

FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC 6:30 p.m.

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven
Johann Sebastian Bach
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People *Henry Woodward*

INTROIT “Matin Responsory” *Robert W. Lehman*
I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming and a cloud
covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: “Tell us,
art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?”
High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet
him and say: “Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest
Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come?” Stir up
thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 11** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1–11 (page 627, O.T.)

ANTHEM “People, Look East” *Besançon carol*
People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make
your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: love the guest is on the way.
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl
shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and
moon together. People, look east and sing today: love the star
is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who
brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with
the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today:
love the Lord is on the way.

SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 31:31–34 (page 691, O.T.)

***HYMN 9** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 35:1–10 (page 623, O.T.)

ANTHEM	“Christ the Apple Tree”	<i>Stanford E. Scriven</i>
	The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree. This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne’er can tell the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought; I missed of all, but now I see ’tis found in Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive, which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree. I’m wearied with my former toil; here I will sit and rest a while; under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.	
FOURTH LESSON	Micah 5:2–4	(page 815, O.T.)
*CAROL 44	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	<i>Tune: ST. LOUIS</i>
FIFTH LESSON	Isaiah 11:1–9	(page 602, O.T.)
ANTHEM	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	<i>Michael Praetorius</i>
	Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah ’twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God’s love aright she bore for us a savior, when half spent was the night.	
SIXTH LESSON	Zephaniah 3:14–18	(page 826, O.T.)
*HYMN 8	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	<i>Tune: TRURO</i>
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 1:26–38	(page 53, N.T.)
ANTHEM	“Annunciation”	<i>John Tavener</i>
	How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? Hail! Thou art highly favored. Hail! The Lord is with thee. Hail! Blessed art thou among women. How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?	
EIGHTH LESSON	Luke 1:39–56	(page 53, N.T.)
ANTHEM	“Nova, Nova”	<i>Michael Bedford</i>
	The angel Gabriel by name unto the virgin Mary came with joyful news unto the same. Nova, nova, tidings of salvation. Then said the angel, “Do not fear, I bring glad news for you to hear: you will bring forth God’s Son so dear.” Then Mary looked unto the sky, “Be as it pleases God on high, whose name my soul shall magnify.” By her the Christ child comes to earth, in Bethlehem to have his birth; let all the world be filled with mirth!	
NINTH LESSON	John 1:1–18	(page 86, N.T.)

ANTHEM “Lux Aurumque” *Eric Whitacre*
Light, warm, and heavy as pure gold,
and the angels sing softly to the newborn baby.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 16)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Ave Maria” *Anton Bruckner*
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou
among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners. Holy Mary, pray for us,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

***CAROL 38** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” *Tune: CAROL*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Savior of the Nations, Come *Paul Manz*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Readers Jon Borovicka, James Sinclair, Ruthi Beckman, Anne Stelle,
Linda Crane, Annette Bacon, Roger Wilson, Niala Boodhoo,
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Music The Children’s Choir; The Youth Choir; The Chancel Choir;
The Morning Choir; Rachael Cohen, flutist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
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