



Washington Street
United Methodist Church
4:00 pm ~ Outdoor Carol Sing

December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday in Advent

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Please be sure that you or your family were “registered” online or sign in at the Registration Table.

CALL TO WORSHIP The People Who Walk in Darkness ISAIAH 6
Maria Beery, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano
Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2008; Music: Sally Ann Morris, 2008

OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*
Holy God, we gather to hear once again the story we long to hear year after year. We gather to sing with joy of the birth of the Christ Child, the source of our hope and your living sign of love. May your Holy Spirit move among us so that we hear not only the voices of those gathered here, but the voices of angels and shepherds, and the whisper of your presence among us. Amen.

CAROL 249 There’s a Song in the Air CHRISTMAS SONG
(vs. 1,3)
1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!
Words: Josiah G. Holland, 1874; Music: Karl P. Harrington, 1904

NARRATION Angels in the Birth Stories

CAROL 238 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA
(vs. 1-2)
1. 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!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
(*Refrain*)
Words: Trad. French carol; trans. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862
Music: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

CAROL 240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN
1. 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!”
Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
2. Christ, by highest heaven 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 with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
(*Refrain*)
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
(*Refrain*)
Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. George Whitefield, 1753
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William Cummings, 1856

NARRATION Unexpected Recipients

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-14 Sue Dillon

CAROL 245 The First Noel THE FIRST NOEL
(vs. 1-2)
1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
(*Refrain*)
Words and Music: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

CAROL 236 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks CHRISTMAS
(vs. 1, 6)
1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around,
and glory shone around.
6. “All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease,
begin and never cease!”
Words: Nahum Tate, 1700
Music: *Harmonia Sacra*, 1812; arr. from G. F. Handel, 1728

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:15-20 Andrea McAtee

AWAY IN A MANGER

- Words: Anon.; Music: James R. Murray, 1887

GREENSLEEVES

- Words: William C. Dix, 186; Music: 16th cent. English melody

Visitations

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Words: African American spiritual, adapt. John W. Work, Jr., 1907
Music: African American spiritual, arr. William Farley Smith, 1986

Musicians assisting today: Maria Beery, Dr. Rick Frierson, Rev. Jim Tuell

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