

4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.

*\*Please stand if able.*

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**THE PRELUDE**

**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

4th & 5th Graders

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN 49**

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

Dennis Upton, soloist (Congregation joins in on 3rd & 4th verses)

**Jesus 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 feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all 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.**

**BIDDING PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (Congregation sings as children come forward and leave)

**Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.**

**OFFERING**

*Carol of the Bells*

arr. Nielson & Young

Becky Sweet & Kathy Adcock

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Gloria*

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo, in excelsis Deo!**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** Thank you, God, for the Word that came to live among us, bringing life and a vision of glory. Thank you for your steadfast love and faithfulness even when we have not listened or responded to your will. We dedicate these tokens toward sharing the light of this season. Draw our hearts to follow our treasure into the work you want us to do. Amen.

# The Message of Christ Coming to the World In Scripture and Song

**LESSON ONE** Christ's Birth Is Foretold Isaiah 19:2, 6-7

**LESSON TWO** The Justice and Peace of Christ Is Foretold Isaiah 11:1-10

**CHORAL INTROIT** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**\*CAROL** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (congregation stands and sings)*

**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 ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**LESSON THREE** Isaiah Call the People to Prepare Isaiah 40:3-5, 10-11  
*He Shall Feed His Flock* Handel  
8:30-Beth Hood & Renate Neely  
11:00-Wynne Rodgers & Kim Vigil

**LESSON FOUR** The Angel Visits Mary Luke 1:26-35, 38  
*What Child Is This?*  
Ashley & Courtney Jackson, Addie Rodgers, Krista Spivey,  
Nate Ritsema, violin & Mary Paige Rodgers, guitar

**LESSON FIVE** The Angel Visits Joseph Matthew 1:18-25  
*Little Yeshua* Gary Rhodes  
Paul Ritsema, soloist

**LESSON SIX** Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!**

*For Unto Us*  
Rachel & Sara Upton, soloists

John Randal Dennis

## LESSON SEVEN

The Shepherd's Visit  
The Shepherds Go to the Manger  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Luke 2:8-20

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.  
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?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## LESSON EIGHT

The Star and the Wisemen  
*Christmas Quodlibet*

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-13  
David Penninger

## LESSON NINE

The Mystery of the Incarnation  
*Hallelujah—He is Here!*

John 1:1-4  
Darlene Zschech

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Joy to the World*

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.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall  
immediately following the Worship Services.  
All are welcome!*

8:30-The Deacons 11:00-Nancy & Paul Vanzandt