



*The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today!*

*We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the*

*Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services and to serve as an officer of the church.*

*We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.*

*✦ Please rise in body or spirit.*

**PRELUDE**

Bryan Poyzer, piano

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Loving God, in your child Jesus Christ our eyes have truly seen your glory and the wonder of your saving power. By your Spirit, send us out in peace—proclaiming good news to all people, sharing the light of your revelation, growing in strength and wisdom, and worshiping you night and day, through Christ, your promised Word. Amen.*

*✦* **OPENING CAROL 133**      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created! (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

**LESSON**

*Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19*

**CAROL 121***O Little Town of Bethlehem**Please remain seated.*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,  
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
 and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
 No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
 where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
 cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
 O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**LESSON***Isaiah 9:2, 6-7***CAROL 140***Once in Royal David's City**Please remain seated.*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
 where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
 Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
 and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
 with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew;  
 he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;  
 and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
 for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
 and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

**LESSON***Luke 1:26-35, 38*✦ **CAROL 99***My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

My soul gives glory to my God; my heart pours out its praise.  
 God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is God's name.  
 All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.

From age to age to all who fear, such mercy love imparts,  
 dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure,  
leaves hungry spirits satisfied; the rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,  
remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

❖ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**RECITATION**

“Every Small and Tender Thing”  
from *The Lives We Actually Have*  
written by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

**CAROL 115**

*Away in a Manger*

*Please remain seated.*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.  
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.

**RECITATION**

“Newness”  
from *The Lives We Actually Have*

**CAROL 113**

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

*Please remain seated.*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**LESSON**

*Matthew 2:1-11*

**CAROL 147**

*The First Nowell (vs. 1 & 3)*

*Please remain seated.*

The first Nowell 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.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)

**LESSON**

*John 8:12-20*

**CAROL 145**

*What Child Is This?*

*Please remain seated.*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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.**



**MINUTE FOR MISSION - The Sox Box**

Karen Rivers

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**OFFERTORY**

*Scottish Folk Tune*

Traditional

Bryan Poyzer, piano

❖ **RESPONSE 110**

*Love Has Come*



Love has come: a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the Beth-le - hem skies.



See, all heav-en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of joy a - ris - es:



Love! Love! Born un-to you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo-ry to God on high!\_\_\_\_\_

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

❖ **CLOSING CAROL 134**                      *Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all 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.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Joy*  
Bryan Poyzer, piano

David Lance

wonder  
with us

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SUNDAY



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8:45 in the Social Hall

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