

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A PAGEANT INCLUDING LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024, 10:00 A.M.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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As the prelude begins, we gather before God in silent reflection.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

David Paxton (1948-2018)

The First Noel

Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

IN THE LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lynn Petersen and Fidela Santos

Candle of Revelation and Love

Reading of Scripture

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 2:2-4

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Today we relight the candles of Expectation and Hope, recalling God's promise; the candle of Preparation, remembering the voice crying in the wilderness, urging people to prepare the way of the coming Lord; and the candle of Proclamation, reminding us of the joy found in Him. Now we light the candle of Revelation and Love. We celebrate the announcement of the coming King and the greatness of God's love revealed through the Christ Child.

* ADVENT HYMN

Tif In Veldele

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Verse 4

*Light four candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.
He is coming; tell the glad tidings. Let your light be shining.*



* OPENING CAROL

Adeste Fideles

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*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!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
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!*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Reader 1

Isaiah Foretells the Birth of the Prince of Peace Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9

¹A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

* CAROL

Carol

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

Gabriel Visits Mary
Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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 ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Greensleeves

What Child is This

*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.*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.*

**An Angel Visits Joseph
Matthew 1:18-25**

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel”, which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

* CAROL

The First Nowell

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*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.*

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

A Pageant including Lessons and Carols

FOURTH LESSON

Raya Arendts

The Registration Luke 2:1-5

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

CAROL

St. Louis

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*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.*

FIFTH LESSON

The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:6-7

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son, Jesus, and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

Mueller

Away in a Manger

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

SIXTH LESSON

Glory to God Luke 2:8-14

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

CAROL

Mendelssohn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

SEVENTH LESSON

The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem Luke 2:15-18

¹⁵When the angels had left them and had gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.*



*I come to proclaim
good news to you*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

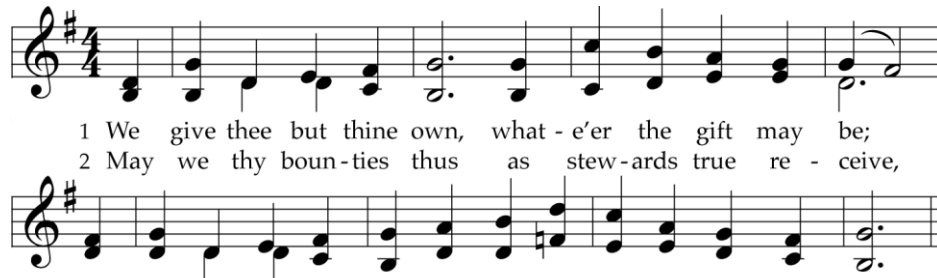
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

O, Come, Emmanuel
Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer
and grant that our whole lives may give You glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING CAROL

Go Tell It

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

REFRAIN:

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. REFRAIN.*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. REFRAIN.*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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O Come, all Ye Faithful
Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organ

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END THE YEAR WITH GRATITUDE



We are hugely grateful to all those who have supported the ministry of this church with their gifts — spiritual and material. We know that service and giving to TPC are two of the ways that we show our gratitude to God for all of the blessings God has showered upon us. As we come to the end of the calendar year and look toward the bright future, we know that some may want to make an extra special gift to TPC. As the Session works to expand our mission and grow our church, those funds will allow us to maintain the excellent ministry we already have, even as we reach out to new people that God will bring to us.

We also have the opportunity to participate in our TPC Christmas Offering to support the **Pastor’s Discretionary Fund**. This money helps meet needs that our regular budget or deacons cannot meet and to keep special needs in our church family confidential.

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