**December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Prelude *Hail this Brightest Day of Days!* J.S. Bach**

 ***BWV 605***

**Introit  *Unto Us A Child is Born.* PUER NOBIS**

 **The Choir**

**Advent Antiphon**

**Leader: Almighty God, may the light of Your love empower us to become lights to a dark world. Prepare our hearts for Jesus is our hope.**

**People: Come Lord Jesus!**

**\*Opening Hymn #133 *O Come All Ye Faithful!*  ADESTE FIDELES**

 **verses 1-3**

**Lesson One: Genesis 3:8-15**

 ***God confronts Adam and Eve.***

**Carol *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.* Poston**

 **Instrumental duet**

**Lesson Two: Genesis 22:15-18**

 ***God’s promise to Abraham.***

**\*Carol #134  *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH**

 **verses 1 & 2**

**Lesson Three: Isaiah 9:2-7**

 ***The Savior’s coming is foretold.***

**Carol  *Personent Hodie.* arr. Holst**

 **The Choir**

**Lesson Four: Micah 5:2-4**

 ***The prophet tells of the glory of Bethlehem.***

**\*Carol 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem.* ST. LOUIS**

 **verses 1 & 2**

**Lesson Five: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

 ***The Annunciation.***

**Carol  *Gesu Bambino.* Yon**

 **Celia Daggy, *viola***

**Lesson Six: Luke 2:1-7**

 ***The Birth of Christ.***

**\*Carol 115 *Away in a Manger.* MUELLER**

**Lesson Seven: Luke 2:8-20**

 ***The Adoration of the Shepherds.***

**Carol  *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow!*  arr. Emerson**

 **The Choir**

**Lesson Eight: Matthew 2:1-11**

 ***The Adoration of the Magi.***

**\*Carol #145 *What Child Is This?* GREENSLEEVES**

**Lesson Nine: John 1:1-14**

 ***The Word became Flesh.***

**\*Carol #108 *Of the Father’s Love Begotten.* DIVINIUM**

 **verses 1-3 MYSTERIUM**

**Meditation and Prayer Rev. Pettit**

***\**Closing Hymn #122 *Silent Night*  STILLE NACHT**

**Postlude *Noël* d’Aquin**

***The Session and congregation wish you and yours***

***a joyous Christmas.***

 LINK for worship service : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7pNQufc8G0>

 **Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4Ev0c2cF64>





 **December 31 First Sunday of Christmas Cynthia Hoover**

 **Second Presbyterian will join us.**



Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner & Linda Sandquist,

Cathy Cunningham

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes,

Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson),

Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements, (Colleen Cash), Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander

(Holly Bennett), Betsy Boswell (Curry)

Military: Carson Craig