



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH Sunday OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025

PROGRESSIVE ✕ INCLUSIVE ✕ CREATIVE ✕ DOWNTOWN

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

PRELUDE

Look Up, Child
(Hayley Hoss and Grace Mauk)

Lauren Daigle

*Where are You now
When darkness seems to win?
Where are You now
When the world is crumbling?*

*Oh I, You say
I hear You say
Look up child*

*Oh I, I hear You say
I hear You say
Look up child, hey*

*You're not threatened by the war
You're not shaken by the storm
I know You're in control
Even in our suffering
Even when it can't be seen
I know You're in control*

*Where are You now
When all I feel is doubt?
Oh, where are You now
When I can't figure it out?*

*Oh I, You say
I hear You say
Look up child*

WELCOME

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Light of the World

Lauren Daigle

***The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come, O come, Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
O come, O come, Emmanuel
And can you hear
The angels singing***

***Glory to the Light of the world
Glory, the Light of the world is here***

Presider
People

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider
People
All

Blessed are you, holy and living one.
You come to your people and set them free.
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sung twice, then a verse is sung by a cantor, and then the Kyrie is sung twice, again.



WORDS: Ancient Greek

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé, 1979

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TAIZÉ KYRIE

Irr.

*Cantor: O Lord, you wish to gather all peoples in unity
Make us bearers of communion
Lord, hear us we pray*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that at the time of Incarnation, we may present within ourselves a mansion faithfully prepared for your beloved Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TRINITY KIDS INVITATION

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 7:10-16

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80: 1-7, 16-18 musical setting from the HymnTune Psalter, text from the Saint Helena Psalter

The text of the psalm will be chanted by the choir. All are invited to join on the antiphon.

Re - store us, O God of hosts; show the light of your coun-tenance, and we shall be saved.

A B

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
Stir up your strength and come to help us. [ANT.]

A ⁴ O God of hosts,
How long will you be angered
Despite the prayer of your people?

A ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
You have given them bowls of tears to drink.

B ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
And our enemies laugh us to scorn. [ANT.]

¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
Those whom you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you,
Give us life, that we may call upon your Name. [ANT.]

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 1:1-7

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

sequence Hymn *(Please rise.)*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

The United Methodist Hymnal #204

Sung twice.

Unison C

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,

his name is called Em-man - u - el. God with

us, re - vealed in us, his name is

called Em-man - u - el.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

Nicene creed *Please rise.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Emily Williams Guffey (adapted)

Leader Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim: Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return. In your mercy, O God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free: Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth. In your mercy, O God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader O come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind. Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace. In your mercy, O God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort, Comfort ye all who sit in the shadow of illness, grief, or distress, especially those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those in need.)* Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding. In your mercy, O God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Lamb of God, welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer, especially those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those who have died.)* May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together. In your mercy, O God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Dayspring from on high, with the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy, let us name the blessings of our lives: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, prayers of thanksgiving.)* You have lifted up our lowliness in many marvelous ways. In your mercy, O God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Redeemer of the nations, come, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your arrival, raise us to share in the joy of your realm where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.
(*Silence may be kept.*)

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

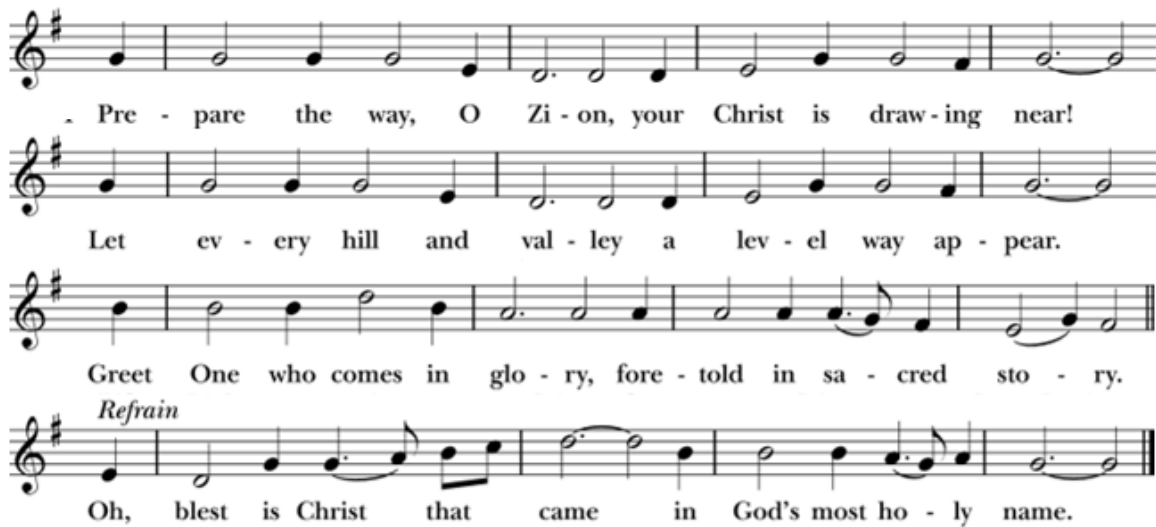
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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OFFERTORY



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version)

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to Christ our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved child to redeem us from sin and death and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again with power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold that appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

sanctus

from The Sound of My People by Roger Holland III

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san -

na in the high - est. Ho-san - na, ho-san -

na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san -

na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before dying for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to Christ's command, O God,



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Mother Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Sound of My People by Roger Holland III

Presider

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come, un - til
you come, un - til you come a - gain. When we
you come a - gain, un - til you come, un - til
you come, un - til you come a - gain, un - til
you come, un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive this gift in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed in him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The priest will invite everyone to come forward for communion. The ushers will direct you when it is time. At Trinity we offer both fresh bread and a gluten free option. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we offer only non-alcoholic wine. All are welcome.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Of the Parent's Heart Begotten

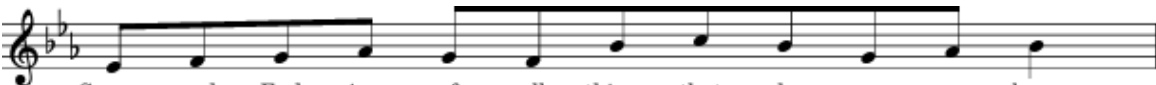
The New Century Hymnal #118



1. Of the Par - ent's heart be - got - ten when the worlds were yet__ to be,
2. By this Word was all cre - a - ted, by this Word were all__ things done:
3. Bless - ed dawn - ing of sal - va - tion as the Word is breathed in grace
4. Now be - hold the One who proph - ets have fore - told for a - ges long
5. Depth and heights break forth in sing - ing, an - gels, saints make mel - lo - dy



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Source and End - ing of all things that have__ been,
And all grow - ing in the lu - min - nance
Now the light of God re - vealed__
Now the Prom - ised One shines forth!__
Let no heart re - frain from prais - ing God,



and all things that are to be, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
shed forth from the moon and sun, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
through the Child of hu - man face for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
Let all earth its praise pro - long for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
cel - e - brate in har - mon - y, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.

***When I find myself in times of trouble
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom
Let it be***

***And in my hour of darkness
She is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom
Let it be***

***Let it be, let it be
Let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom
Let it be***

***And when the broken-hearted people
Living in the world agree
There will be an answer
Let it be
For though they may be parted
There is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer
Let it be***

***Let it be, let it be
Let it be, let it be
Yeah, there will be an answer
Let it be
Let it be, let it be
Let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom
Let it be***

***Let it be, let it be
Let it be, yeah, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom
Let it be***

***And when the night is cloudy
There is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow
Let it be***

***I wake up to the sound of music
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom
Let it be, yeah***

***Let it be, let it be
Let it be, yeah, let it be
Oh, there will be an answer
Let it be***

***Let it be, let it be
Let it be, yeah, let it be
Oh, there will be an answer
Let it be***

***Let it be, let it be
Let it be, yeah, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom
Let it be***

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as you are able

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth as people who are forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

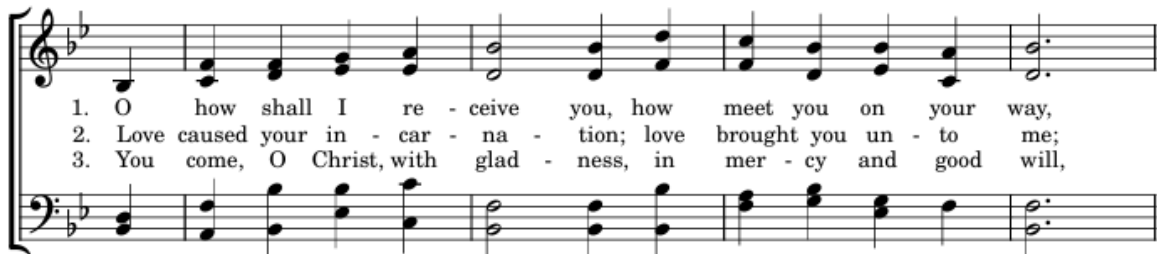
BLESSING

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty who creates all that is, who comes in glory in the midst of all that is, and who moves through creation sanctifying all that is, be among you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*

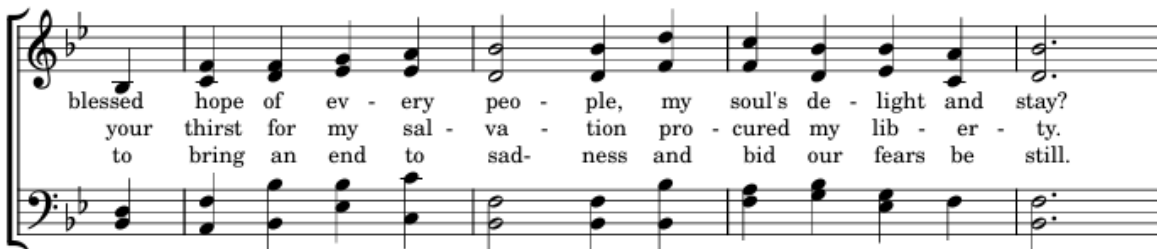
SENDING HYMN

O How Shall I Receive You

The New Century Hymnal #102



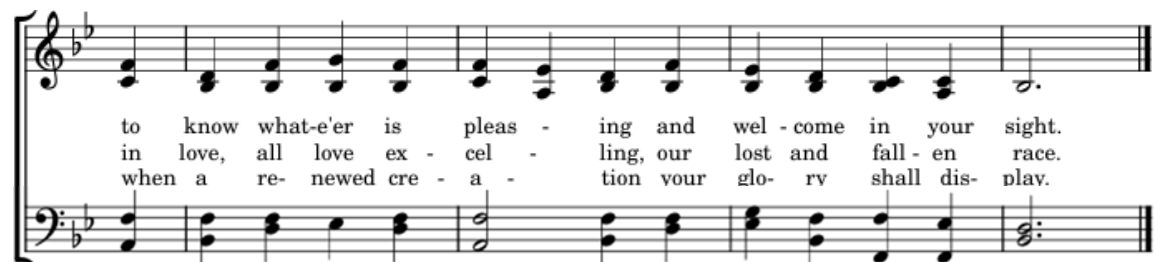
1. O how shall I re - ceive you, how meet you on your way,
2. Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you un - to me;
3. You come, O Christ, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good will,



blessed hope of ev - ery peo - ple, my soul's de - light and stay?
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now by your own pure light,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to know what-e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in your sight.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
when a re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People Thanks be to God.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

* **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**
DECEMBER 17 | 7PM

* **NOONDAY EUCHARIST**
DECEMBER 24 | 12PM

* **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**
DECEMBER 24 | 5PM

* **CANDLELIGHT EUCHARIST**
DECEMBER 24 | 11PM
MUSICAL PRELUDE 10:30PM

* **LESSONS AND CAROLS**
DECEMBER 28 | 10AM



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Hayley Hoss, *Alto Section Leader*
Steven Sloan, *Tenor Section Leader*
Bradley Baker, *Bass Section Leader*
Josh Buckner, *Livestream Operator*
Jason Rahe, *Sound*

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