

# Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols



December 24, 2021



**WASHINGTON  
STREET**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach our neighbors near and far. We welcome and affirm all who seek the love and mercy of Christ regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth.

# WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Christmas Eve Service

### *Lessons & Carols*

5:30 pm • December 24, 2021

#### *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

*The tradition of Lessons and Carols dates back to the 19th century, and popularized by the Kings' College, Cambridge, format that began in 1918, Lessons and Carols pairs scripture readings with carols (as hymns or anthems) to tell the whole story of God's loving promise and redemptive work.*

### Gathering as God's People

#### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### PROCESSIONAL CAROL

HYMN 250

*Once In Royal David's City*

IRBY

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Lk. 2:7)

Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

#### \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: Rejoice, people of God! The light of Christ shines in the world.

Reader: With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, God comes to us as a baby born in Bethlehem.

Reader: The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine, and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ's nativity, we now rejoice.

**Congregational Prayer: God, you are our Life and Light. Thank you for coming to us and for us. In every corner of the world, shine this night with your gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love. In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with your gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.**

#### CAROL

HYMN 245

*The First Noel*

THE FIRST NOEL

Words: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)

Music: Trad. English carol; harm. from Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

THE FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6,7	
ANTHEM	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
THE SECOND LESSON	Matthew 1:18-25	
*CAROL		
HYMN 224	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i>	IN DULCI JUBILO
	Words: 14th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1855	
	Music: German melody; harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988	
THE THIRD LESSON	Luke 1:26–33, 38	
*CAROL		
HYMN 218	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	CAROL
	Words: Edmund H. Sears, 1849 (Lk. 2:8-14)	
	Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850	
THE FOURTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	
SOLO	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adolphe Adam
	Soloist: Karly Shorter	
THE FIFTH LESSON	John 1: 1-5	
CAROL		
HYMN 217	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	AWAY IN A MANGER
	Words: Anon. (Lk. 2:7)	
	Music: James R. Murray, 1887	
THE SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16	
ANTHEM	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
*CAROL		
THE SEVENTH LESSON	Matthew 2:1-11	
*CAROL		
HYMN 246	<i>Joy to the World</i>	ANTIOCH
	Words: Issac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 98:4-9)	
	Music: Arr. from G. F. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason, 1848	
REFLECTION	<i>A Meaningful Christmas</i>	
*CAROL		
HYMN 234	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ADESTE FIDELES
	Words: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others	
	Music: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from Collections of Motetts or Antiphons, 1792	

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(see insert)*

## Responding in Love

### SHARING THE CHRIST LIGHT

\*CAROL

HYMN 239

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

STILLE NACHT

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young; st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

### BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

**Postlude**

*Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift*

Hermann Schroeder

*\*Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

*When our worship ends, our service begins!*

---

#### PARRISH/STAFF

**Reverend Becky J. Shirley**

Senior Pastor

[rjshirley@umcsc.org](mailto:rjshirley@umcsc.org)

**Reverend Alston Lippert**

Associate Minister for  
Nurture & Discipleship  
Development

[aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org)

**Nicholas Todd Shumate**

Director of Music

[nicholas@wsmethodist.org](mailto:nicholas@wsmethodist.org)

**Felicia Yockel**

Director of Child

Development Center

[felicia@wsmethodist.org](mailto:felicia@wsmethodist.org)

**Robbie Douglas**

Business Manager

[rdouglas@wsmethodist.org](mailto:rdouglas@wsmethodist.org)

**Jane Peterson**

Director of

Communications

[jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org)

**Abbie McKenzie**

Church Secretary/  
Administrative Asst.

[abbie@wsmethodist.org](mailto:abbie@wsmethodist.org)

**Mackin Wall**

Director of Family

Ministries  
[mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org)

**Jerry Sumpter**

Director of Maintenance

[jerry@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jerry@wsmethodist.org)

**Terrence Chisolm**

Soup Cellar Manager

[tee\\_chisolm@yahoo.com](mailto:tee_chisolm@yahoo.com)

**Louis Shirer**

Organist

[louis@wsmethodist.org](mailto:louis@wsmethodist.org)

#### SERVING TODAY

Ushers  
Sound/Video

Tommy Betenbaugh, Lee Smith, Alan-Jon Zupan  
Charles Garren/Lynn Shirley