

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2015 | 8:45 & 11:00 AM

Savior of the nations, come

PRELUDE "SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME" NUN KOMM
Pam Weis, Organ arr. Callahan

WELCOME Mike Eller

OPENING SENTENCES MALACHI 3:1-4 Allan Smith

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

CAROL No. 286 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY IRBY
Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE [8:45] Berno and Kim Kleinhans
ADVENT REMEMBERS [11:00] Dottie and Jerry Thompson

RESPONSE LEAD US TO YOUR LIGHT Carol E. Browning

(Children are invited to come to the front during this song)

Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark - ness.
Lead us to your light. Come, - Je - sus, come.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE April Alston

WORSHIP REFLECTION "ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY" Gauntlett
Pam Weis, Organ

Show yourself, the virgin's Son

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amanda Atkin

(Please offer the following response each time as directed)

Leader: Descend to us; come to us,
People: Abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

CAROL No. 250

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

ST. LOUIS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tim Hendrix

OFFERTORY

"IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER"
Steve Rose, Clarinet with Pam Weis, Organ

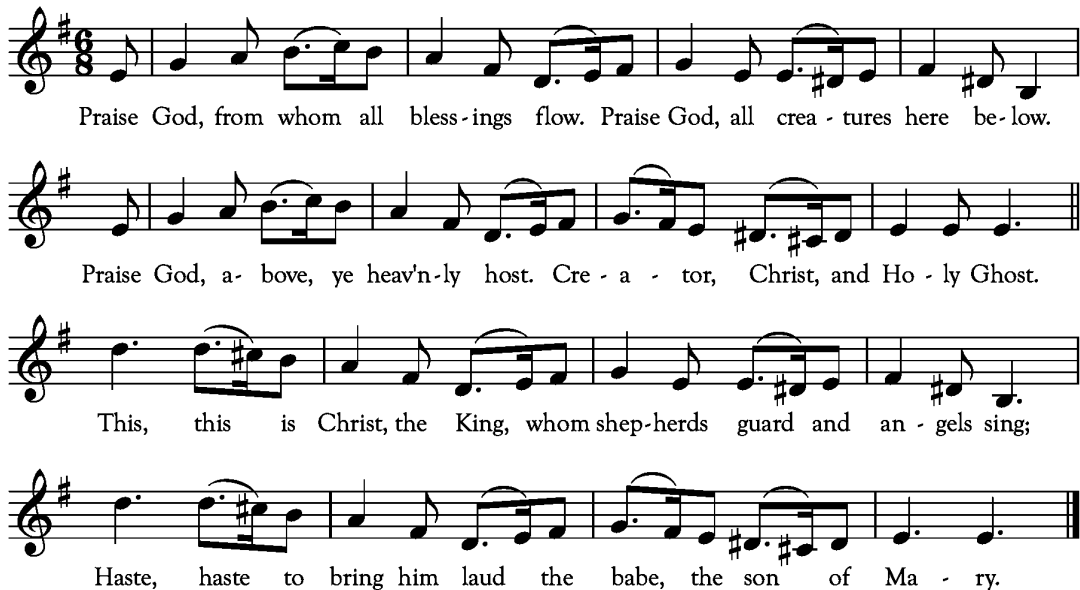
CRANHAM
arr. Marchand

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him: give Him my heart.*

RESPONSE

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise God, a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

This, this is Christ, the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Fill with wonder, all the earth

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 130:5-8; JOHN 3:16-17

Cynthia Griesedieck

CHORAL ANTHEM

"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"
Adult Choir

Goeller

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

Love always precedes repentance. Divine love is a catalyst for our turning, our healing. Where fear and threat may gain our compliance, love captures our heart. It changes the heavy burdens of the "have-to's" of imposed obedience to the "get-to's," a joyful response to the genuine love of God.

- MICHAEL M. ROSE

That our God chose such a birth

CALL TO THE TABLE

Sean Allen

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING"

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Vivian Adams, Piano

"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"

PICARDY

Pam Weis, Organ

arr. L. Smith

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

CAROL No. 292

THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

SONG OF SENDING

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down!

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure, unbounded love Thou art.

Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

BENEDICTION

Sean Allen

POSTLUDE

"SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS"

Traditional French Carol

Pam Weis, Organ

arr. Wagner