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**NORTHRIDGE
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A Service of Lessons & Carols

NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 18, 2022 11:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Introit *In Dulci Jubilo, Op.79, #42* Marcel Dupré

Welcome

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

✠ Lighting the Advent Candle

(Choir Sings) I will light Candles this Christmas; Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch, Candles of courage for fears ever present.

*We will light candles as we wait – candles of peace for tempest-tossed days, candles
of grace to ease heavy burdens, candles of love to inspire our living.*

We light candles that will burn all the year long.

As we wait, may we open our eyes to the light.

May we be present to the Presence.

✠ Hymn #140 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY

The First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Carol *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree* Bryan Page

The Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

Carol *Long God's Faithful People Waited* K. Lee Scott
Men of the Choir

The Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol *The Lord Is My Light* arr. Page
Women of the Choir

The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Carol *The Wilderness Will Rejoice* K. Lee Scott

The Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

✠ Hymn #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

The Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Carol *O Magnum Mysterium* Cristobal Morales

The Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16

Carol *O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion* G.F. Handel
Suzanne Bouvier, soloist

The Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

Offertory *Star Over Bethlehem* Alfred Hans Zoller

✦ Prayer of Dedication: Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

The Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14

Carol *Through the Ageless Words of Scripture* Chris Shelton

Bidding Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

✦ Hymn #147

The First Nowell
v.1-3, All; v.4, Women; v.5, Men; v.6, All

THE FIRST NOWELL

✦ Charge and Benediction

Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Closing Voluntary *In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729* J.S. Bach

Leading worship today:

Savannah Shivers, Dickson Pastoral Resident

Bryan Page, Director of Music

Destin Wernicke, Organist

Jack Munn and Catherine Nelson, Candle Lighters

Ryan Bridges, John Karnowski, Charles Miller, Cory Barnard, Jeff Chauza,

Ashley Watson, Kensi Ezell, Madeleine Ash, Grace Nicholson, Lay Readers

Sarah Bennett, Director of Communications

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

Our pastor is on maternity leave!

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!

10:00 a.m. Family Service

We'll be on the lower parking lot for this fun outdoor, interactive service. Kids will help us tell the Christmas story and we'll have tea and coffee for adults. Photo booth, petting zoo, and mission project stations to follow.

5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

The Rev. Dr. George Mason (retired senior pastor of Wilshire Baptist) will lead us in this traditional service in the sanctuary.

Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Worship on Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1 will be offered virtually. Stream the services on our YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/c/NorthridgePresbyterian, or by visiting the "Worship Online" tab of our website at www.northridgepc.org/worship-online/.

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born king!"

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt 120

Capo 4: (G7) (C) (F) (Dm)
 B7 E A F#m

1 Where shep-herds late-ly knelt and kept the an-gel's
 2 In that un-like-ly place I find him as they
 3 How should I not have known I-sa-iah would be
 4 Can I, will I for-get how Love was born and

(G) (G7) (Em) (Am) (Dm)
 B B7 G#m C#m F#m

word, I come in half-be-lief, a pil-grim strange-ly
 said: sweet, new-born Babe, how frail, and in a man-ger
 there, his proph-e-cies ful-filled? With pound-ing heart, I
 burned its way in-to my heart: un-asked, un-forced, un-

(G7) (C) (C7) (F) (Dm) (G7)
 B7 E E7 A F#m B7

stirred. But there is room and wel-come there for
 bed: a still, small voice to cry one day for
 stare: a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for
 earned: to die, to live, and not a-lone for

(C) (Dm) (C) (Am) (Dm) (F/A) (C)
 E F#m E C#m F#m A/C# E

me; but there is room and wel-come there for me.
 me; a still, small voice to cry one day for me.
 me; a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
 me; to die, to live, and not a-lone for me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Witnessing the beginning or the end of life evokes very personal responses (emphasized by the "for me" at the end of each stanza), especially when the scale is intimate, as in this imagined visit to Christ's manger. The prophecies recalled in stanza three come from Isaiah 9:6.

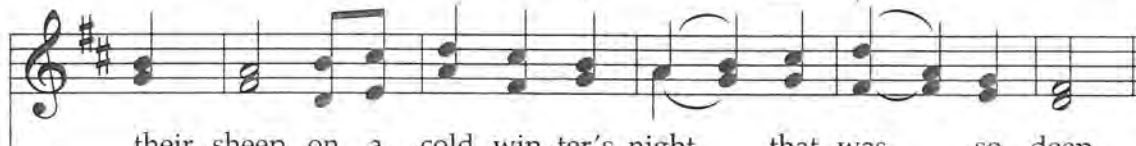
The First Nowell



1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -



shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop



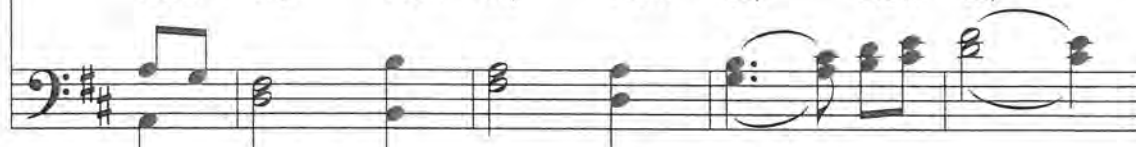
their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.



Refrain



Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,



"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / nē*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. and with his blood our life hath bought.
Refrain

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple 148

G D/F# C/G G Am7

- 1 Mar-y and Jo - seph came to the tem - ple brought the boy
 2 An - na had prayed there, wid - owed, long wait - ing, wor - ship - ing
 3 Sim - e - on sings now: God prof - ers bless - ing, bril - liant - ly

G/B C Dsus D Bm Em

Je - sus, of - fered him there. Peo - ple were wait - ing
 God by day and by night. Now she is prais - ing,
 gild - ing dawn of his day. Light in the dark - ness,

Am G/B D Am7 G/B C D7 G

want - ing to greet him; long had they sought him, so - lace for care.
 filled with e - la - tion: here is God's prom - ise, Christ is her light.
 nev - er ex - tin - guished, Light of all na - tions, light up our way.

This text retells the story in Luke 2:22-39, usually called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, which took place forty days after his birth. Mary, Joseph, and the Christ-child encounter there two devout people, Anna and Simeon, who identify this baby as the promised Messiah.

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