

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Angels appear to the shepherds and announce the birth of the Messiah.

Carol "The First Noel" (vs. 1-2) UMH #245

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The Magi follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Carol "We Three Kings Of Orient Are" (vs.1-2, & 5) AAH # 218

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

Carol "Love Came Down at Christmas" (Rossetti/Mejias) Charles Hedgepath

Closing Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" AAH #214

Benediction

Postlude "Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" (Trad. French) Band

Please silence your cell phones during our service.

During the last hymn, please feel free to come to the altar for prayer. There will be a Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24, at 5PM in the sanctuary.

We will gather for a continental breakfast and worship service in the Dining Hall on Sunday, December 25, at 10AM. The Mercy Center will close following worship.

We will gather for worship at 11AM on Sunday, January 1, in the sanctuary to sing carols (similar to a hymn sing). Come with your recommendations! The Mercy Center will close after lunch.

Triune Mercy Center

Greenville, South Carolina



December 18, 2022

You are God's child, and you are welcome in this place.

222 Rutherford St.
Greenville, SC 29609
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Worship – 11:00 am
www.triunemercy.org

Pastor: Jennifer Fouse Sheorn Associate Pastor: Amanda Taylor
Parish Associate: Elaine Nocks Organ/Piano: Andy Welchel
Music Director/Guitar: Charles Hedgepath Live-streaming: Tyler Robinson
Sound: Niles McCall Bella Nova Strings: Kristen Miller & Jean Loder
Percussion: Jason Owens & Ike Maddox Bass: Sam Krueer
Vocals: Carrie Howard, Bronwyn White, David Raulston

ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 18, 2022 4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Ave Maria" (Schubert) Bella Nova Strings

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We gather because we are waiting.

We are waiting for the coming of Christ anew.

We act because we are waiting.

We are waiting for a world of love and justice.

We worship because we are waiting.

We are waiting for God, whose glory is about to be revealed.

Let us worship God!

Lighting of the Advent Candles (sing below verse while seated after prayer)

O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all humankind!

Bid all our sad divisions cease, and be yourself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Opening Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" UMH #250
(v. 1 All, v. 2 Women, v. 3 Men, v. 4 All)

Offering "Angels" (arr. Elizabeth Borowsky) Bella Nova Strings

Doxology UMH #95

Moment of Silence/Prayers of the People

First Lesson Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 3:8-15

God equally creates man and woman in God's image. Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

Carol "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Instrumental

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that through him all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1 & 3) AAH # 206

Third Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

Carol "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Vocal Trio

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 35:1-6

The desert will blossom, God's people will return with joy.

Carol "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" Choir

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

Carol "Breath of Heaven" (Amy Grant/Chris Eaton) Carrie Howard

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol "O Holy Night" (Adolphe Adam, arr. Tracy Chapman) Bronwyn White