

A night sky filled with stars, with a prominent bright starburst in the upper left. A vertical beam of light descends from this starburst, illuminating a small wooden barn in a dark forest at the bottom left. The barn has a warm light emanating from its windows.

SERVICE OF  
LESSONS & CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024  
AT 5PM

Media Presbyterian Church  
30 East Baltimore Ave, Media PA 19063  
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# *Welcome*

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*A Service of Lessons & Carols*  
*December 24th, 2024 at 5pm*

***To those who have donated poinsettias, you may take them home after tonight's service.***

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*December 24th, 2024*

Welcome

Preludes

*The Congregation shall remain seated*

**Processional Carol**

*Once in Royal David's City*

H.J. Guantlett

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 was her little Child.

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 mean and lowly lived on earth our  
Savior holy.

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 feeleth for our sadness and He shareth in our  
gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own  
redeeming love. For that Child so dear and gentle is our God  
in Heaven above.

And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*The Cunningham Family*

*The Congregation shall stand*

**Carol**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God in the Highest;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea! Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

*The Congregation shall be seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Christ's Birth & Kingdom are Foretold by Isaiah*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Elder Susan Kassab

*The Congregation shall remain seated*

### Carol

#### *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.  
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

## THE SECOND LESSON

*The Peace that Christ Will Bring Is Foreshown*

Isaiah 11:1-9

Elder Eric MacDonald

### Organ Solo

#### *See Amid the Winter Snow*

Anthony Giamanco

### Choral Response

#### *Christmas Lullaby*

John Rutter

## THE THIRD LESSON

*The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Elder Kate Meehan

### Choral Response

#### *The Angel Gabriel*

Traditional Basque Carol

## THE FOURTH LESSON

*Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus*

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Rev. Rose Sparrow

### Instrumental Response

#### *Die Bankelsangerlieder*

Daniel Speer

City Brass

*The Congregation shall stand*

### Carol

#### *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her  
King; Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs  
employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations  
prove The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

*The Congregation shall be seated*

## **Invitation to the Christmas Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**                      *The Snow Lay on the Ground*  
Leo Sowerby

## **THE FIFTH LESSON**

*The Shepherds go to the Manger*

Luke 2:8-16

Ty Harvey,

Director of Children & Youth Ministries

*The Congregation shall stand*

**Carol**    *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

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!

Christ by highest heav'n 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 with us in flesh to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!

Hail, the heav'n-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!

*The Congregation shall be seated*

## **THE SIXTH LESSON**

*The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus*

Matthew 2:1-12

Elder John Wood

**Musical Response**                      *The Virgin's Slumber Song*  
Max Reger & Claire Hoppen

# THE SEVENTH LESSON

## *John Unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation*

John 1:1, 3-5, 14,16

Rev. Dr. David Cagle

*The Congregation shall stand*

### **Carol**

#### *The First Noel*

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a king was their intent And to follow the star wherever it went

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

*The Congregation shall remain standing*

### The Collect for Christmas

### **Candle Lighting Carol**

#### *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in Heavenly peace,  
Sleep in Heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from Heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent Night! Holy night! Wonderous star, lend thy light  
With angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savoir is born, Christ the Savior is born.

### The Blessing

### Postludes

#### *Sounds of the Season*



# Poinsettia Donations



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***Anonymous- Pam McCandless***

***Sandy Campbell- My Dad, William J. Campbell***

***Sandy Campbell- My Grandparents, Bill & Anna Campbell and tom & Elizabeth Hanna***

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