

Lesson Seven — The Reaction(Luke 1:8–20)

The Anthem – Gloria Antonio Vivaldi
Gloria in excelsis Deo! (Glory to God in the highest)

Lesson Eight — The Call of the Redeemer....(Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:13; Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8, 9; John 3:16; 1 Tim. 3:16)

† • The Hymn – Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery Papa/Boswell
Come behold the wondrous myst’ry in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the Light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.
Come behold the wondrous myst’ry: He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suff’ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.
Come behold the wondrous myst’ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.
Come behold the wondrous myst’ry; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain Him; praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

Lesson 9 — The Good News..... (Rom. 15:13; Phil. 4:4; John 15:11)

The Hymn – Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come ANTIOCH
Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, 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,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
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, wonders of his love.

† The Benediction Rev. Hendrick

The Choral Response..... Robert H. Young
To be Himself a star most bright, to bring the wisemen to His sight,
To be Himself a voice most sweet, to call the shepherds to His feet,
To be a child, it was His will, that folk like us might find Him still.

The Organ Postlude – Toccata on God Rest You Merry Gentlemen arr. Payne
Laura Doss, *Organ*

Dessert Drop-in — Hendrick Home
The choir, Pastor Robbie and Tammy invite you to a dessert drop in at the
Hendrick home tonight right after The Joy of Christmas program.
101 Hunting Tower Drive, Grovetown

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship — Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

Christ Church, Presbyterian
The Lord’s Day, December 15, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons and Carols



Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God’s Word is proclaimed, our worship will bring glory to God and gladness to His people. Indeed, we pray that you will personally be blessed by the corporate worship of the Triune God and return to worship with us next Lord’s Day. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member, or, most importantly, how to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, please call the church office.

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor*
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† indicates the congregation standing; • indicates seating for those detained

The Prelude — A Selection of Carols..... Matthew Dickerson, *Hammered Dulcimer*

The WelcomeRev. Robert Hendrick

The Introit — The Coming Child Robert H. Young
Welcome, all wonders in one sight, eternity shut in a span.
Summer in winter, day in night, heaven in earth and God in man.
Great little One, whose all-embracing birth,
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.
Program Musicians: Gloria Smits, Tiffany Hubenthal, Noah Doss, Derrick Smits, *Violin*;
Joseph Doss, *Cello*; Michelle Britton, *Flute*; Claudia Moller, *Director*

† • **The Hymn** – Angels From the Realm of Glory REGENT SQUARE
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*
Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain*
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: *Refrain*

Lesson One — The Creation of the World and the Fall of Mankind (Gen. 1:1; 2:7, 15–17; 3:1–13)

† • **The Hymn** – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Lesson Two — The Promise of a Redeemer (Gen. 3:14, 15)

The Anthem – How Great Our Joy arr. Courtney

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright. How great our joy!
There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today. How great our joy!
There shall a Child lie in a stall, this Child who shall redeem us all.
This gift of God we'll cherish well, that every joy our hearts shall fill.
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high. How great our joy!

Lesson Three — Prophecy of the Redeemer (Zechariah 9:9; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Micah 5:2)

• **The Hymn** – Come Thou Long Expected JesusHYFRYDOL
Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Lesson Four — The Purpose of the Redeemer

- 1.) Pay the price for our sin (Psalm 103:12)
- 2.) Reconcile us to God (Eph. 1:7)
- 3.) Give Peace with God (Rom. 5:1)

† **The Hymn** – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*
O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*
O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*
O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Lesson Five — The Announcement of the Redeemer (Luke 1:26–38)

The Children's Choir Kay Lovingood, *Director*

Cold December Days (*14th Century Catalan Carol*)
Cold December days proclaim that the year is ending, And a great, resplendent light toward the earth is bending,
For this night the Child has come, peace to mankind bringing. As the wisemen from the east brought their richest treasure,
We now celebrate this feast, joyful beyond measure.
Refrain: God sent down His Son divine, gave to man a gift sublime, And the shepherds came in the dark of night, And the kings brought their gifts where the Child lay sleeping.

On a Starlit Night (*Gallina*)
On a starlit night, 'neath thy sky so bright, the angels sing carols of love,
Of a baby asleep in a manger bed, sent from heaven above.
Sleep, O tiny, precious One! Sleep, God's chosen Son! 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.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory — Mary Did You Know?..... Lowry/Greene
Matthew Dickerson, *Hammered Dulcimer*

Lesson Six — The Birth of the Redeemer (John 1:1–3, 14; Luke 2:1–7)

The Anthem – Silent Night.....arr. Nelson
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.

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.