



*Katherine Trimarco, Artist*

**December 24, 2017 ~ 5pm**

\*The congregation may stand.

**PRELUDE**

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| <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> | Willis Callan Stabler |
| <i>Carol of the Bells</i>              | Leontovych            |
| <i>Silent Night</i>                    | Gruber                |
|  | Ukulele Ensemble      |
| <i>Christmas Song</i>                  | Gabby Pizzolo         |

**GREETING** Daniel Carlson  
The grace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**  
The Rowe Family

**INTROIT** *Lord Jesus, Come* Chords of Love  
Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come and be born in our hearts.  
Come live, come dwell in us Emmanuel.  
Come and be born in our hearts.

\***CAROL** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #41  
**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!**

*(Refrain)*  
*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!**  
*(Refrain)*

**Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!**  
*(Refrain)*

**LESSON** *Isaiah 9:2-3a, 6-7*  
Molly Mason

**CAROL** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* #48  
**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
By faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore for us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**LESSON** *Luke 1:26-39*  
Gabby Pizzolo, Gillian Pizzolo, Laura Mason

ANTHEM *No Wind at the Window* John Bell  
Alumni Choir

No wind at the window, No knock on the door;  
No light from the lampstand, No foot on the floor;  
No dream born of tiredness, No ghost raised by fear;  
Just an angel and a woman And a voice in her ear.

“O Mary, O Mary, Don’t hide from my face.  
Be glad that you’re favored And filled with God’s  
grace. The time for redeeming The world has begun;  
And you are requested To mother God’s son.

This child must be born That the kingdom might  
come: Salvation for many, Destruction for some;  
Both end and beginning, Both message and sign;  
Both victor and victim, Both yours and divine.”

No payment was promised, No promises made;  
No wedding was dated, No blueprint displayed.  
Yet Mary, consenting To what none could guess,  
Replied with conviction, “Tell God I say yes.”

LESSON *Luke 2:1-7*  
Gabby Pizzolo, Laura Mason,  
Joseph Brown, Brody Ochal

CAROL *Away in a Manger* (vs. 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*  
Gabby Pizzolo, Hannah Bachorik, Gian Stabler,  
Ryan Muse, Jacob Bachorik, Matthew Mitchell,  
Jeanette Mitchell, Ava Muse, Audrey Mason,  
Julia Mason, Callan Stabler, Gillian Pizzolo

\*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.**

LESSON *Luke 2:15-20*  
Gabby Pizzolo, Gian Stabler, Ryan Muse,  
Jacob Bachorik, Matthew Mitchell,  
Laura Mason, Joseph Brown, Brody Ochal

CAROL *Go Tell It on the Mountain* #29  
Ukulele Choir and Congregation

*(Refrain)*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.  
*(Refrain)*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior’s birth.  
*(Refrain)*

**Down in a lowly stable  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

## HOMILY

**\*CAROL** *Joy to the World* (vs. 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.**

## OFFERING

*Both monetary gifts and clothing contributions  
may be brought forward; ushers will receive  
offerings of those wishing to remain seated.*

## OFFERTORY

*O Little Town/What Child Is This*

Kirk Ringers

## PRAYER

**\*CAROL** *Silent Night, Holy Night* #60

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

*(Fire extinguishers are located in the Narthex  
& in the front of the Sanctuary near the pulpit.)*

**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.**

## \*BENEDICTION



*After extinguishing your candle, please leave the  
candle and plastic holder in a basket at the door.*

*The Mission & Benevolence Committee has  
designated this year's Christmas offering for the  
Working Group on Girls' "Girl Circles" activities  
and the "Boy's Day Out" program.*

*The undergarments received during the offering  
are being collected for those effected by the  
recent hurricane in Puerto Rico.*

*The First Reformed Church is a welcoming and  
affirming congregation. We invite you to make us  
your church home and wish you a joyous  
Christmas and all people a peaceful New Year!*

**The sanctuary and chapel is adorned to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

- Margaret (Peg) Shultes by her family
- Our parents Alice & Russell Jones and Dr. Charles Assini by Drs. John & Carolyn Assini
- David Bain by Audrey Bain & family
- Dick Blackmer by his family
- Julie Lawton who loved Christmas by Vicki Brooks and John Lawton
- Dorothy Davidson, Donna Porter, George and Pauline Gaige 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, and great grandson
- Sylvia & Dolph Ebeling, Lorraine Ebeling and Elyne Shultes by Scott & Bev Ebeling and Dianne Schwartz
- 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 family
- Janet R. Crandell and Bruce Crandell by their daughters Donna, Sandy and Linda Fentiman
- Janet Gardner and Gardner Families by Richard
- Merry Christmas by Marjorie Geiger
- Loved ones by Cynthia Hamilton
- Leroy Jewett by his family
- Scott 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
- Harold Lapham by his family
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- Neil W. Moynihan by Sandy Moynihan & family
- Dorothy & Edmund Sanderson by Neil & Sandy Moynihan
- Dr. Henry & Emily Nagamatsu by Nancy, Brian, Felicia and Tim
- Loved ones by Anne Peterson
- Loved ones by Richard and Kate Rose
- To honor our family by Ellie & Gene Rowland
- Dr. Alfred Tuttle and Louis Scholl Tuttle, Corine's parents
- Eldon Springsted by his wife, Elaine
- Daniel J. Thuener by his 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 and loved ones

