



Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

3:00 PM, December 24, 2025

Order of Worship

Preparation for worship:

A traditional Service of Lessons and Carols includes a series of Scripture readings interspersed with carols and hymns. These readings tell the story of salvation history, from the fall of humanity to the birth of Christ.

Prelude

Away in a Manger
Cindy Ferrell, piano

James R. Murray

Welcome and Invocation

Kevin Crowder

Call to Worship Hymn

Hymn * 89, VV1-2

O Come, All ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
O Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

The Advent Wreath**

Choir

God is Near

Joel Raney

Advent Responsive Reading

Elizabeth, Dan and Nolan Sanders

Leader: Tonight, we gather with joyful hearts to receive God's greatest gift.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight, we hear again the good news that was given for all people.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight, we join in steadfast wonder at God's amazing love.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight, we welcome the Savior whose birth has forever changed our lives.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Elizabeth, Dan and Nolan Sanders

Tonight, we light all the candles. The **first candle** reminds us that Jesus Christ is the gift of HOPE to a world in need. The **second candle** calls us to believe that just as God's wonders filled that first Christmas night, God still works miracles today. The **third candle** calls us to faithful acceptance of God's unfolding plan. The **fourth candle** calls us to embrace God's unchanging word. And tonight, we light the **final Christ candle** as we celebrate God's amazing love by welcoming the birth of our Savior.

Choral Response

*Listen to the angels, hear the message they bring;
Telling the news of a coming King;
Filling the world with hope and good cheer.
Jesus, Emmanuel, God is near.*

Unison Advent Prayer

Elizabeth, Dan and Nolan Sanders

Gracious Lord, our Advent journey has culminated in this night. As we celebrate the coming of Christ, open our eyes to see your wonder, open our hearts to know your joy, and open our lips to tell of your glory. For to us a Child has been born, to us a Savior has been given. We pray this in the name of Christ, our newborn King. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3: 6 – 7

Leader: The story of humanity's fall into sin and God's promise of redemption appears in **Genesis 3:6-7**

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hymn 80

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22: 15 – 18

Leader: God's promise to Abraham that through his offspring, all nations will be blessed is recorded in **Genesis 22:15-18**.

¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Hymn 74*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9: 2 and 6 – 7

Leader: A prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, who will reign in justice and peace is made by Isaiah in **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn 77*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

*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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11: 1 – 9

Leader: A prophecy of the peaceful kingdom brought by the Messiah appears in **Isaiah 11:1-9**.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness

the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Hymn 76

O come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 1: 26 – 35 and 38

Leader: The Annunciation: the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God is recorded by Luke in **Luke 1:26-35, 38**.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Piano Solo

What Child is This

GREENSLEVES

Cindy Ferrell, Piano

Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 1 – 7

Leader: The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem is described in **Luke 2:1-7**.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn 87

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

ANTIOCH

*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.
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.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 8 – 16

Leader: The shepherds visit to the newborn Jesus after hearing the angel's proclamation is recorded in **Luke 2:8-16**.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Hymn 94*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King!*

Hymn 100*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

*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!*

Hymn 106*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

W. ZLOBIE LEZY

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Angels winging, praises singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow,
Christ the babe was born for you!*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Leader: Although it may have occurred years later, the visit of the Magi representing the nations coming to worship Christ is found in **Matthew 2:1-12**.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,

until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Hymn 113

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

*We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar—
Field and fountain, moor and mountain- following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heaven replies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Gospel Reading

John 1: 1 – 14

The majestic prologue of John's Gospel, declaring the Word made flesh appears in **John 1:1-14**.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Communion

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

Hymn 91

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend the light;
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Cindy Ferrell, Piano

VENI EMMANUEL



Please Depart in Silence.



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