

Nativity of the Lord  
A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2018 6:00 p.m.

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Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name. To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

**The heavens proclaim your righteousness, O God, and all the people behold your glory.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth and are exalted above all gods.

**Rejoice in the Lord you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

Let us Worship God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (God is with us). The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

Hymn 134

“Joy to the World”  
(vv. 1, 2 & 4)

ANTIOCH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news of great joy: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to God’s people on earth.**

Hymn 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
(v. 1)

GLORIA

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Hymn 144

“In the Bleak Midwinter”  
(vv. 1, 3 & 4)

CRANHAM

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Hymn 140

“Once in Royal David’s City”  
(vv. 1, 2 & 4)

IRBY

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2b-7

Hymn 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
(vv. 1, 3 & 4)

ADESTE FIDELES

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Hymn 129

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

ES IST EIN’ ROS’

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn 115

“Away in a Manger”

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Hymn 147

“The First Nowell”  
(vv. 1-4)

THE FIRST NOWELL

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”  
(vv. 1 & 2)

KINGS OF ORIENT

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In communion with all the saints, with prophets and martyrs, with angels and shepherds, we praise your name, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Hymn 132

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn 122

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

\*Charge & Benediction

Go forth to sing and bless God's name.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

**Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

Depart in Peace

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## *Blessed Christmas to All!*

*From the Pastor and Staff of Hunter Presbyterian Church*

*Please take your poinsettia home after the service this evening.*

### **The Poinsettias in our sanctuary are for the following loved-ones:**

- ◆ In Memory of Grady & Ora Guffey, given by Roger L. Guffey
- ◆ In Memory of Esther & Norman Horner, given by Betsy Taylor
- ◆ In Memory of Maxine Gibbons and Ruth & Harry Lockhart, given by Harry & Mackie Lockhart
- ◆ In Memory of our parents, given by Art & Betty Wright
- ◆ In Memory of Butch Hibbard and Jack & Virginia Carroll, given by Diane Hibbard and Jennifer & Sam Wheeling
- ◆ In Memory of Barbara Eddy, given by Kevin Eddy
- ◆ In Memory of Vere & Virginia Richards, Anne Sullivan & Donie Rowell, given by Cara Richards
- ◆ In Honor of Elsie & Leo Towne, given by Cara Richards
- ◆ In Memory of Eddie & Peg Kifer and Russell & Adele Hutchison, given by Suzi Kifer
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- ◆ In Honor of Ginny Hoge, given by Cathy Reilender and Mary Spreitzer
- ◆ In Memory of Reta Coughenour, given by C. M. Coughenour
- ◆ In Honor of Andrew, Lauren and Aiden DiMartino, given by Debi Hardin
- ◆ In Memory of Mary Carpenter and Stu Daniel Andrews, given by Randy & Frankie Daniel
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- ◆ In Honor of Julia F. Pratt, given by Nancy & Terry Estes
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