

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Organized in 1855



"Let us have music for Christmas...
Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth;
Let each of us try, with a song in our hearts,
to bring peace to all on earth."

— Mildred Jarrell

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
NATIVITY OF THE LORD / CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2022
10:30 AM

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE

"Greensleeves"

Richard Purvis

WELCOME

♠ CAROL 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

♠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: **sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

One: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

All: **tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CAROL 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

CAROL 121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST LOUIS

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

ANTHEM

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Garett Childs, piano

arr. John Innes

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah*

CAROL 123

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

CAROL

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation*

ANTHEM

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Kathy Sobeski, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she shall bear a child*

CAROL 119	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	MENDELSSOHN
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child</i>	
ANTHEM	“Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head” Garett Childs, piano	<i>arr. John Innes</i>
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16 <i>Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah</i>	
ANTHEM	“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” Kathy Sobeski, soprano	<i>Joan Frey Boytim</i>
EIGHTH LESSON	Matthew 2:1-11 <i>Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus</i>	
CAROL 151	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	KINGS OF ORIENT
NINTH LESSON	John 1:1-14 <i>The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth</i>	
CAROL 122	“Silent Night, Holy Night!”	STILLE NACHT
OFFERTORY	“The Birthday of a King” Kathy Sobeski, soprano	<i>William H. Neidlinger</i>
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
✠ CAROL 134	“Joy to the World”	ANTIOCH
✠ BLESSING AND CHARGE		
One: May the Christ, who, by his incarnation, gathered into one the things of heaven and earth, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, and the blessing of God almighty; the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.		
All: Alleluia!		
One: Go forth in peace and joy.		
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.		
POSTLUDE	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Gordon Young</i>

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Flowers: **Frank and Cynthia Lopuszynski**—Thankfulness of our past and future blessings from the Lord
Zoe Mather—In loving memory of my parents

Join Us for Worship Next January 1

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