

J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship | Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day
December 25, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	“O Come All Ye Faithful” (Please join choir in singing final two verses.)	Hymn 173 (1, 3, 4)
WELCOME		Dr. Robbie DeCoux
* OPENING SENTENCES		Psalm 96
	Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!	
	Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day.	
	Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.	
	Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.	
	Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming. God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!	
* OPENING HYMN	“Once in Royal David’s City”	Hymn 161 (1,2,4)
Choir will sing the first verse of following hymns, congregation will join in singing final two verses of each.		
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 <i>The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah</i>	Dennis Ross
CAROL	“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”	Hymn 170
SECOND LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-7 <i>The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation</i>	Carol Rawlings
CAROL	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	Hymn 133 (1,2,3)

THIRD LESSON	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child</i>	Dennis Ross
CAROL	“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”	Hymn 171
FOURTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child</i>	Carol Rawlings
CAROL	“Away in a Manger”	Hymn 147
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16 <i>Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah</i>	Dennis Ross
CAROL	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Hymn 152 (1, 3, 4)
SIXTH LESSON	John 1:1-14 <i>The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth</i>	Carol Rawlings
CAROL	“Go Tell It On The Mountain”	Hymn 151
OFFERTORY	“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”	Rouse
* DOXOLOGY	<p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</p>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	THE LORD’S PRAYER	
	<p>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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.</p>	
* CLOSING HYMN	“Joy to the World” (Congregation joins choir in singing all 3 verses.)	Hymn 146 (1,2,4)
* CHARGE AND BLESSING	<p>May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.</p>	
POSTLUDE	“Sing We Now of Christmas”	Nouvelet