

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Carol of the Bells”  
*Bells of the Trinity; Mary Clark, director*

Ukrainian Folk Song  
arr. Douglas Mears

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Ye Gates, Lift Up Your Heads”

St. George’s Edinburgh



Ye gates lift up your heads on high; ye  
doors that last for ay — be lift-ed up, that — so the King of —  
glo - ry en - ter may! But who of glo - ry is the  
King? The might-y Lord is this, Ev'n that same Lord, that  
great — in — might — and strong in bat-tle is. Ev'n that same Lord, that  
great — in — might — and strong — in — bat - tle — is.  
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia!  
A - men, A - men, A - men.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN NO. 132

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Gloria

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

\*ANTHEM

“Away in a Manger”  
*Special Blessings; Shari Fast, director*

Away in a Manger

**The congregation is invited to stand during the organ introduction,  
then join in singing.**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

\*HEIDELBERG CATECHISM NOS. 15, 16, & 17

Q.15. Then what kind of mediator and redeemer must we seek?

**A.: One who is a true and righteous man and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is at the same time true God.**

Q.16. Why must he be a true and righteous man?

**A. Because God’s righteousness requires that man who has sinned should make reparation for sin, but the man who is himself a sinner cannot pay for others.**

Q.17. Why must he at the same time be true God?

**A. So that by the power of his divinity he might bear as a man the burden of God’s wrath, and recover for us and restore to us righteousness and life.**

\*HYMN NO. 623

“Gloria Patri”

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SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*

9:30 *Dr. Robert Norris*

11:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*

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, forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Psalm 22:1–2, 22–31

pages 457-458, pew Bible

8:00 *The Looney Family*

9:30 *The Beall Family*

11:00 *The Beglin Family*

\*HYMN NO. 141

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

St. Louis

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

8:00 *John Sillin*

9:30 *Tim Greszler*

11:00 *Tim Donner*

OFFERTORY

“Festival First Nowell”  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Dan Forrest

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep;  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

***The congregation is invited to stand and join in singing.***

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

\*11:00 HYMN NO. 624 "Doxology" Old Hundredth  
*Children K-3rd grade may come forward during the Doxology. If you are new to our church, please accompany your child.*

11:00 PRAYER FOR CHILDREN & DISMISSAL

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 2:14-18 page 1002, pew Bible

SERMON "The Miracle of Method" Dr. Todd M. Smedley  
*3rd in the series, "The Miracles of Christmas"*

\*HYMN NO. 133 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn

\*BENEDICTION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Variations on a Noël" Marcel Dupré

*\*Congregation standing as able*

An Elder and Women's Ministry representative are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

Sanctuary flowers are a ministry of the Flower Committee.

The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. locally on WAVA 105.1 FM and streaming at wava.com.

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.

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## **A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Tonight, 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Meditation by Dr. Todd Smedley

With choirs and full orchestra, Scripture readings  
and Christmas carols.

*While no childcare is provided this evening, there is a live feed  
of Lessons and Carols in Room 210 for parents  
who need to care for their children ages three and under.*

## **NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

9:30, 11:00 a.m.

“The Miracle of the Manger”

Luke 1:26–33, 2:1–7

Dr. Robert Norris

## **NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

Family Service | 5:00 p.m., Upper Room

Communion Service | 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service | 11:00 p.m.

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

General Giving

Annual Budget           \$ 4,706,216

Year to Date Received   \$ 3,950,816

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