



FIRST  
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CHURCH  
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A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8, 2024

## How to Connect

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. We are glad you are here!
- Currently our church observes a “Masks Optional” policy throughout the church campus with the exception of the nursery staff and volunteers. Adult teachers, volunteers, and nursery staff, if they are unvaccinated, are asked to remain masked when involved in children’s Christian Education activities. Some may still opt to wear a mask even if they are vaccinated. Please check any of the following for updates and possible changes in our COVID protocol:

### **First Presbyterian Church, Dalton Communication Channels:**

- “First Presbyterian Church Dalton” - Our church’s public Facebook page.
  - “FPC Dalton Connect” - Our private Facebook page for church members and staff
  - “Midweek News” - Our newsletter sent online to most members unless a paper copy is requested by calling 706-278-8161.
  - Your E-Mail
  - Your personal mailbox
- Find the most current contact information on our members in the church directory. It can be found on our website ([www.firstpresdalton.org](http://www.firstpresdalton.org)) under the fellowship tab. Please email the church office for the directory password.
  - Regular team meetings will be held at the discretion of team chairs in-person and/or through video-conference. Scheduling will take place through direct communication and will be posted to the newsletter.

## WI-FI



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## GUEST MUSICIANS

Samantha Dean, Flute  
Cameron Shattuck, Percussion  
Eva Eunseo Kim, Piano  
Stephanie Brooks, Violin  
Jim Burdick, Violin  
William Navalon, Viola  
Hwanwook Seong, Cello

## YOUTH CHOIR

Sienna and Lena Haugen  
Andrew and Hannah Granillo  
Peyton Hubbs  
Layfe Jiskoot  
Luke, Lucy and Will O’Gwin

## CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Haynes Granillo  
Henry Hubbs  
Lovinia Jiskoot  
Sadie Swinney

\*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

## PRELUDE

Fanfare on “The Boar’s Head Carol”

John S. Dixon  
(b. 1957)

Hye Jeong Kwon, organ

The First Nowell

Lani Smith  
(1934-2015)

Eva Eunseo Kim, Hye Jeong Kwon, four-hand piano

Christmas Tree

arr. Ric Flauding  
(1954-2021)

String Quartet

Stephanie Brooks, Jim Burdick, William Navalon, Hwanwook Seong

## THE GREETING

*At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140

Once in Royal David’s City

*Irby*

Stanza 1 sung by soloist, Mary Ellen Gurley

Stanza 2 sung by the choir

Stanzas 3-4 sung by all

## \*OPENING SENTENCES

(from Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;

**tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Jodi Johnson

*Adam and Eve disobey God’s command  
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

<sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The

woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you among all animals  
    and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
    and dust you shall eat  
    all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
    and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
    and you will strike his heel."

<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
    and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
    'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
    in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
    and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face  
    you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
    for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
    and to dust you shall return."

## KYRIE

Kyrie eleison

Sonja Poorman  
(b. 1955)

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-19

Mike Brown

*God promises that, through Abraham,  
all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." <sup>19</sup> So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

## \*HYMN 145

What Child is This?

*Greensleeves*

## THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Alice Ensley

*The people who walk in darkness  
receive the promise of the Messiah*

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## CAROL

Dreamers of the Dawn

Joseph M. Martin  
(b. 1959)

*O dreamers of the golden dawn, lift up your eyes;  
For at the dying of the night, your wounded faith at last has sight.  
\*O nata Lux. Come, Redeemer of the world.*

*O prophets of the sacred Word, lift up your song!  
Let peace descend like gentle rain and teach the world to love again.  
O nata Lux. Come, Redeemer of the world.*

*O seekers of the Morning Star, lift up our hearts.  
The long awaited Child of grace will come, restore your songs of praise.  
O nata Lux. Come, Redeemer of the world.*

*Come, Redeemer of the world.*

\* O born of Light

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Julie Tharpe

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse  
to restore the peace of creation*

<sup>1</sup>The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse  
to restore the peace of creation  
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The 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.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

The 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.

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

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

<sup>9</sup> They 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

A Child Is Born

Joseph M. Martin  
(b. 1959)

*Unto us a Child is born. Glory in the highest!  
Unto us a Son is giv'n. Glory in the highest.  
Who is this that stars proclaim? Tell us now His glorious name.  
He is wonderful, He is Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father.*

*Lift your heads ye ancient doors. Glory Hallelujah!  
For your hope has been restored. Glory Hallelujah!  
For today is born a King. Listen as the angels sing!  
He is wonderful, He is Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father.*

*Let the world as one rejoice! Glory Hallelujah!  
Shout and make a joyful noise! Glory Hallelujah!  
Rise and shine this happy morn! Christ the Living Light is born!  
He is wonderful, He is Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father.*

*Glory to God in the highest! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Walter Jones

*An angel appears to Mary and announces  
that she will bear a holy child*

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to

her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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 ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup> The 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. <sup>38</sup> Then 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

Carols for the Newborn King

John Leavitt  
(b. 1956)

Youth Choir  
Leanna Granillo, soloist

*I sing the birth was born tonight,  
The Author of both life and light;  
The angels so did sound it,  
And like the enraptured shepherd said,  
Who saw the light and were afraid,  
Yet searched, and true they found it.*

*The Son of God the eternal King,  
That did us all salvation bring,  
And freed our soul from danger,  
He whom the whole world could not take,  
The Word, which heav'n and earth did make,  
Was now laid in a manger.*

*The Father's wisdom willed it so,  
The Son's obedience knew not No;  
Both wills were in one stature,  
And, as that wisdom had decreed,  
The Word was now made flesh indeed,  
And took on Him our nature.*

*What comfort by Him we do win,  
Who make Himself the price of sin,  
To make us heirs of glory! Gloria!*

*To see this Babe, all innocence,  
A martyr born in our defence,  
Can man forget the story?*

## THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Kathryn Sellers

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,  
Where Mary gives birth to her child*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph 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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## CAROL

A Whisper on the Wind

Joseph M. Martin  
(b. 1959)

Amanda Karge, Leanna Granillo, soloists

*A whisper on the wind, a weary mother breathes a lullaby.  
The winter dream again as graceful starlight paints the evening sky.  
The shadows of the night surrender to the miracle of light;  
Redeeming ev'ry tear, and healing ev'ry sorrow, ev'ry sigh,  
Redeeming ev'ry tear and sigh.*

*A promise finds its place, as mem'ries of an ancient truth are shared.  
The stars break forth in praise, and all creation binds its wounded prayers.  
The hope for peace is strong as music melts the silence into song.  
The emptiness is filled. Each wand'ring heart is fully welcomed home,  
Each wand'ring heart is welcomed home.*

*A stillness falls like snow. It covers ev'ry scar with wondrous grace.  
New hope begins to grow as weary hearts reach out for love's embrace.  
A perfect sacred Rose is placed with care upon the golden hay.  
A fragrance sweet and rare, a beauty that will never fade away.  
A Love that never fades away.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Priscilla Brown

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields  
and announce the birth of the Messiah*

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



<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and 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.”

<sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

## CAROL

Star of Promise

Joseph M. Martin  
(b. 1959)

*Star of promise, glorious sight, Morning Star of golden light;  
Shine your truth on us we pray. Turn on shadows into day.  
Hail the coming of the morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Star of promise, wondrous sign, sacred light of love divine;  
Bring us wisdom, lead us on. Teach us all your glorious song!  
Hail the coming of the morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Star of promise, wondrous sign, as we greet the morning skies,  
Help us dream of things above: hope and peace and joy and love.  
Hail the coming of the morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Henry Tharpe

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah  
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

# CAROL

You are the Star

Joseph M. Martin

(b. 1959)

*You are the glorious star I follow. You are the light that leads the way.  
You are the fire that draws me closer. You are the dawn, a bright new day.  
You are the glorious star I follow. You are the light that leads the way.*

*You are the golden voice that calls me. You are a song of perfect love.  
You are the word that speaks to shadow. Your music lifts my heart above.  
You are the golden voice that calls me. You are the song of perfect love.*

*You are the path, and You, the journey. You are the way, the truth, the life.  
You are the hope, the promised one, the candle of grace that heals the night.  
You are the path, and You, the journey, You are the way, the truth and the life.*

*You are the life!*

## THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

*The Word of God becomes flesh  
and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

<sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## \*HYMN 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

*Stille Nacht*

*(We invite all to light a candle as we sing. The unlit candle should be dipped to the flame to avoid wax spills.)*

Stanza 1 sung by the Children and Youth Choirs

Stanza 2 sung by the choir

Stanza 3-4 sung by all

*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!**

**Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia" to our King:  
"Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born."**

## \*BENEDICTION

*(Candles may now be extinguished and deposited in the Narthex after the service.)*

Over

## POSTLUDE

Carols of Hope, Songs of Light

Joseph M. Martin

(b. 1959)

*How bright appears the Morning Star,  
With mercy beaming from afar;  
The universe rejoices.*

*O Righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod,  
The Son of Man, the Son of God.  
As one, we lift our voices!*

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come.  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy!*

*Christ is born! O glorious day of great celebration.  
Christ is born! Rejoice and sing with jubilation.  
Christ is born! O beautiful Star of our adoration.  
Wonderful Light and Hope of the nations.  
Tell the good news, this bold declaration: "Christ the Lord is born!"*

*Come and hear the angles singing: "Glory be to God!"  
Come behold the Star of Promise.  
Let the world rejoice in glorious song!*

*Christ is born! O glorious day of great celebration.  
Christ is born! Rejoice and sing with jubilation.  
Christ is born! O beautiful Star of our adoration.  
Wonderful Light and Hope of the nations.  
Tell the good news, this bold declaration: "Christ the Lord is born!"*

*"Christ the Lord is born today!"*

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