

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2022 10:30 AM

LESSONS AND CAROLS

REV. DR. JOHN SUK

"The Genealogy of Love"

Covid Precautions

1. Self-screening guidelines: If you have Covid symptoms or are isolating due to close contact, you should not attend in person. Services are also live-streamed.
2. Masking is encouraged but no longer mandatory.
Many will still choose to remain masked for their own or for others' safety. We welcome this choice and urge everyone to respect individuals' choices - each according to their own personal situation.
3. Social distancing still continues in the sanctuary and MacCallum Hall.

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Piano Duet

Angels we have heard on High

trad. French-English, arr. Tom Roed

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

CENTERING PRAYER *(sung)*

CAROL VU 1 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* v.6

O come, O Dayspring, from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. R

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ivan Brandsma

One: Today we light the candle of love.

(Light Candle)

Two: God's steadfast love endures forever!

All: During Advent we remember that we were told,
"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."

HYMN MV 33 *Jesus Came Bringing Us Love*

v. 3

Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Hallelujah forever more!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

(said in unison)

**Peace to all beings
Whether near or far
Known or unknown
Born or yet to be born.**

**Peace to all creatures
Within and beyond the imagination
In the world of ideas
And in the world of nature.**

**Finally, in this season of Advent
May we all experience
The peace that passes all understanding.
Amen.**

CAROL VU 62 *Once in David's City*

Solo

soloist: Margot Craft, v. 1

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

All

2 He came down to earth from heaven,
who, with God is over all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
There among the poor and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3 For he is our lifelong pattern;
daily, when on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,
tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

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LESSON 1

Jan Trites

Micah 5: 2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Little Bethlehem.

CAROL VU 64 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

tune VU#530, descant vs. 4 by Thomas Armstrong

1 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.

2 For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth!

3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

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LESSON 2

Charmaine Puszkur

Luke 1: 26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.

CAROL VU 36 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

1 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:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

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LESSON 3

Rev. Dr. John Suk

Matthew 1: 1-16

Matthew recounts the genealogy and birth of Jesus.

CAROL VU 73 *The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy*
Choir

1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

All

Refrain:

**He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
O yes! believer!
O yes! believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.**

2 The angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
and they say that his name is Jesus. R

3 The shepherds came where the baby born,
the shepherds came where the baby born,
the shepherds came where the baby born,
and they say his name is Jesus. R

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. John Suk

The Genealogy of Love

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed One, our Mother and our Father holy is your name.
May your love be enacted in the world.
May your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For all that we do in your love,
and all that your love brings to birth,
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LESSON 4

Al Fletcher

Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

CAROL VU 76 *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

V. 1, 3, 4, 5

1 See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

3 Say, ye humble shepherds, say
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep? R

4 "As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing 'Peace on earth'
told us of a Saviour's birth." R

5 Sacred infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this! R

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LESSON 5

Monika Holzschuh

Matthew 2: 1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL VU 91 *The First Nowell*

v. 1, 5, 6

1 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.

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

5 Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. R

6 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. R

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LESSON 6

Heather Faris

John 1: 1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

CAROL VU 48 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

1 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, joint the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb,
Veiled in flesh the godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell
Jesus, our Emanuel! **R**

3 Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. **R**

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 37 *Gloria*

Choir will sing twice, the second time as a round.
Then followed by congregation in unison.

Gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
hallelujah, hallelujah!

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POSTLUDE

Piano Duet

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

trad. French, arr. Tom Ro



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After the service, you are invited to share
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