

DECEMBER 17, 2022

## THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US

The Prelude *O Come, Emmanuel* arr. W. Held

The Call to Worship Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Christmas Carol *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### Please remain seated and join in singing.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free—— from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee——. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

### Choir:

Come, O Sov'reign Prince of Heaven; come, O wondrous Love Divine. Earth and heaven bow before Thee, everlasting Peace sublime. O Thou Source of joy and wonder, bless us as we seek Thy face. At Thy manger grant us mercy, in Thine Advent grant us grace.

### All stand and sing:

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king——, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring——. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words by Charles Wesley 1744, and Mark Hunt 1978, music by Rowland Pritchard, 1855

The Invocation Rev. Cangelosi

The Confession of Faith *Westminster Confessions of Faith 8.2*

*The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon himself man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.*

The Carol No. 225 *Once in Royal David's City*  
Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5

The Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The Anthem *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture - in the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most high!"

Liturgy of St. James, 5<sup>th</sup> century, 17<sup>th</sup> century French melody arr. Sandra Ford CCLI 600485

The Scripture Reading *Luke 1:26-38*

The Offering *Birthday Carol*

Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia, this is the birthday of our Lord. Alleluia.

*Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!*

Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia, to them God's glory was revealed. Alleluia.

And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia, an angel said, "Be not dismayed," Alleluia.

Tidings of joy to you I bring, Alleluia, today is born a heav'nly King. Alleluia.

And ye shall find in manger laid, Alleluia, the Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed. Alleluia.

A host of angels filled the sky, Alleluia, thus singing praise to God on high. Alleluia.

Now join we all the angel throng, Alleluia, and let our voices swell the song: Alleluia.

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The Scripture Reading *Luke 2:1-20*

Children in the 2-3-year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery during the singing of the carol.

The Carol *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface. *Refrain*

English Traditional Carol arranged by David Willcocks

The Scripture Reading *Luke 2:21-38*

The Anthem *Unto Us a Son Is Born*

Unto us a Son is born; "Welcome, holy Stranger!" Let us go this happy morn and see Him in the manger.

How can He be born on earth yet Lord of all creation? Still the oxen know His worth and kneel in adoration.

'Round the stable angels sing, and shepherds thrill to hear it! Mary treasures all these things within a humble spirit.

When this Child becomes a man He'll teach and heal the nation, then fulfill His Father's plan to die for our salvation.

Though He bears our sin and strife, now hear the gospel story: Christ shall rise again to life and lead us up to glory!

Alpha and Omega He! All heav'n and earth rejoices! Let us sing out merrily and join the angel voices. Unto us a Son is born!

Puer Nobis Nascitur, from *Piae Cantiones* (1582) arranged by Trevor Manor © Beckenhorst Press

The Scripture Reading *II Corinthians 8:1-9*

The Homily Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

*Our Giving Savior Reproduces Giving Followers*

The Anthem *The Work of Christmas*

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the pris'ner, to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.

Words by Howard Thurman, music by Dan Forrest © Beckenhorst Press

The Scripture Reading *Isaiah 11:1-10*

The Carol No. 195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

The Benediction Rev. Kalberkamp

The Postlude *Postlude on an English Carol* arr. G. Martin

Thank you to our guest musicians who have greatly blessed us with their music today: Wayne Linehan, James Jenkins, Mimi Linehan, Ken Lyon, Wade Rackley, Steven Ross, and Cole Smith.

EVENING WORSHIP  
6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Rev. Caleb Cangelosi. We are working through the Westminster Larger Catechism together on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on WLC #153-154.

*The Hardest Sin to Kill*  
James 3:1-12

### NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Christmas Caroling:** Everyone is invited to join in Christmas Caroling on Dec. 20 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in neighborhoods across the North Jackson/Ridgeland area. Email our music intern Becca Davis at beccadavismusic@gmail.com to be placed in a caroling group near you. If you would like to lead a caroling group in your neighborhood, please let her know. Caroling song sheets will be provided.
- **There will be no Nursery** during the Christmas Eve and the New Year's Eve evening worship services.
- **Lost and Found:** Please check out the lost and found cabinets in the foyer for any items you may be missing. All items left after January 1 will be donated or purged.
- **Lydia Circle:** We will not meet on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lunch Bunch will meet January 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. at Enzo Osteria, 970 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland. For more info call Mary Lou Heany at 601-506-1432.

### UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

- 12.24 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Service – 4:30 p.m. – Gym
- 12.25 Church offices closed for Christmas
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- 1.1 Church offices closed for New Year's
- 1.16 Lunch Bunch – 11:30 a.m. – Enzo Osteria

### MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF GOD

REV. CALEB G. CANGELOSI ~ SENIOR PASTOR

REV. CARL H. KALBERKAMP, JR. ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

REV. DEAN WILLIAMS ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

### SESSION

Adam Adcock	Mike Atkinson	Bob Austin	Neil Barnes
James Clark	Phil Ethridge	Bill Hatcliff	Ken Haynes
Mark Henry	Brad Ingram	John Kwasny	Eddie Moran
Steve Morris	Newell Simrall	Craig Stockmeier	Rob Waltzer
Jonathan Werne	John Williams	Tom Young	

*On sabbatical: Rod Russ, Jack Haynie, John Slater, Ben Sones, John Perritt*

### DIACONATE

Tim Barnes	Peter Boswell	Mark Brown	Michael Bryant
Bobby Bullock	Clinton Carraway	Allan Edgar	Tony Franklin
Jeff Gamblin	Rick Goodwin	Rob Hembree	David Howie
Jared Moffett	Drew Norwood	Matt Norwood	Parker Reece
Greg Sprow	Madison Taylor	Glen Ulrich	Matt Walker
John Wiggins	Jack Wilson	Seth Winchester	

*On sabbatical: Stephen Shelt, Michael Johnson, Jamie Murphy, Austin Stewart, Charlie Upton, Walt Lucas*