

# United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

December 25, 2022



Paul wrote wise words to the Colossians which seem appropriate for all Christians as we enter 2023: "Bear with one another and . . . forgive . . . as the Lord has forgiven you . . . Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Colossians 3:13-15

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder Allen Pease  
**PRELUDE** *On this Day Earth Shall Ring* Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship Jim Haverstock, liturgist

Liturgist: The Word was made flesh,

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Liturgist: and dwelt among us.

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Liturgist: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

**All: Glory to God in the highest!**

Liturgist: Jesus, friend of all, protector of the poor, treasure of the faithful:

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

## *Service of Lessons with Hymns & Carols*

Guest Artist – Amanda Biggs

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 40: 1-8 Jim Haverstock

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord" - Isaiah 40:3

CAROL O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #9

**SECOND LESSON** Jeremiah 23: 5-6 Elder Allen Pease

"I will raise up for David a righteous branch" - Jeremiah 23:5

CAROL Prepare the Way #13

**THIRD LESSON** Zechariah 9: 9-10 Deacon Michele Heitink

"Lo, your king comes to you..." - Zechariah 9:9

CAROL Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #2

**FOURTH LESSON** Luke 1: 26-35, 38 Deacon Souheil Haddad

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" - Luke 1:30

CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #31

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 2: 1-7 Jim Haverstock  
 "And she gave birth to her firstborn son..." - Luke 2:7  
 CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem #44

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2: 8-16 Elder Allen Pease  
 "To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior."-Luke 2:11  
 CAROL The First Nowell #56

**SEVENTH LESSON** Matthew 2: 1-11 Deacon Michelle Heitink  
 "...wise men from the East came to Jerusalem," - Matthew 2:1  
 CAROL We Three Kings of Orient Are #66

**EIGHTH LESSON** John 1: 1-14 Deacon Souheil Haddad  
 "And the Word became flesh and lived among us," - John 1:14  
 CAROL Joy to the World #40

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Elder Allen Pease  
**THE POSTLUDE** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Benjamin Watkins, piano

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