



**December 24, 2016 5pm**

\*The congregation may stand.

ORGAN PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE  
The Williams Family

INTROIT *Sing Gloria* Sally K. Albrecht

\*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* Stacey Midge

SONG *Carol of the Bells* Leontovych  
Kirk Ringers

LESSON *Luke 1:26-33* Julia Etkin

\*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* Jack Evans

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.**

SONG *Run Shepherds!* Victor C. Johnson  
High School/Alumni Choir

LESSON *Luke 2:8-14* Molly Mason

SONG *There Was A Little Baby* Traditional  
Ukulele Angels

\*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.**

PASSING THE PEACE

LESSON *Luke 2:15-20* Jacob Ettkin

REFLECTION Jacob Ettkin

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* Alexandra Mancuso

\*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 *O Holy Night* Laura Zeltmann

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**



The Mission & Benevolence committee has designated this year's Christmas offering for The Mother of Mercy Hospice. Zambia. The staff, consistory, and congregation of the First Reformed Church wish for all people a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The Chrismon Tree has been donated and decorated by Gay Doolittle and Carolyn Jones-Assini. It is given in remembrance of Carol Welch, who supplied the Chrismon Tree for so many years. Gay and Carolyn also want to honor two respective family members: Marjorie Doolittle and Russell Vernon Jones, who were both born on December 25th. They wish to also thank Tom Burgoyne, Gary Nelson and Karen Giuzio who helped transport and set it up.

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*
- *Julie Lawton by Vicki Brooks*
- *Jean Kemp Bundy by the Bundy family*
- *Robert Bruce Crandell by Janet Crandell*
- *Dorothy Davidson, Pauline Gaige, Donna Porter by Jeanette and Don Davidson*
- *Parents and 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*
- *Rudolph & Therese Mahlberg, and Paul Erickson by the Erickson family*
- *William & Louise Stange & Sam Croce by Marlene Risseuw & the Erickson's*
- *Raymond and Marion Falconer, Donald and Lois Weidenfeller by their families*
- *Erin Falconer Cullen by Phil, Jane and Trevor Falconer*
- *In Honor of Jazz Vespers by Marjorie Geiger*
- *Loved ones by Cynthia Hamilton*
- *Tom & Viola Ruckman, Tom Ruckman Jr., and Ross & Hazel Marrs by the Kiesow & Tobin Families*
- *Mary L. McCarty and John D. Willis, by Therese McCarty and Johnny Willis*
- *Dorothy & Edmund Sanderson by Neil & Sandy Moynihan*
- *Dr. Henry & Emily Nagamatsu by Nancy, Brian, Felicia and Tim*
- *Loved ones by Anne Peterson*
- *In Memory of loved ones by Richard and Kate Rose*
- *Richard McLane by his wife Beverly, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren*
- *Linda & John Malgieri by Justine Ochal*
- *In loving memory of Hans and Mary Stern by their children*
- *My husband, Carl by Sue Settle*
- *Eldon Springsted by his wife, Elaine*
- *Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Niles; Mr. & Donald T. Armington and Virginia Christensen by Dale & Nancy Ellen Swann*
- *Daniel J. Thuener by Wife, Vernetta and family*
- *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*
- *Carolyn Shepherd Welch by the Welch family*
- *Glenn Winchester by his family*
- *Donald E. Craig, Elizabeth Craig, Corinne Craig; Eugene C. Zeltmann & Ruth Zeltmann by Susan & Eugene Zeltmann*

