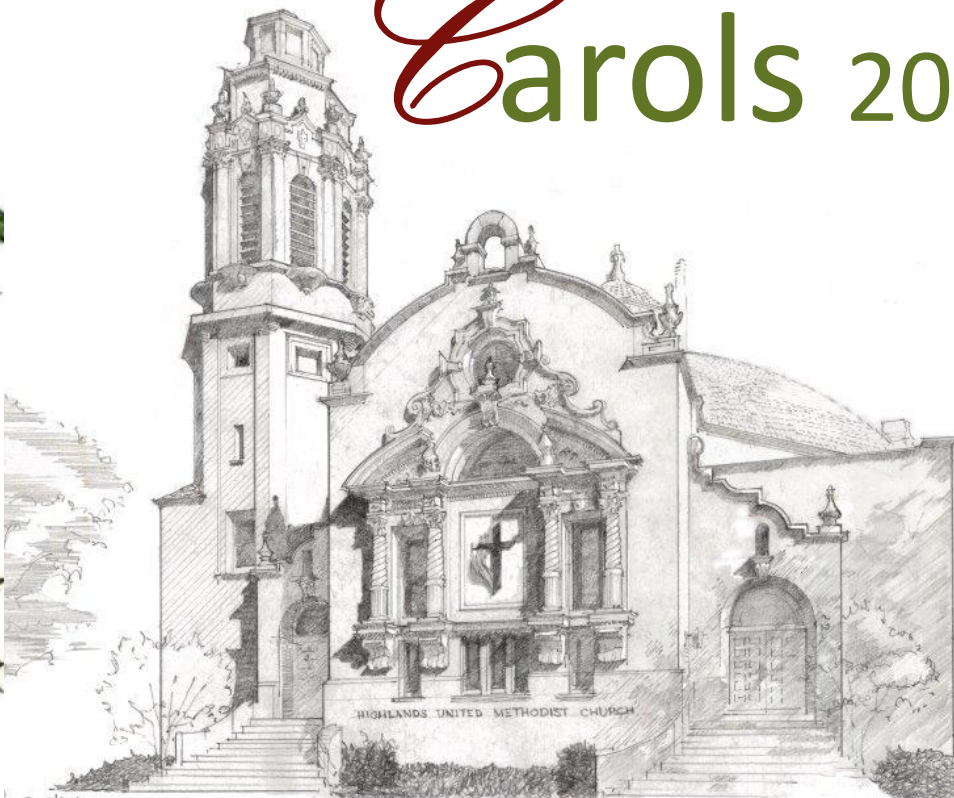


*F*estival of  
Lessons  
&  
*C*arols 2022



**Highlands United Methodist Church**

*1045 Twentieth Street South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35205*





**T**he Festival of Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve in 1918. The religious service was planned by Eric Milner-White who, at the age of thirty-four, had been recently appointed Dean of King's College in Cambridge, England. Experience as an army chaplain had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. The purpose of the original service was to provide Christmas worship before the students left for the holiday break. A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn, "Once in Royal David's City." The lessons and prayers of the service have remained virtually unchanged since that time. The service alternates between scriptures read from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and carols sung by the choirs. At the beginning of the service, the choristers move in procession from west to east. This is symbolic of human's desire to turn away from the darkness and sin in which they have been separated from God and to draw closer to the light of God through Jesus Christ.



**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

The Reverend Mikah Hudson, *Senior Pastor*  
Richard Phillips, *Choirmaster and Organist*  
Kathy Burdette, *Director of The Handbell Choir*  
Kara Cargile, *Chimer*  
Brian Bellenger, *Verger*  
Dylan Higgs, Virginia White and Robert White, *Acolytes*

*Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ;  
A beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ  
To be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors;  
And a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.*

*Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.*



# HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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### A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 – 4 P.M.

CAROLS FROM THE TOWER BELLS

THE GREETINGS

PRELUDE

*John Ireland (1879-1962)*

The Holy Boy

*(Those who are able, stand at the entrance of The Choir and Pastor.)*

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

*Kara Cargile, soloist:*

**O**nce 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:*

3. We, like Mary, rest confounded  
That a stable should display  
Heaven's Word, the world's creator,  
Cradled there on Christmas Day.  
Yet this child, our Lord and brother.  
Brought us love for one another.

*Choir only:*

2. 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, the scorned, the lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

*All:*

4. 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.

*All:*

5. 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.

*Text, Cecil Frances Alexander*

*(Remain standing for the Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.)*

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

**B**eloved in Christ, this day it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, and the Babe, lying in the manger.

Therefore, let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth, he came to save, for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for good will among all peoples.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not our Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude who no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,*

*All:*

**O**ur 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant: May the almighty God bless us with divine grace, may Christ give us the joy of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above, may the Spirit of Love bring us all. Amen.*

*(Please be seated at the conclusion of the prayers.)*

**D**ing dong merrily on high! In heav'n bells are ringing. Ding dong verily the sky! Is riven  
with angles singing! *Refrain:* Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.  
Ee'n so here below below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And i'o i'o i'o by priest and people sungen!

*Refrain.*

Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime ye ringers!  
May you beautifully rhyme your evetime song ye singers!

*Refrain.*

*Text, G. R. Woodward*

## FIRST LESSON

## Genesis 3:8-15

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

*READER: Dylan Higgs*

**T**hey 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. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard  
the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said,  
'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to  
eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I  
ate.' 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.' 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. 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.'

## CAROL

## This Is the Truth

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

*David Busby and Rachel Satterwhite, soloists*

**T**his is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love;  
Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all, both rich and poor.  
The first thing, which I do relate, is that God at first did man create.  
The next thing, which to you I tell, woman was made with him to dwell.  
Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose,  
And so a promise soon did run that He'd redeem us with a Son.  
And at this season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear.  
He here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands He did teach.  
Thus He in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved,  
And if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what He did say.

*Text, English Traditional*

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

READER: Orlean Hydinger

**A** shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 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. 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; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 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. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 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

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Arranged by Earlene Rentz (b.1956)

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**L**o how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.  
O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

*Text, 16<sup>th</sup> Century German*



THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

READER: Warren Laird

**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 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. 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

*Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

**Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day**

**T**omorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance;

*Refrain:* Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love. This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance.

Thus was I knit to man's nature to call my true love to my dance. *Refrain.*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was. So very poor, this was my chance,

Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass to call my true love to my dance. *Refrain.*

*Text, Traditional English Carol*

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1, 3-7

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

READER: Nancy Harris

**I**n those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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 Manger Carol**

Anthony Hedges (1931-2019)

Tessa Brown, soloist

**J**esus, the little Christ child lay,  
*Wrapped in a blanket cradle in a manger lay,*  
Jesus, a little baby in the hay,  
*Wrapped in a blanket cradle in a manger lay,*  
Joseph and Mary, keep vigil over a child asleep,  
*Wrapped in a blanket, loved by songs to slumber deep.*  
Shepherds were watching flocks by night,  
*Cold on the hillside, keeping all their flocks in sight,*  
When, in the sky, they saw a light,  
*Cold on the hillside, keeping all their flocks in sight,*  
Heard angel voices sing, praises for a newborn king,  
*Leaving their flocks, they hurried down to worship him.*  
Jesus, the little Christ child lay,  
*The mighty God, the everlasting Father lay,*  
Jesus, a little baby in the hay,  
*Whose name was told as Wonderful and Counselor,*  
Joseph and Mary, keep vigil over a child asleep,  
*Wrapped in a blanket, lies, the newborn Prince of Peace.*

Text, Anthony Hedges

*(The people stand.)*

HYMN

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD

All:

**W**hile shepherds watched  
Their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

All:

2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind."

Choir only:

3. "To you, in David's town,  
This day is born of David's line  
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:"

All:

4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid."

*Text, Nahum Tate*

*(The people sit.)*

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

READER: Malcolm Carmichael

**I**n that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!' 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.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**I**nfant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
 Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
 Swift are winging angels singing, Nowells ringing, tidings bringing:  
 Christ the Babe is Lord of all! Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
 Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
 Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
 Christ the Babe was born for you! Christ the Babe was born for you!

*Text, Traditional Polish*

*(The people stand.)*

**HYMN**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*All:*

**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.

*Choir only:*

3. 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.

*All:*

2. 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 all on earth!

*All:*

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!

*Text, Phillips Brooks*

*(The people sit.)*

CAROL

Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel  
*The Handbell Choir*

*Arranged by Bill Ingram (b. 1940)*

*(The people stand.)*

HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

NOEL

*All:*

**I**t came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O’er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains,  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

3. For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

*Text, Edmund H. Sears*

*(The people sit.)*

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

*The Wise Men are led by the star of Jesus.*

READER: Anne Rand

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "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." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.' 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

CAROL

*Peter Corneliius (1824-1874) Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)*

**The Three Kings**

*Thomas Head, soloist*

**T**hree kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star;  
And this the quest of the travelers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee. As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem, the kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting-place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King, offer thy heart!

CHORALE TEXT (*Sung by The Choir*):

*How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heav'n afar  
Our Jesse tree now bloweth. Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, my soul with love o'erfloweth.  
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

*Text, H. N. Bate*

*(The people stand.)*

SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

READER: The Reverend Mikah Hudson

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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.

*(The people sit.)*

CAROL

Wexford Carol

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Josh Rezek, soloist

**G**ood people all this Christmas-time consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son  
With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day  
In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide, the noble virgin and her guide  
Were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town.  
But mark how all things came to pass from every door repelled, alas,  
As was foretold, their refuge all was but a humble ox's stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep  
To whom God's angels did appear which put the shepherds in great fear  
Prepare and go, the angels said to Bethlehem, be not afraid  
For there you'll find, this happy morn a princely Babe, sweet Jesus, born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find  
And as God's angel had foretold they did our Savior Christ behold  
Within a manger He was laid and by his side the virgin maid  
Attending on the Lord of Life who came on earth to end all strife.

*Text, Traditional Irish Carol*

*(The people stand.)*

HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

All:

**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;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

2. True God of true God,  
Light from Light eternal,  
Lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created.  
*Refrain.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
*Refrain.*

4. See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps;  
*Refrain.*

*Text, John Francis Wade*

*(The people remain standing for the final prayer, the blessing, and the hymn.)*

THE COLLECT

*Officiant: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Officiant: Let us pray.*

**O** God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ:  
Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence  
behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

THE BLESSING

**M**ay He who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you  
the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**



All:

**H**ark! 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 the’ 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 a Virgin’s womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
 Hail the’ incarnate Deity.  
 Pleased with us in flesh 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!”*

*Text, Charles Wesley*

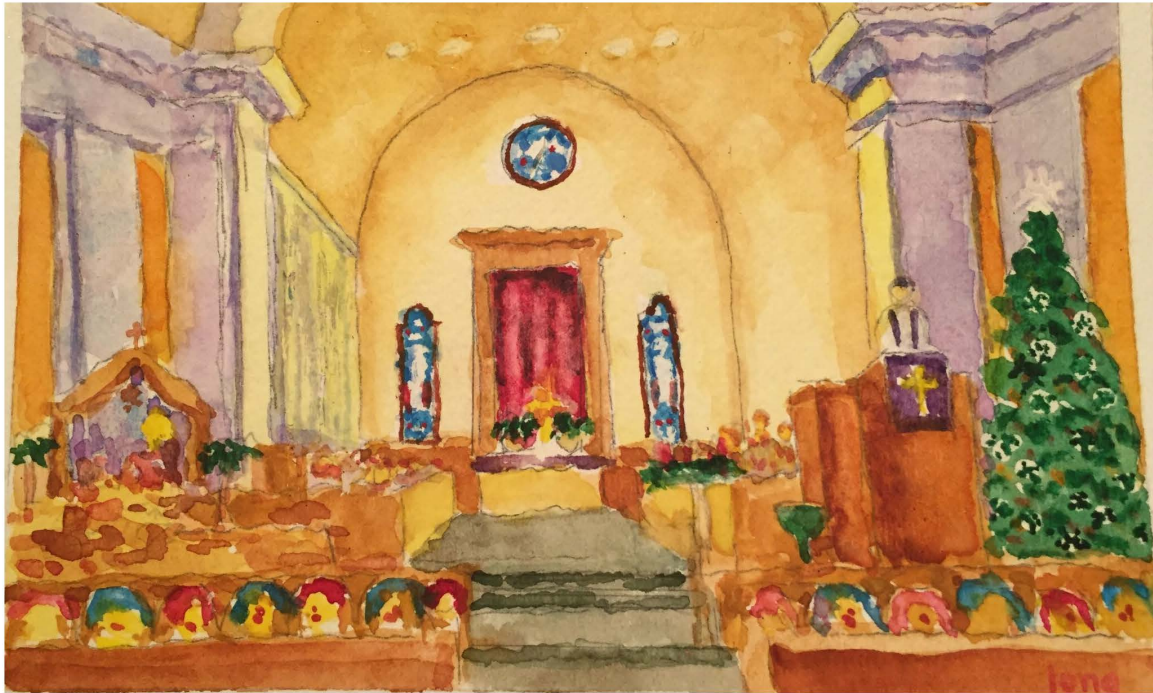
*After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

*Fantasia on VENI, VENI EMMANUEL*  
 (O Come. O Come Emmanuel)

# ★ Advent and Christmas at Highlands ★



Artwork by Richard Long

## **December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship featuring The Choir and members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra

## **December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship featuring the Children's Christmas Pageant & String Quartet

## **December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve Services**

2:00 p.m. Children and Family Service of Holy Communion featuring The Chamber Choir; Tessa Brown, soprano; and Levon Margaryan, violin

4:30 p.m. The Music of Christmas Choral Concert

5:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion and Candlelighting featuring The Choir; Dr. Roderick George, tenor; and Levon Margaryan, violin

## **December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day**

10:30 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas Day

## **Advent Midday Communion Tuesdays at Noon**

Lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall (\$10)

December 6 - Rev. Don Neal

December 13 - Rev. Andy Wolfe

December 20 - Rev. Carolyn Foster

## **Festival of the Three Kings Saturday, December 17, 2022**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

To sponsor a child for Christmas, visit [www.highlandsumc.net/serve](http://www.highlandsumc.net/serve)

Volunteers are needed to assist with gifts distribution during the festival. To sign up, contact Danny Jones [danny@highlandsumc.net](mailto:danny@highlandsumc.net).

## The Choir

### SOPRANO

Tessa Brown  
Ellen Buckner  
Kara Cargile  
Karlie Head  
Diega MacDougall  
Caitlin Mullin  
Renee Peacock  
Rachel Satterwhite  
Lizzy Tagtmeyer

### ALTO

Naomi Archer  
Kathy Burdette  
Suzanne Phillips  
Lee Stayer  
Kendal Stine

### TENOR

David Busby  
Chris Culpepper  
Tom Head  
Dylan Higgs  
Josh Rezek

### BASS

Brian Bellenger  
Jake Borton  
Stan Hart  
Thomas Head  
Brett Huffman  
Jack Smith

## The Handbell Choir

Amy Allen  
Naomi Archer  
Nancy Barkemeyer  
Leslie Davis  
Linda Gaffney

Lynn Hairston  
Nancy Hill  
Valerie Nash  
Martha Satterwhite  
Lee Stayer

