



**Third Presbyterian Church**

Seeking the Light  
1827-2017

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but  
Still nothing is as shining as it should be  
for you. Under the sink, for example, is an  
uproar of mice – it is the season of their  
many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves  
and through the walls the squirrels  
have gnawed their ragged entrances– but it is the  
season when they need shelter, so what shall I do?  
And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the  
cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the  
pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow  
falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly  
up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will  
come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the  
sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know  
that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I  
do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

Mary Oliver

“Making the House Ready for the Lord”

## **The Worship of God Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:30pm, 8:00pm and 11:00pm

# Joy to the World!

On behalf of the Third Presbyterian Church family -- members, officers and staff -- welcome to Christmas Eve worship at Third Church. We hope that your celebration on this holy night is filled with joy and peace.

If you are visiting Third Presbyterian Church, we extend an especially warm welcome and invite you to join us in our ministry of worship, service, and nurture. We worship every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:45am. We offer a wide variety of programs for all ages, including music, education, and outreach.

Our next "Exploring Membership Lunch" will take place on February 4; it offers an opportunity to share your story and hear from others about the journeys that brought us here, and explore ways to connect. For more information or to reserve your place at the luncheon, please respond to Lynette Sparks (lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 106). You can also learn more about us by visiting [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org).

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Please silence all electronic devices.

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## 2017 Christmas Joy Offering

With Christ at the center of this holiday season, we can follow in his example of servant leadership by serving our brothers and sisters in faith. Funds from the Christmas Joy Offering support past, present, and future leaders in two particular ways: providing critical financial assistance to eligible workers/families in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to qualifying retired church workers and their families; and supporting the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Thanks to your generosity, we can support those in need. We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering through Sunday, December 31. Envelopes are available in the pew racks and pew pads.

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**Join us on Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve at our 10:45am worship as we continue the Christmas celebration with readings and music of the season.**

"A Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols" from Third Church, clergy, liturgists, and congregation, will air on WXXI FM 91.5 on Christmas Eve at 11:00pm. You can send friends and relatives around the world the link to [www.classical915.org](http://www.classical915.org) so that they can stream the audio of the broadcast live at that time. This is a pre-recorded service of Lessons and Carols (not a live broadcast of our Christmas Eve service), recorded this past January in the Third Church Sanctuary.



ANTHEM

“Puer Natus Est”

arr. Andrea Ramsey  
Junior Choir

Puer natus est nobis, alleluia,  
unde gaudet Jerusalem, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alle, alleluia.

A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia.  
Therefore rejoice, Jerusalem. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alle, alleluia.

Puer natus est nobis, alleluia,  
Deo dicamus gratias, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alle, alleluia.

A Son is given on this day, alleluia.  
Rejoice before the Lord and pray, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alle, alleluia.

Alle, alleluia.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

*Stanzas 1 and 2*

SCRIPTURE of the MANGER

Luke 2:1-7

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 115

“Away in a Manger”

MUELLER

SCRIPTURE of the ANGELS

Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM

“Glory to God”

Pergolesi arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Junior Choir and Glorious Voices  
Glenna Curren, *cello*  
Rosina Curren, *violin*

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace,  
peace and goodwill  
to his people evermore.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

SCRIPTURE of the SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:15-18

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 136

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

SCRIPTURE of the MAGI

Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12

CAROL 151 "We Three Kings"

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*Congregation sings stanzas 1 and 5 and refrain.*

vs. 2– Leah Ormaechea, *soloist*

vs. 3– Nathaniel Austin, *soloist*

vs. 4– Adrienne Quimby, *soloist*

ANTHEM "Ding! Dong! Merrily on High"

arr. Ken Berg

Junior Choir and Glorious Voices

Ding, dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:

Ding, dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel's singing,

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,

And "Io, io, io" by priest and people sungen.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers:

May you beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

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SCRIPTURE of the GIFT

1 John 4:7-12

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELIS

*Stanzas 1 and 4*

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

The Brugger Family:

Tori, David, Marshall and Theo

LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. Unto us a child is born. Unto us a child is given. As we light the Christ candle on this holy night, let us seek to share the light of Christ in our hearts and homes, in our city and world, for this light is the light of all.

PEOPLE: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

“Come to Us, Emmanuel”

Carol McClure  
Junior Choir

## SPREADING the LIGHT

*The acolytes will light the candles of those at the ends of the pews. Pass the light to those next to you, holding the lit candle upright and tilting the unlit candle toward it. Please extinguish candles with the singing of “Joy to the World.”*

## CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

1. 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.
2. 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.”
3. 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.
4. Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluias to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

## PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

## RECESSIONAL "Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH  
*with Children's Bell Choir, vs. 4*

1. 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.
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
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Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. 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 "Prelude on 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen'"

John Rutter

*During the postlude, the congregation is invited to place their Christmas Joy Offering in the basket at the manger or with the ushers at the door.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE NATIVITY

Andrew La Favor, Juliana Lutzer, Tessa Vasta ..... Readers  
Katrin Althouse, Hannah Broshears, Reese Ossont,  
Lydia Stratton-Smith, Madeline Veitch, Natalie Vinton..... Acolytes  
Alexa Monrad..... Angel Gabriel  
Audrey Vinton ..... Mary  
Jonathan Lutzer ..... Joseph  
Greg Monrad ..... Innkeeper  
Evelyn Bishop, Bailey Briggs, Caitlin Clarke,  
Brynn Ibbotson, Maya Molina, Eilee Ossont ..... Heavenly Hosts  
Erin Austin, Dan Bishop, Tim Hutkowski,  
Zack Hutkowski, Harrison Lutzer, Bizzy Merz, Griffin Monrad,  
Michael Singh, Ava Taylor, Brendan Tidd, Myles Vasta ..... Shepherds  
Matt and Garrett Althouse,  
Tim and Liam Broshears, Luis and Matias Ormaechea..... Kings and Pages  
Keira Mahar, Alex Bishop, Owen Tidd, Julia Wisbey ..... Lighting Crew  
Leanne Averill ..... Nativity Staging Director  
Mary Ann Rutkowski ..... Associate Director of Music  
Caroline J. Robinson ..... Organist  
Tina Curren ..... Junior Choir/Glorious Voices Accompanist  
Jeanne Fisher ..... Junior High Bell Choir Director  
Cori Averill..... Nativity Costumes  
John Wilkinson..... Liturgist  
Chris Colaluca, Barb Rich ..... Choir Assistants  
Royanne Boyer, Jim Boyer, Bob Merz, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.,  
Gayle Phillips, Jim Pochodylo, Massimo Vasta, Griff Vinton ..... Ushers



## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:00pm Chapel

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

*\*Stand as you are able*

PRELUDE	"Partita on 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming'"	Max Drischner
	"In Dulci Jubilo," BWV 608	J.S. Bach
	"In Dulci Jubilo"	Marcel Dupré

### LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. Unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given. As we light the Christ candle on this holy night, let us seek to share the light of Christ in our hearts and homes, in our city and world, for this light is the light of all.

PEOPLE: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

\*HYMN 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELIS

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, we have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the voices of those in need.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, free us from our captivity, free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose birth and good news we celebrate this holy night. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the Good News.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*HYMN 145 "What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible, OT page 638

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO “Maria Wiegenlied”

Max Reger

Danika Felty, *soprano*

Maria sitzt im Rosenhag  
Und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,  
Durch die Blätter leise  
Weht der warme Sommerwind.

*Amid the roses Mary sits  
And rocks her Jesus-child,  
While amid the treetops  
Sighs the breeze so warm and mild.*

Zu ihren Füßen singt  
Ein buntes Vögelein :  
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße,  
Schlaf nun ein!

*And soft and sweetly sings  
A bird upon a bough:  
Ah, baby, dear one,  
Slumber now!*

Hold ist dein Lächeln,  
Holder deines Schlummers Lust,  
Leg dein müdes Köpfchen  
Fest an deiner Mutter Brust!  
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße,  
Schlaf nun ein!

*Happy is Thy laughter,  
Holy is Thy silent rest,  
Lay Thy head in slumber  
Fondly on Thy Mother's breast.  
Ah, baby, dear one,  
Slumber now!*

*-Martin Boelitz*

GOSPEL LESSON — Luke 2:1-20

Pew Bible, NT page 5

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

John Wilkinson

\*HYMN 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

\*LITANY for CHRISTMAS

LEADER: In a little town, known for nothing much,  
God's holy child was born.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: By the faint light of the moon,  
Mary and Joseph found their way.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Shown by a courtyard fire, the open stable door.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: Warm breath of resting beasts,  
kindly sparkle in their eyes.

PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**

LEADER: In the shadowy stable stall,  
Joseph kindled a lamp.  
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**  
LEADER: There Mary gave birth to Jesus,  
called God-With-Us.  
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**  
LEADER: Angels opened the doors of heaven,  
sang, "Glory to God in the heights!"  
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**  
LEADER: Shepherds saw the sky ablaze,  
left their sheep and came to see.  
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**  
LEADER: In the darkest winter night,  
God set a brilliant star.  
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**  
LEADER: Magi from the East  
divined God's shining sign.  
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light!**  
LEADER: And on this Christmas with joy,  
we greet the Child.  
PEOPLE: **Welcome the Light! Amen.**

## OFFERTORY SOLO

"O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam  
Danika Felty, *soprano*

## THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This evening, communion will be served in the pews. All bread is gluten free. As you pass the tray to the person next to you, please say the person's name (if you know it) and as you pass the bread, please say, "Christ's body for you" or "the bread of life for you." As the juice is served, please say "Christ's blood for you" or "the cup of salvation for you."*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**  
LEADER: Lift up your hearts.  
PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

*(organ intro)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Great God of power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins. We thank you for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank you that in Jesus you became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures. Glory to you for your grace-filled love. Glory to you, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of kings, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SHARING of THE LIGHT

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### CAROL

#### "Silent Night, Holy Night"

STILLE NACHT

1. 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.

2. 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!"

3. 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.

4. Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light:  
With the angels let us sing,  
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## MOMENT of SILENCE

### \*CAROL

#### "Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

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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.

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Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      “In Dulci Jubilo,” BWV 729      J.S. Bach

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE 8:00pm SERVICE**

- John Wilkinson..... Preacher
- Lynette K. Sparks, Martha C. Langford ..... Liturgists
- Peter A. DuBois..... Director of Music/Organist



Lastly we remember those who rejoice with us, but on another shore and in a greater light; that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in this Lord Jesus, we are one forevermore. Amen.

## THE STORY of OUR SALVATION in LESSONS and CAROLS

### THE FIRST LESSON — Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Lynette Sparks

#### Genesis 22:15-18

*In the two Genesis readings, God first tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise; later, God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

#### “Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree”

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought: I  
missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the  
shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which  
makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

- Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

### THE SECOND LESSON — Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Pamela Foye

#### Micah 5:2-4

*In the Isaiah lesson, Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold; in the Micah lesson, the prophet foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*CAROL 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

### THE THIRD LESSON — Luke 1:26-35, 38

Dianna Daunton

*The angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary.*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**



## ANTHEM

## "Magnificat in E"

Herbert Murrill

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me; and Holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shown strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away. He rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel; as He promised to our forefathers Abraham and His seed forever. (*Canticle of Mary - Luke 1:46-55*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE FOURTH LESSON — Luke 2:1,3-7

Roderic P. Frohman

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

## "Ave Maria"

Robert Parsons

Ave Maria, gratia  
plena, Dominus  
tecum; benedicta tu  
in mulieribus, et  
benedictus fructus  
ventris tui, Jesus

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among  
women, and blessed is  
the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus*

## THE FIFTH LESSON — Luke 2:8-14

Martha Langford

*The Angels announce the birth to the Shepherds.*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

## "Torches"

John Joubert

Torches, torches, run with torches All the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to him! Ah, Roro, roro, my baby, Ah, Roro, my love, Roro; Sleep you well, my heart's own darling, While we sing you our Roro. Sing, my friends, and make you merry, Joy and mirth and joy again; Lo, he lives, the King of heaven, Now and evermore, Amen.

- trans. from the Galician by J. B. Trend

## \*CAROL 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

## THE SIXTH LESSON — Luke 2:15-20

Jonathan Lutzer

*The Shepherds go to the Manger.*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Harold Darke

Danika Felty, *soprano*

Anders Namestnik, *tenor*

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the  
bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him Nor earth sustain; Heav'n and earth  
shall flee away When he comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-  
place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim Worship night and day, A breast-full of  
milk and a manger-full of hay; Enough for him, whom angels Fall down  
before, The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a  
lamb, If I were a Wise-Man I would do my part, Yet what I can I give him,  
Give my heart.

- Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

### HOMILY

John Wilkinson

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Martha Langford

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### “O Nata Lux”

Morten Lauridsen

(from *Lux Aeterna*)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu  
redemptor saeculi, dignare  
clemens supplicum laudes preces  
que sumere. Qui carne quondam  
contegi dignatus ve pro perditis.  
Nos membra confer effici, tui beati  
corporis.

*O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer  
of the world, mercifully deem worthy  
and accept the praises and prayers of  
your supplicants. Thou who once  
deigned to be clothed in flesh for the  
sake of the lost ones, grant us to be  
made members of your holy body.*

## THE SEVENTH LESSON — John 1:1-5

John Wilkinson

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

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### MOMENT of SILENCE

**\*CAROL**

**“Joy to the World”**

ANTIOCH

1. 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.
  
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
  
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found.  
Far as, far as the curse is found.
  
4. 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**

**“Carillon de Westminster”**

Louis Vierne

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 Mary Ann Rutkowski ..... Associate Director of Music  
 Caroline J. Robinson ..... Assistant Organist  
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