
Sadie Meenan
Ellison VanVeelen

LITURGISTS &

SCRIPTURE READERS

Thank you to the storytellers who remember the promises made and remind us of the promises kept.

Max Coles
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Addy Cox
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Marco Elia
Sam Henry
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Jack Illingworth
Elsie Lewis
Helena Martin
John Musser
Olivia Pedersen
Ellie Rapp
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Addison Cleaver
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George Rapp
August Reardon
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Nicholas Christians
Lucas Detmer
Owen Ellis
Colin Falk
Ben Henry
Charlie Strobel
Palmer Wynia

ANGEL OF THE LORD

Cayden Miller

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Katalyna Elia
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Lillian Hammond
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