



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

PRELUDE *Away In The Manger* arr. William J. Kirkpatrick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!
Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* = Please stand as you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP / RINGING THE BELLS

* **OPENING SONG** #267 *Joy to the World* (all verses)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15

CAROL #254 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (all verses)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

CAROL #257 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1 and 8)

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL #283 *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1 and 4)

FOURTH LESSON Micah 5:2-4

CAROL #279 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1 and 4)

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38

CAROL #281 *Silent Night, Holy Night* (all verses)

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-23

CAROL #296 *What Child Is This* (all verses)

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

CAROL #277 *Away In A Manger* (all verses)

* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *After each petition of prayers:* A: God of grace,
C: **receive our prayer.**

* SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Share the peace with one another.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY *Pastoral Symphony* G. F. Händel

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (verses 1, 2, and 3 — see attached)

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **BLESSING** A: The God of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. C: **Amen.**

* NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

* **CAROL** #282 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (verses 1 and 4)

* **DISMISSAL** A: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. C : **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It On the Mountain* John W. Work, Jr.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Larry Houp Usher Team Captain
Russ Frey Assisting Minister
Dave Scalse Zoom Master
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr Carillonneurs
Ginni Frey, Barry Hoover, Judy McLain, Susan Johns, Kailey Batzel, Mark Hoover Readers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Peg Gumpert for being our supply pianist this morning.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by the Dickerson Family in honor of Charles and Anita Heydt’s wedding anniversary, and 2) by Bill and Doris Jaeger in memory of cousin Lonnie Mazurie.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Children’s toys, games, puzzles and books are available in the Narthex.

The Jan/Feb/Mar issue of **CHRIST IN OUR HOME** is available in the Narthex, Vestibule and Parlor Coffee Bar.

BREAKFAST BUNCH - Thursday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. at Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

TWELFTH NIGHT 2024 — TICKET INFORMATION

Performance at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 West Hamilton Street, Allentown.

Go to www.christ-atown.org/twelfth-night-festival

Find the “reserve seats” section and click the button

Fill out the form that appears to make your day/time selection(s)

When the form is complete, click SUBMIT at the foot of the page

Your screen will show a confirmation, and you will receive a confirmation via the email you entered

Arrive for the Festival on January 10, 11, or 12 and check in at the door using the name of the person that made the ticket reservation.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 AFTER WORSHIP.
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.
THE MEETING WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING LUNCH.

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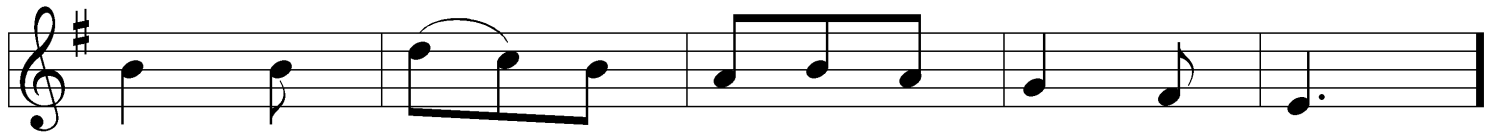
We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891