



Lessons and Carols

December 27, 2020
10:00 a.m.



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OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.



*Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together,
serves together, and grows together in faith.*

VISITING TODAY?

*If this is your first time worshipping with us,
we hope you will feel welcome.*

*If you have questions, please don't hesitate
to reach out to us by phone or email. We also invite you to visit
our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org*

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Welcome

to Worship – 10:00 a.m.

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Sean Michael McDonald, organ

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire. Your blessed anointing from above is comfort, life and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight. Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of your grace. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and You, of Both, to be but One; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song: Praise to your eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

* Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

*Call to Worship

Elder Eric MacDonald

One: Jesus, how clearly we see you at Christmas-time

ALL: Cradled by Mary, protected by Joseph,

One: Worshiped by shepherds, honored by kings,

ALL: Enshrined on the altar, and loved by the world.

One: But, oh Lord, help us look for you, too,

ALL: Among the taxes of life, and the wanderings of rootless travelers.

One: In the world's smelly stables,

ALL: And in makeshift mangers.

One: In sweat-like drops of blood,

ALL: And rough-hewn crosses, humanly fashioned.

One: Help us look, Lord-

ALL: And help us find!

One: Not only at Christmas, →

ALL: But throughout this New Year, that it might indeed become The Year of the Lord.

* **Hymn #23** *Angels We Have Heard on High*
(Blue Hymnal)

***Call to Confession** (1 John 1:8-9)

Liturgist: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(a time of honesty before God in silent confession)

***Prayer of Confession** (*All*)

Dear God, we have been very busy again this Christmastime, and we know that we have been tempted to forget the true meaning of this festival. Please help us to conquer these temptations, so that we may share with our families the true joy of our Savior's birth. Lord, we have sung our Christmas carols and heard the Nativity story so many times before; help us, in our worship, to recapture the wonder of this glad season. Please make each heart a manger and each home a Bethlehem. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world for our healing. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life is beginning. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Martha Harriz

Christ's birth and kingdom foretold by Isaiah

Hymn #1 (All) *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
(Blue Hymnal)

The Second Lesson: Luke 1: 26-28 Elizabeth Rohr

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary

Hymn #16 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven*
(Blue Hymnal)

The Third Lesson: Luke 2: 1-16 Dee Casner

The Birth Of Jesus

Hymn #56 *The First Noel*
(Blue Hymnal) The Sanford Family

The Fourth Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12 Brian McLaughlin

Hymn #53 *What Child Is This?*
(Blue Hymnal)

The Fifth Lesson: John 1: 1-14 Tom Jackson

John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation

Hymn #11 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*
(Blue Hymnal)

The Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 61: 10-62:3 Dana Riker Jackson

The Good News of Deliverance

Hymn #8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty*
(Blue Hymnal)

Jesus presented at the temple

Offering

Rev. Jonathan Fettig

Closing Prayer

Rev. Rose Sparrow

Hymn

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Benediction

Rev. Jonathan Fettig

Postlude

Sean Michael McDonald, organ

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Leading worship this morning...

Rev. Jonathan Fettig, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Rose Sparrow, *Parish Associate*

Elder Eric MacDonald, *Worship Leader*

Sebastian Carpenter, *Director of Contemporary Worship, Interim Dir. of Youth*

Lisa VanHeldorf, *Choir Director*

Sean Michael McDonald, *Organist*

A very special thank you to everyone who contributed to this service, as well as all of our services throughout the year! Whether you serve as worship leader or usher, sing in the choir or the worship team, serve on the Tech team or play an instrument, we are blessed by your dedication to worship. As we continue through these extraordinary times, please know that YOU, child of God, are loved. Be safe, be well, know that we are here for you. Thanks be to God!

Small Group Questions

Luke 2: 22-40

Questions to ponder as we get to know a little about each other:

- When you were growing up, what teacher, coach or relative made you feel special? How did that person make you feel good?
- Who is the oldest person you know?

Questions to help us dig into the Scripture:

- What Mosaic laws are being fulfilled by this presentation (see Lev 123:1-8, Ex 13:2, 12, 13)? How do these events foreshadow Jesus' mission?
- What does this temple ceremony reveal about the parents of Jesus: They were very poor? Religious? Proud? Dedicated? Fearful of their salvation?
- In Simeon's two prophecies (vv. 29-32, 34-35), what was he predicting about the work of Jesus? His effect on people? The pain of his parents?
- Do you know anyone like dear old, saintly Anna? How does she complement Simeon's prophecy?

Questions to help us apply the Scripture to our own life, to take personal inventory and share with the group what you are going to do as a result:

- How has Christ brought "light" to your life? How is he still the cause of "the falling and rising" of people that you know?
- Did your parents dedicate you to the Lord? How did they help you mature spiritually?
- When has God brought along a "Simeon" and "Anna" to confirm something in your life? How did this affect you?



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GIVEN BY:

Brian and Eileen McLaughlin

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Ashley Lucas

DEDICATION:

To the Frontline Medical Workers
caring for the sick.

To the Glory of God!

In memory of our parents Marita and
Richard lake and Teresa and Donald Furey

Thank you to Pastor Jonathan & Pastor
Rose for their leadership, love of the Lord,
and continual prayers.