

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 19, 2021



**UNITED CHURCH** *of* CHAPEL HILL

**A PLACE *of* BELONGING** FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come) BWV 659* J.S. Bach

**\*INTROIT**

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace* O-SO-SO

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.  
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4. Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; re - con - cile all peo - ple.

**\*INVOCATION AND CANDLELIGHTING**

Josie, Betty, and Rae Buckley

God of Hope, Prince of Peace, Jubilee Judge, and Lord of Love, Your goodness is beyond our wildest imaginings. You give us more than we think to ask, coming to us with the impossible possibility in the union of flesh and spirit. Teach us to love this world and all people as you love us in Jesus Christ our Lord. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
Let us worship God.

**POEM**

*Love's Incarnate Birth* Madeleine L'Engle

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Rev. Ian McPherson

**\*HYMN** 145

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

Stanza 1: Soloist; Stanza 2: Choir; Stanzas 3-5: All  
Soloist: Charlotte Carter

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Catherine Copland

Isaiah 40:1-5 God's People Prepare for the Coming of Christ  
*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.*

Carol *Comfort, Comfort* arr. David Ashley White

## THE SECOND LESSON

Seth Murray

Luke 1:26–38 The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.*

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Walford Davies

## THE THIRD LESSON

Ada Fairman-Stokes, Naomi Joiner

“The First Tree” (Tale of Three Trees, Tom S. Long)

Carol *En Nombre del Cielo* Trad. Mexican Villancico

Joseph: Dale Bailey & Colin Anderson

Innkeeper:: Julianne Vance & Sarah Stokes

En nombre del cielo, les pido posada,  
Pues no puede andar, mi esposa amada.

In the name of heaven, I ask for shelter,  
For she cannot walk, my beloved wife.

Aquí no es mesón, sigan adelante,  
Yo no le voy abrir, no sea algún tunante.

This place is no inn, continue on your way,  
I cannot open the door, I fear you may be a thief.

Venimos cansados desde Nazaret,  
Yo soy carpintero de nombre José.

We come exhausted, from Nazareth,  
I'm a carpenter, by the name of Joseph.

No me importa el nombre. Déjenme dormir  
Porque ya les dije que no he de abrir.

I don't care for your name. Let me sleep  
Because I've already told you, I will not open.

Mi esposa es María. Es Reina del cielo  
Y madre va a ser del divino verbo.

My wife is Mary. She is Queen of heaven,  
And she will be the mother of the divine word.

¿Eres tú José? ¿Tú esposa es María?  
Entren peregrinos, no los conocía.

Are you Joseph? Is your wife Mary?  
Come in travelers, I didn't recognize you.

Dichosa la casa que abriga este día  
A la virgen pura, la hermosa María

Blessed is this house that offers shelter this day  
To the virgin pure, the lovely Mary.

Cantemos con alegría, todos, al considerar  
Que Jesús, José y María, nos vienen a visitar.

Let's sing with joy, everyone, as we consider  
That Jesus, Joseph and Mary, have come today to honor us.

## OFFERING

Rev. Cameron Barr

**\*HYMN**

*Angels We Have Heard on High | Ángeles Cantando Están*

**GLORIA**

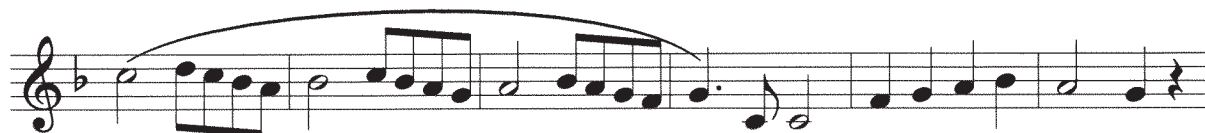
*French Carol (Villancico francés)*



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the planis,  
2. Los pas - to - res al o - ir ta - les pre - ces y lo - or,  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing.  
4. Pron - to va - mos a Be - lén pa - ra con - tem - plar con fe



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
se ad - mi - ra - ron en - tre sí del por - qué de la can - ción.  
Come a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
a Je - sús, au - tor del bien, al re - cién na - ci - do Rey.



Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



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*Text anonymous; Translation stanzas 1, 3, "Crown of Jesus Music, II" 1862, stanza 2 Lorenzo Álvarez, stanza 4 George P. Simmonds.  
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**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PUER NOBIS NASCITUR**



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Christ all crea - tures here be - low.



Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts, Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Nubia Rivero

Luke 2:8–16 The Shepherds Go to the Manger

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.*

Carol *Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow* arr. Joseph Joubert

THE FIFTH LESSON

Erica Tillman

Matthew 2:1–11 The Magi are Led by the Star to Jesus

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.*

Carol *Personent Hodie* arr. Gustav Holst

Personent hodie voces puerulæ, Laudantes iucunde  
qui nobis est natus, Summo Deo datus,  
et de virgineo ventre procreatus.

Let resound this day the voices of children, praising joyfully  
him who is born to us, given by the most high God,  
and of the virgin's womb conceived.

In mundo nascitur, pannis involvitur, Præsepi ponitur,  
stabulo brutorum, Rector supernorum.  
Perdidit spolia princeps infernorum.

He was born into the world, wrapped in rags, placed in a  
manger,  
In a stable for animals, the ruler of heaven.  
The prince of hell has lost his spoils.

Magi tres venerunt, parvulum inquirunt, Bethlehem  
adeunt  
Stellulam sequendo, ipsum adorando,  
Aurum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo.

Three Magi came; They sought the child, and went to  
Bethlehem  
Following the star, in total adoration.  
Gold, frankincense, and myrrh they offered.

Omnes clericuli, pariter pueri, cantent ut angeli:  
“Advenisti mundo, Laudes tibi fundo.  
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.”

Let all junior clerics, along with the boys, sing like angels:  
“You have come into the world, I pour out praises to you.  
Therefore, glory to God in the highest!”

## THE SIXTH LESSON

Rev. Cameron Barr

John 1:1–14 St. John Unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation  
*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.*

**\*HYMN** 132 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

## CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Cameron Barr

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Cameron Barr

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *Plein Jeu* Andrew Lang

## SERVICE NOTES

**ORGANIST:** Andrew Lang  
**PIANIST:** Gillian Fields  
**DRUMMER:** Gaylen Brubaker  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Jennifer Anderson  
**DEACON:** Maya Vermeer  
**REFRESHMENTS:** Fellowship Board

**FLOWERS:** Given by Janet & Ed Flowers, in celebration of the birthday of their son, Thomas Milas Flowers, today.

**COVER ART:** Unknown

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# Here's What's Happening

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*Connect and grow with us*

## Today

*Sunday, December 19*

### **Confirmation Class**

*11 a.m. - Youth Room*

### **Spiritual Growth Class**

*11 a.m. - Zoom*

### **Faith & Family Class**

*11 a.m.*

### **Choir Rehearsals**

*Grace Notes, Junior & Youth Choirs - 12 p.m.*

### **Youth Caroling**

*4 p.m. - Outside, various locations*

## This Week

*December 20-December 25*

### **Small Group Meetings**

Monday Noon Book Group; Women's Group; Wednesday Morning Bible Study; Long-term Caregiver Support Group

### **Choir Rehearsals**

Chancel Choir

### **Board/Committee Meetings**

Board of Justice, Outreach & Service (BJOS); Board of Children's Ministries; Board of Deacons

### **Special Programs**

Yoga; Black Lives Matter Vigil

Longest Night Service - Tuesday, December 21 @ 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services - Friday, December 24 @ 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

### **NEXT SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 26**

- ~La Mesa Worship (9:30 a.m.)- Rev. David Mateo
- ~Festival Worship (9:45 a.m.)- Rev. Cameron Barr
- ~Faith & Family Class and Spiritual Growth Class (11 a.m.)

Please see the online calendar and eNews for event details.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ADVENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Youth Caroling - Sun., Dec. 19

Longest Night Service - Tues., Dec. 21

Christmas Eve Services - Fri., Dec. 24

5 p.m. (outdoor); 7 p.m. (indoor)

Find more information below and in the eNews.

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec. 21 @ 7 p.m. (outdoor)

The Longest Night worship service is an acknowledgement of the pain, sadness, anxiety, and grief we all carry while celebrating the return of the light.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. - A family-friendly outdoor service for all ages.

*Bring a baby gift (diapers, wipes, infant clothes or toys) that will be donated to families in need.*

7 p.m. - Indoor candlelight service

## A WOMEN'S LECTIONARY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH - ONLINE RESOURCES

Look for more information in the eNews.

## CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO PEACEMAKING SCHOLARSHIP

Apply now-Feb., 28, 2022. Find the online application on our website.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Connect and grow with us through our community groups. Contact Pastor Mary Elizabeth Hanchey if you would like to be connected with community groups!

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for scripture readers, greeters, ushers, and altar flower sponsors for our online and in-person worship services. Find out more in the eNews and on our website and sign up!

## OPEN STAFF POSITIONS - HELP SPREAD THE WORD

We currently have open staff positions: Director of the La Mesa Band and Organist. Please share the position description from our Careers webpage.

## FROM THE LIBRARY

- Borg, M.J., & Crossan, J.D. The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus's Birth. 232.9 Bor F
- A Service of Lessons & Carols: Singing the Light. A/V 783.8 Mon 2008b CD
- Powery, L.A. Rise Up, Shepherd! Advent Reflections on the Spirituals. 263.1 Pow R
- Howell, J.C. Why This Jubilee? Advent Reflections on Songs of the Season. 263.1 How W

These books are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. Instructions are provided: using the catalog (near the computer) and borrowing an item (near the door). Questions? Contact Barbara Wildemuth.

\*\*\*Look for details about how to sign up for and participate in our events in the weekly eNews.\*\*\*