



*A Festival of Lessons & Carols*



**Christmas Eve**

**First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor**



# 53rd Festival of Lessons and Carols

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December 24, 2022

7:30 p.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Es ist das Heil uns kommen her, BuxWV 186*  
(Salvation Now Has Come to Us)

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707, German)

BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*"debts"*)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Cesar, Janice, Marissa, and Christina Alaniz

*O Jesu So Sweet*

Tune: Samuel Scheidt  
(1587-1654, German)  
Harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750, German)

HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

*IRBY*

Words: C.F. Alexander  
Music: H.J. Gauntlett  
Verses 1-3 harmonized by A.H. Mann  
Verse 4 arr. by David Willcocks  
Solo: Piper Morgan

*Solo: Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*Choir: He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

**\*All:** For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah ix  
*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*

Rob Duke

## ANTHEM

*Great Our Fevity*

Andrew Carter

Great our festivity, welcome the morn.  
 Greet His nativity, Jesus is born.  
 Veni nunc Domine, viva cum homine, Patris in nomine, Jesus is born  
 (translates: Come now God, live among people in the name of the Father)  
 Jesus is born.

Cradled in modesty, laid in the stall.  
 Christ in His majesty waits for us all.  
 Rex adorabilis, Rex tam amabilis, Salus mirabilis,  
 (translates: King adored, King worthy of love, wonderful salvation)  
 Jesus is born.

Here in serenity see His divinity.  
 Here in tranquility kneel in humility.  
 Come to Him prayerfully, follow Him peacefully, honor Him cheerfully, worship Him joyfully.

So sing we merrily, loudly and long.  
 So make we melody, thankful our song.  
 Pleni nunc gaudio, laeti cum angelo, laudamus Domino  
 (translates: Filled with gladness, angels are messengers, praise God)  
 Jesus is born.

## \*HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful**ADESTE FIDELES*

Words and Music: J.F. Wade  
 Intro and verse 1 arr. by Robert J. Powell  
 Verses 3 and 4 arr. by David Willcocks  
 Verse 4 descant arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

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:  
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

True God of true God, light from light eternal  
 Lo! he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
 Son of the Father, Begotten, not created:  
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest:  
 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 given;  
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah xi  
*The peace that Christ will bring is foretold*

Hannah Foster

ANTHEM

*The Snow Carol*

Words and Music by Thomas Juneau

The snow lay on the ground and gleamed of purest white,  
while stars watched over all with beams of brightest light.  
Venite adoremus, Dominum.

That calm and peaceful night as snow danced in the sky, a chorus of light  
could be heard from on high.  
Venite adoremus, Dominum.

And so that Christmas night, the earth began to sing of hope for humankind  
And joy that eve would bring.  
Venite adoremus, Dominum.

O come and let us join the song of heavenly might,  
a chorus of peace and comfort on this night.  
Venite adoremus, Dominum.

THIRD LESSON

St Luke i  
*The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary*

Stacey Simpson Duke

ANTHEM

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Words: Christina Rossetti  
Music: Nathan Jones

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.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

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.

FOURTH LESSON

St Matthew i  
*St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus*

Cesar Alaniz

ANTHEM

*My Dancing Day*

Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance.  
*Sing, oh my love, oh my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance,  
Thus was I knit to man's nature,  
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance,  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,  
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above,  
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*



\*HYMN

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

Words and Music from Piae Cantiones

Verses 1 and 4 arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

Verses 2 and 3 arr. by Gustav Holst

1. On this day  
2. His the doom,  
3. God's bright star,  
4. On this day

earth shall ring with the song chil - dren sing  
ours the mirth; when he came down to earth,  
o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led;  
an - gels sing; with their song earth shall ring,

to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to  
Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -  
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be -  
prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to

save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
 side him from the cold would hide him.  
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
 save us; peace and love he gave us.

*Refrain*

\* Id - e - o - o - o, id - e - o - o - o,

id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

## ANTHEM

*The Blessed Son of God*

R. Vaughan Williams

The blessed Son of God only  
 In a crib full poor did lie;  
 With our poor flesh and our poor blood  
 Was clothed that everlasting good.  
 Kyrie eleison.

All this did He for us freely,  
 For to declare His great mercy;  
 All Christendom be merry therefore,  
 And give Him thanks for evermore.  
 Kyrie eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's Son dear,  
 Was a guest and a stranger here;  
 Us for to bring from misery,  
 That we might live eternally.  
 Kyrie eleison.

## \*HYMN

*Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

ES IST EIN ROS'

Words : 15th C German Carol

Music: Michael Praetorius

Verses 1 and 3 arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
 It came, a floweret 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 to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
 Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
 True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

## SIXTH LESSON

## St. John i

Paul Simpson Duke

*St John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation*

## ANTHEM

*O Magnum, Mysterium*

Evan Ramos

O magnum mysterium,  
 et admirabile sacramentum,  
 ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
 iacentem in praesepe!  
 O magnum, mysterium, Amen

*O great mystery  
 and wonderful sacrament  
 that animals should see the newborn Lord  
 lying in a manger*

\*HYMN

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

*STILLE NACHT*

Words: Joseph Mohr

Music: Franz Grüber

Introduction and Verse 1 arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

Verse 4 arr. by Mark Hayes

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!

\*COLLECT (IN UNISON)

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming,  
grant that we, who with joy receive your only Son as our Redeemer,  
may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge,  
even your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

\*HYMN

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*MENDELSSOHN*

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Introduction arr. by Raymond H. Haan

Verse 1 arr. by Tim Doran

Verse 3 arr. by David Willcocks

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*In dulci jubilo*  
(In Sweet Rejoicing)

Leo Sowerby  
(1895-1968, American)

On this 53rd anniversary of the Festival of Lessons and Carols at First Baptist Church, we remember again with gratitude our beloved John Reed, who founded this tradition and for many years gave generously of his time and talent to make it the treasure that it continues to be.

*Announcements:*

Children are welcome in worship. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. If you would like more information about our ministry with kids and youth, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or our Youth Minister, Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com).

Donations for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering 2022 will continue to be received throughout the month of December. Envelopes are available in the pews, and offering plates are near the exit doors. Please give generously.

Our restrooms are located in the main hallway and downstairs (Huron St. entrance). There is an all-gender, family-friendly, accessible restroom near the main office (Washington St. entrance).

Please join us for Christmas Day worship in the morning at 10:00am. Dress casually - come as you are (even in your pjs, if you wish!) - and help us tell and hear the Christmas story again, as we create a congregational Christmas tableau together.

We believe that all humanity is created in God's image and is of sacred worth. Therefore, compelled by faith in Jesus Christ, the sign of God's inclusive and boundless love for the world, we joyfully welcome and affirm individuals of any age, race, ethnicity, nationality, physical and mental ability, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, level of education, economic circumstance, and religious background to participate fully in all aspects of the life and ministry of our church.

*Special thanks to*

The Sanctuary Choir

*Soloist:* Piper Morgan

*Readers:* Rob Duke, Hannah Foster, Stacey Simpson Duke

Cesar Alaniz, Cindy Harrison, Paul Simpson Duke

*Acolytes:* Chloe Eavy and Charlie Duke

*Livestream:* Bob Myers

*Sound:* Kat Becker

Poinsettias have been given by

in honor of:

Allen & Paula Burton  
The Drakes  
David Robbins

Our grandson's first Christmas  
All the mothers in our lives  
Joyce Robbins

Poinsettias have been given by

in loving memory of:

The Alaniz Family  
Katherine Becker  
Betty Doman  
The Duke Family  
Beth & Bill Foster  
Mary Fay Grange  
Mary Margaret Hatt  
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*\*\* Poinsettias may be taken home after this service \*\**

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