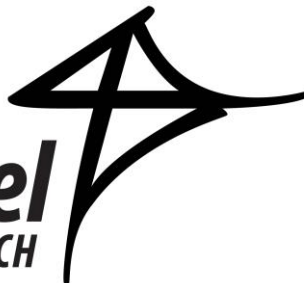


Immanuel
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CHRIST IS BORN!



Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve—December 24, 2020

Nativity Of Our Lord

December 24, 2020

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE Noël Nouvelet French Carol, arr. N. Pessoa
Nadia Pessoa, harp

INTROIT The First Nowell trad. English Carol, arr. B. Wilhour
Katrina, clarinet; Brian Wilhour, piano

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Kelly Black; Paul & Drayanne Erickson

*CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful J.F. Wade
The Immanuel Carolers

*UNISON PRAYER Rev. Katie Strednak Singer

*O God with us, enrobed in human flesh, Immanuel,
Another Christmas Eve has come.
Again we hear the promise of prophets,
Catch the notes of the angels' song,
See a star in the heavens and try to follow and believe;
We come again to adore, to ponder, to behold...
We come to be with You because You have come to be with us.
And we find You in a baby, born the King of angels yet placed in a humble feedbox
Because there was no room for Him in the inn.
Help us, this night, to make room. Help us to clear a space
Amid anxiety, fear, cynicism and doubt
For faith and hope and love. Help us to make room for You.
Amen.*

THE PROMISE

READING Matthew 1:18-25 The Von Seggern Family

ANTHEM The Holly and the Ivy trad. English carol, arr. B. Wilhour
Sanctuary Choir; Brian Wilhour, piano

THE BIRTH

READING Luke 2:1-7 Steve & Jack Parker

CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem L.H. Redner
The Immanuel Carolers

THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE SHEPHERDS

READING Luke 2:8-14 Bizzy Bracken
ANTHEM Christmas Alleluia C. Tomlin, J. Myrin
Sienna Wdowik; Andy Gregory; Elizabeth Pruchnicki; Rev. Katie Strednak Singer; Rev. Billy Kluttz

THE SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

READING Luke 2:15-20 The Pereira Family
*CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing F. Mendelssohn
The Immanuel Carolers

THE STAR OVER BETHLEHEM

READING Matthew 2:1-6 Rev. Kluttz
ANTHEM Gesù Bambino Pietro Yon, arr. B. Wilhour
Sanctuary Choir; Brian Wilhour, piano and tenor recorder

THE ADORATION OF THE WISE MEN

READING Matthew 2:7-12 Elizabeth Pruchnicki
THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING
OFFTERTORY We Three Kings of Orient Are H. Hopkins, Jr., arr. C. Thornton
Camille Thornton, soloist

THE MYSTERY OF GOD WITH US

READING John 1:1-14 Rev. Katie Strednak Singer
ANTHEM O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Sienna Wdowik, soloist
THE MEDITATION Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt
ANTHEM Sleep Baby Jesus arr. B. Wilhour
Sanctuary Choir; Nadia Pessoa, harp; Brian Wilhour, glockenspiel
THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER Rev. Katie Strednak Singer
CAROL Silent Night F. X. Gruber
Sarah Sherman; Brian Wilhour; Nadia Pessoa, harp

RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS

CAROL

Joy to the World

G. F. Handel

Sarah Sherman; Brian Wilhour; Christian Edel and Brian Wilhour, bells

BENEDICTION

Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5*

C.M. Widor

Brian Wilhour, organ
