



**Sunday, December 24, 2023**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**Dulin United Methodist Church**

513 E. Broad St. Falls Church, VA 22046

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PRELUDE (Beginning 7:45 p.m.)

Commonwealth Brass

*"Sussex Carol"*  
*"Mighty Lord from Christmas Oratorio"*  
*"Holly and Ivy"*  
*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*  
*"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"*

WELCOME

Pastor Dave

+ LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Leader: The time of waiting is over; our Lord is born!*

**People: Now we light the Christ candle to remind us that all of God's gifts – Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love – are bound in God's greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.**

*(Light the Christ candle.)*

+ CAROL UMH 234 (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Adeste Fideles

*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.*

*Verse 2 (Choir Only) (Refrain)*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader: Let us pray,*

**People: God of joy, we come to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. Your glorious arrival is enough to cause us to sing for joy, yet we still find reasons to complain. Your light of salvation is bright enough to illuminate every corner of our lives, yet we still find ourselves filled with worry and doubt. God, you invite us into the light of the stable where the overlooked and forgotten have gathered to celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth. Give us the strength and courage to join you in the manger. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Carter Pisocky

CAROL

*"Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree"*  
*Sanctuary Choir*

E. Poston

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

James Gremminger

CAROL UMH 196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Hyfrydol

*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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*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.*

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-38

Luke Batarseh

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Rosa Mystica"  
Sanctuary Choir

C. Waddell

+ FOURTH LESSON Luke 1:39-56

Troy Welck

+ CAROL UMH 200

"Tell Out, My Soul"

Woodlands

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of God's word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's name! Make known God's might, who wondrous deeds has done;  
God's mercy sure, from age to age the same; God's holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

*Tell out, my soul, the glories of God's word! Firm is the promise and God's mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and forevermore!*

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

Kyle Wilson

CAROL UMH 217

"Away in a Manger"

Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:8-14

Alex Pisocky

MUSICAL OFFERING

"In the Bleak Midwinter"  
Sanctuary Choir

H. Darke

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20

Ian Wilson

+ CAROL UMH 238

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

*Refrain: 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? (Refrain)*

*Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)*

*See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)*

+ EIGHTH LESSON John 1:1-14

Noah Chin

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Grier & Everson

+ CAROL UMH 246 (Verses 1 & 4)

"Joy to the World"

Antioch

*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*

*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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING THE PEOPLE AND BREAD AND JUICE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

EATING THE BREAD AND DRINKING THE JUICE TOGETHER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE sung to the tune "The First Noel"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

+ CAROL UMH 239

"Silent Night"

Stille Nacht

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

+ CHRISTMAS BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

+ VOLUNTARY

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
Commonwealth Brass

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: the Rev. Dr. M. Davies Kirkland

Music: Dr. Kimberly Hess, Mary Mateer

Ushers: Bob Miller, Allen Chin, Bill Mosteller

Greeter: Linda Miller

Video Production: Mark Batarseh, Luke Batarseh, James Gremminger

Commonwealth Brass:

Chuck Seipp, trumpet

Karl Mailand, trumpet

Rob Craven, horn

Mitch Spray, trombone

Jon Voth, tuba