

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Candlelight Christmas Eve A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Organ Meditation *selected carols* Brett Levi, organ

Prelude *O Holy Night* Sandra Zylstra, arranger
Sarah Barfield and Rachel Yang, violin and Katie Stuckey, piano

† **Opening Carol** No. 225 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY

Welcome Pastor Steve Mirich

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Upton Family

Bidding Carol *On Christmas Night* Paul Manz, arranger
The Covenant Choir and Colleen Gillespie, organ

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15 Tony Bloemsmma
*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will
bruise the serpent's head.*

Carol *Appalachian Carol* Molly Ijames, arranger
Katie Stuckey, cello and Margaret Templeton, piano

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18 John Patterson
*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth
be blessed.*

† **Carol** No. 193 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2; 6-7 Jeanette Taws
The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior.

Carol *You Are the Light* Tom Fettke, composer
The Covenant Choir

Fourth Lesson Micah 5:2-4 Charlene Gebler
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

† **Carol** No. 201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-38 Mariana and Cristian Rendon
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Carol *And Mary Said* Mark Theiss, composer
Women of The Covenant Choir

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Phoebe Kimball
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol No. 204 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16 Wendy Garcia
The Shepherds go to the manger.

† **Carol** No. 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Kendall Taylor
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Carol *The Journey* Lloyd Larson, composer
The Covenant Choir and Katie Stuckey, piano

Message "Broken" Pastor Steve Mirich
Psalm 34:18
"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14 Pastor Steve Mirich
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

† **Service of Candlelight**

† **Carol** No. 210 *Silent Night! Holy Night!* STILLE NACHT

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Carol** No. 195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

Postlude *Ding Dong! Merilly on High* Matt Limbaugh, arranger
Brett Levi, organ

† The congregation stands if able.
Please silence all electronic devices.