



Advent

LESSONS & CAROLS

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 5, 2021 10:30 AM

Prelude

All Is Well
Generation Fusion Quartet

arr. Keith Christopher

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Family

Mary Beth Shuford and Molly Brown

Opening Prayer

Rosie Miles

Opening Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

1. *(solo)* 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.

2. *(choir)* He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew; he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew; and 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 so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children onto the place where he is gone.

5. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; when like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Lessons

Lesson one from Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Ann Putzke

"God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head."

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Generation Fusion Quartet

J.S. Bach

Lesson two from Isaiah 59:9; Psalm 80:18-19

Sam Alderman, IV

"Waiting in darkness, we long for light."

There's a Song In the Air

arr. Michael Keller

NPC Bell Choir

Lesson three from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

John Putzke

“The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.”

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Robert Powell

Lesson four from Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

Ella Cole Alderman

“The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.”

Love Came Down at Christmas

Rosetti/Willan

Lesson five from Luke 1:26-35, 38

Kendall Emener

“The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

Edward Clark, saxophone

Lesson six from Luke 2:1, 3-7

Ella Smith

“St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.”

Away In a Manger

arr. Healey Willan

Rebecca Layfield & Ella Cole Alderman, soprano

Gesu Bambino

arr. Roy Phillippe

Generation Fusion Quartet

Lesson seven from Luke 2:8-16

Molly Brown

“The shepherds go to the manger.”

Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow

arr. Greg Gilpin

Men's Trio - Edward Clark, Frank Ellis, Boyd Ellison

Lesson eight from Matthew 2:1-11

Abby Smith

“The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.”

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn #121

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. *(choir)* For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth.

3. (*choir*) How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven. 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.

Lesson nine from John 1:1-14

Rosie Miles

“St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.”

*Hymn #133

O Come All Ye Faithful
Congregation & Choir

1. 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!

2. True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sin, al 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!

*Closing Prayer and Benediction

Pastor Ralph Hawkins

*Closing Hymn #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Congregation & Choir

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; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” 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 the virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

3. Hail the heaven-born 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. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

*Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus

G F Handel/Robert Frost

** Indicates congregation standing as able*

Lessons & Carols Special thanks to...

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NPC Adult Choir

NPC Men's Trio: Edward Clark, Frank Ellis, Boyd Ellison

Saxophone: Edward Clark

Soprano Duet: Ella Cole Alderman, Rebecca Layfield

Livestream Operator: Ella Hawkins

Information & Announcements

Welcome to our guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at admin@northminstermacon.org or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Pastoral Care

Pastor Ralph welcomes and encourages opportunities to share in fellowship, pastoral conversation, and spiritual discernment. He keeps office hours most mornings at the church, but is always available by appointment. You are always welcome to call or text at 478-250-3355 or to reach out by email: pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Jewel James; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Jon Geerlings;

Kathy Wheeler; Betty Barlow; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark; Janet Kelly; Susan Simpson
Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow;
Joel Jones
Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie
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Stewardship

We extend our gratitude as a body of Christ for the time, talents and treasures shared during 2021. We ask that you prayerfully seek God's will for your continued support and sharing of these gifts within the upcoming year. You may fill out your time, talent, and treasure form(s) by mail, here at the church, or online. If you would like to submit your form online, you may go to www.northminstermacon.org/give or scan the QR code to the right.



Alternative Christmas Fair – Today Following Lessons & Carols

The annual Alternative Christmas Fair is a unique way to give a gift that “gives” twice. By giving a donation in any amount to any or all of the supported ministries – Thornwell, Loaves & Fishes, Habitat for Humanity - you will be given a card to gift to a friend or family member, letting them know you have given a donation in their honor. Join us immediately following today's service in the activity room. You may also give by mail or online.

Christmas Joy Special Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time on need.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

With great joy we return to our Christmas Eve worship traditions of lighting the candles and sharing in the communion meal. Please join us this December 24th for this special service. The harp prelude will begin at 5:30pm and the service will begin at 6. The service will be shared via live stream as well.

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Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

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