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*C*arols 2023

Highlands United Methodist Church

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THE 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 he has 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, Adelia Arnold, *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, ethnicity,
sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future,
there is room for you at Highlands.*



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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Please silence all mobile devices.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 – 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 Minister.)

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Kara Cargile, soloist:

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:

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

BELOVED 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:

OUR 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.)

CAROL

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light

from THE CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

BREAK forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning.
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning:
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
The pow'r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Text, Johann Rist (1607-1667)

English translation by John Troutbeck (1832-1899)

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: Austin Meredith

THEY 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

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

THE tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil - here I will sit and rest a while,
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Text, Divine Hymns compiled by Joshua Smith

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

READER: Tom Head

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

Baloo Lammy

Richard Phillips (b. 1959)

Written in honor of my child's birth, Lucy Phillips in 1993 and rescored for full choir this year for her 30th birthday.

BALOO, baloo, baloo lammy. This day to you is born a Child of Mary meek the Virgin mild that blessed bairn. So, loving and kind shall now rejoice both heart and mild.

Refrain.

A star appeared this blessed morn and unto us a Child is born to heav'n.
He'll lead us from near and far so follow, follow that wondrous star.

Refrain.

**Baloo, Lammy -translation - Lullaby, Little Lamb*

Text, Traditional Scottish Carol

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

READER: Nancy Harris

IN 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

John Gardner (1917-2011)

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Opus 75, No. 2

TOMORROW 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;

Chorus: *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.*

Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above, 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: Dinah Hughes

IN 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

Cradle Song

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

HUSH! my dear, lie still and slumber, Holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.

Sleep, my babe; thy food and raiment, house and home, thy friends provide;
All without thy care or payment: All thy wants are well supplied.

Soft and easy is thy cradle: Coarse and hard thy Savior lay,
When His birthplace was a stable and His softest bed was hay.

See the kindly shepherds round Him, telling wonders from the sky!
Where they sought Him, there they found Him, with His Virgin mother by.

May'st thou live to know and fear Him, trust and love Him all thy days;
Then go dwell for ever near Him, see His face, and sing His praise!

Hush! my dear, lie still and slumber, holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.

Text, Isaac Watts

(The people stand.)

HYMN

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD

All:

WHILE 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: Steve Alexander

IN 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.

CAROL

While By our Sleeping Flock We Lay

Hugo Jüngst (1853-1923)

WHILE by our sleeping flock we lay, there came an angel, bright as day;
Awake with joy! (*Wake with joy!*)

Chorus

Joy! joy! joy! (*Joy! joy! joy!*)

Praise ye the Lord on high with joy! (*Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!*)

Spake then the angel, "News I bring of Israel's long expected King!"

Great be your joy! (*Great be your joy!*)

Chorus

Joy! joy! joy! (*Joy! joy! joy!*)

Praise ye the Lord on high with joy! (*Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!*)

Grace, truth and right his rule attend; His Kingdom knows no earthly end.

Great to be our joy! (*Be your joy!*)

Chorus

Joy, joy, joy! (*Joy, joy, joy!*)

Praise ye the Lord on high with joy! (*Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!*)

Peace upon earth, goodwill toward men; Let the world shout the loud Amen!

Come, share our joy! (*Share our joy!*)

Chorus

Joy, joy, joy! (*Joy, joy, joy!*)

Praise ye the lord on high with joy!

Praise you the lord on high with joy!

Text, English version: Henry Wilder Foote

(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.

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!

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:

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

Arranged by Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)

Mary Had a Baby
The Handbell Choir

(The people stand.)

HYMN

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

All:

GOD rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

2. From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

3. "Fear not then", said the Angel
"Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might"
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

4. Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Text, London Carol, 18th Century

(The people sit.)

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men are led by the star of Jesus.

READER: Alison Starnes

IN 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

In the Bleak Mid-Winter Arranged by Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Austin Hamilton, *baritone soloist*

IN the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Sow had fallen,
Snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Text, Christina Rossetti

(The people stand.)

SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

READER: The Reverend Mikah Hudson

IN 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

Who Would Send a Baby

Mary Kay Beall (b. 1943)

Arranged by John Carter (b. 1930)

This anthem was given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sonny Holt by his wife, Janet Holt.

WHO would send a baby to heal a world in pain?
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?
When the world is crying for the promised one, who would send his only son?

Who would send a baby to light a world with love?
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?
When the world is hoping for the promised one, who would send his only son?

Who would choose a manger to cradle a King?
Who would send angels to sing?
Who would hang a star in the sky above to shine on the gift of His infinite love?

Who would send a baby to bless a world with peace?
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?
When the world is yearning for the promised one, who would send a baby?
Who would send a baby? Who would send His only begotten Son?

Text, Mary Kay Beall

(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

MAY 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:

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 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)

The Choir

SOPRANO

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

ALTO

Naomi Archer
Kathy Burdette
Micaela Hamilton
Suzanne Phillips
Lee Stayer
Kendal Stine

TENOR

David Busby
Chris Culpepper
Tom Head
Dylan Higgs
Josh Rezek

BASS

Jacob Barrentine
Brian Bellenger
Jake Borton
Austin Hamilton
Thomas Head
Brett Huffman
Jack Smith

The Handbell Choir

Kathy Burdette, *Director*

Naomi Archer
Tessa Brown
Leslie Davis
Linda Gaffney
Lynn Hairston

Mary Beth Lloyd
Valerie Nash
Jack Smith
Lee Steyer
Amy Turnage

DECEMBER 10, 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship featuring
The Choir and Chamber Orchestra

DECEMBER 17, 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship featuring
Children's Christmas Pageant

DECEMBER 24, 2023 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

10:30 a.m. Children and Family Service of Holy Communion
featuring The Chamber Choir

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

5:00 p.m. *Service of Holy Communion and Candle lighting*
featuring The Choir, Roderick George singing 'O Holy Night'
and Levon Margaryan, violin

