



December 24, 2015 5pm

*The congregation may stand.

ORGAN PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Colby Family

INTROIT *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Olivia Mancuso
and Stacey Midge

*CAROL *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #22

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

Refrain:
***Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.***

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
(Refrain)**

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
(Refrain)**

**Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
(Refrain)**

LESSON *Isaiah 9:2-7* Emma Cotter

CAROL *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* #9

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:
***Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Refrain)**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All people in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife and discord cease,
And fill the world with heaven's peace.
(Refrain)**

LESSON *Luke 1:26-33* Samantha Hjelm

*CAROL *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* #38

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heaven's all gracious King:
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,**

**And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

LESSON *Luke 2:1-7* Adam Bobok

POEM *Unexpected* Jacob Ettkin
by Ann Weems

CAROL *Away in a Manger* (vss.1, 2) #25

**Away in a manger, no crib for His 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 poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I
love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the
sky, And stay by my side until morning is
nigh.**

LESSON *Luke 2:8-14* Jack Evans

SONG *There Was A Little Baby* Kirk Singers

*CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* #23

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

POEM *In Search of Our Kneeling Places*
Alexandra Mancuso
by Ann Weems

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *The Friendly Beasts* Traditional
Kirk Singers

LESSON *Luke 2:15-20* Molly Mason

CAROL *The First Nowell* (vss.1, 2) #56

**The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay
a keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

LESSON *Matthew 2:1-12* Timothy Cotter

REFLECTION Jacob Ettkin

*CAROL *We Three Kings* (vss.1, 2, 5) #66

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

(Chorus)

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I
bring to crown Him again, King for ever,
ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

(Chorus)

**Glorious now behold Him arise, King and
God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds
through the earth and skies.**

(Chorus)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY High School/College Choir
He is Born arr. John Ricketts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Midge

*CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night* #60

*Please pass the flame of the candles by holding
the lit candle upright and tilting the unlit one.*

**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.**

*TOLLING

*CAROL *Joy to the World* (vss. 1, 2, 4) #40

**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 us our songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata For The Christmas Season

Lani Smith



The Mission & Benevolence committee has designated this year's Christmas offering for The First United Methodist Church's Soap and Toilet Paper Ministry.

The staff, consistory, and congregation of the First Reformed Church wish for all people a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

After the service, please stop in the Dirck Romeyn Room to view the Chrismon tree which has been donated by Carolyn Jones-Assisi and Carol Welch in memory of Alice and Russell V. Jones, Carolyn's parents, and Robert V. Shepherd and Anne Shepherd Wemple, Carol's parents and Susan Shepherd, Carol's sister.

The Chrismon ornaments are white and gold. You will see crosses, palms, fish, and the hand of God among other symbols of Christianity.

The sanctuary and chapels are adorned to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

- *Margaret (Peg) Shultes by her family*
- *Richard & Ruth Arthur, and P.J. & Edith Brownell by Dick & Judy Arthur*
- *David Bain by Audrey Bain & family*
- *Great Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marshall; Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Chester S. Rice; Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin F. Bennett by Douglas M. and David S. Bennett*
- *Mrs. Helen Bogatka & Mrs. Emma Aumic by the Bogatka/Aumic family: Dave, Lorraine, Briana & Amanda*
- *Jean Kemp Bundy by the Bundy family*
- *Dorothy Clock by Bill Clock*
- *Jean C. Collins & David N. Collins by Bill Collins*
- *Robert Bruce Crandell by Janet Crandell*
- *Parents & siblings by Gay & Joe Doolittle*
- *Bill Dotter by his wife Elsie & children*
- *Warren D. & Ethel F. Barrett by their children, grandchildren, & great grandson*
- *Carlton W. Dyer by his wife, Janice B. Dyer*
- *Lorraine Ebeling by Scott Ebeling and Elyne Schulte*
- *Sylvia & Dolph Ebeling by Scott & Bev Ebeling and Dianne Schwartz and family*
- *Rudolph & Therese Mahlberg, and Paul Erickson by the Erickson family*
- *William & Louise Stange & Sam Croce by Marlene Risseuw & the Erickson's*
- *The Gilbert & Gardner Families by Richard Gardner*
- *Loved ones by Dorothy Graham*
- *Loved ones by Cynthia Hamilton*
- *LeRoy Jewett by his family*
- *Tom & Viola Ruckman, Tom Ruckman Jr., and Ross & Hazel Marrs by the Kiesow & Tobin Families*
- *R. Ned Landon by his wife, Barbara*
- *Mr. & Mrs. S.D. Miner by their daughter, Barbara Landon*
- *Julie Lawton by Viki Brooks*
- *Mark McDermott by his wife, Gini*
- *Mary L. McCarty and John D. Willis, by Therese McCarty and Johnny Willis*
- *Richard McLane by his wife Beverly, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren*
- *Linda & John Malgieri by Justine Ochal*
- *Dorothy & Edmund Sanderson by Neil & Sandy Moynihan*
- *Dr. Henry & Emily Nagamatsu by Nancy, Brian, Felicia and Tim*
- *Loved ones by Anne Peterson*
- *Our Parents by Ellie & Gene Rowland*
- *My husband, Carl by Sue Settle*
- *Eldon Springsted by his wife Elaine*
- *Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E Niles; Mr. & Mrs. Francis Swann; Florence B. Niles, Donald T. Armington and Virginia Christensen by Dale & Nancy Ellen Swann*
- *Donald Troost and Dena Van Heynigen by Carol, Deborah & Matt*
- *Earl Wainwright by Nancy, Jeff, Tim, Dori, Leanne, Jon, Nick, Tom and Katie*
- *Anne Shepherd Wemple, Robert V. Shepherd & Susan Shepherd by the Welch family*
- *Palmer V. Welch, Marian A. Welch, Mary C. Welch by the Welch family*
- *Glenn Winchester by his family*
- *Dr. & Mrs. Witkowski; Mr. & Mrs. Palilo, parents of Jack and Linda Witkowski*
- *Allen Wood by his wife and children*
- *Donald E. Craig, Elizabeth Craig, Corinne Craig; Eugene C. Zeltmann & Ruth Zeltmann by Susan & Eugene Zeltmann*
- *All past members by Group V*

Fire Extinguishers are located:
behind the pulpit, in the front by
the Christmas trees and in the
Narthex (bride's side).

