

The Word of God: A Christmas Message

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 9:1-18; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Homily: Sophia, the Wisdom of God

Carol - #270 Joy to the World (vs 1-4)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing; and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy; repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found; Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove, the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love; and wonders, wonders of His love.

Lesson #6 – (John 1:1-5, 9-12)

Following the sixth Lesson, the Pastor will light a candle from the Christ candle on the advent wreath. He will then present the lit candle to everyone on the center aisle; please incline your unlit candle towards the upright lit candle and continue down the pew lighting the candles. After all the candles are lit, we will sing our final hymn.

Please do not tip the lit candles, thank you.

***Closing Candlelight Carol - #253 Silent Night (vs 1-4)**

Silent night, holy night, all is calm all is bright. Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar. Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia. Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star lend thy light. With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King. Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Benediction

Merry Christmas

** Please stand as you are able*



**Mansfield 1st Evangelical
Presbyterian Church**

Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve, 2023

Homily: Sophia, the Wisdom of God

Reverend Joseph Yerger, Pastor



Welcome to Mansfield 1st!

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Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad!

Joyeux Noel! Mele Kalikimaka!



Order of Worship

Responsive Call to Worship: *(Genesis 1:1-5a)*

Leader - In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

People - **And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**

Leader - And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

People - **And God saw the light, that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.**

Leader - Come, let us Worship God!

Lesson #1 – *(Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)*

***Carol – #265 The First Noel (vs 1, 6)**

The first Noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel Noel Noel Noel, Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of nought, And with His blood mankind hath bought. **Chorus**

Lesson #2 – *(Luke 1:26-38)*

Carol - #245 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1, 4)

O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel; That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Desire of nations bind, All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease, Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. **Chorus**

** Please stand as you are able*

Lesson #3 – *(Matthew 1:18-25)*

Carol - #249 O Come All Ye Faithful (vs 1-2)

O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem, Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels.

Chorus: O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation; O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above, Glory to God all, Glory in the highest. **Chorus**

Lesson #4 – *(Luke 2:1-7)*

Carol - #262 Away in the Manger (vs 1, 3)

Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

Prayers of the People and 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, and the Power, and the Glory Forever. **AMEN**

Lesson #5 – *(Luke 2:8-21)*

***Carol - #272 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs 1-4)**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around; And glory shone around.

Fear not said he for mighty dread, had seized their troubled mind. Glad tidings of great joy I bring, to you and all mankind; To you and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day, is born of David's line, the Savior who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign. And this shall be the sign.

The heavenly Babe you there shall find, to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid; And in a manger laid.