# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT** *Chrístmas Eve A Servíce of Lessons and Carols*

Online – December 24, 2022 – 5pm

**BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading. \*Please stand if you are able

Prelude	In the Bleak Midwinter – Young	Gary Norris, Organist
	O Holy Night – Bish	

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

\*Hymn Once in Royal David's City (choir first verse, congregation join in on second verse)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Tonight, we light the five candles of our advent wreath.

We light the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. *Light the Hope candle* 

We light the candle of Peace, remembering our true peace which comes in Jesus. *Light the Peace candle* 

We light the candle of Joy, remembering our joy is found in the mercy of God. *Light the Joy candle* 

We light the candle of Love, remembering God's love came into our world. *Light the Love candle* 

We light the Christ candle. *Light the Christ candle* 

The Christ candle reminds us that no matter how dark the world gets, no matter how far we feel from God, no matter what is going on in our lives, Jesus' light overcomes the darkness and God is with us. Let us pray.

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Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Mike and Susan Davis

Sparkling and Shimmering God,

### Thank you for calling us to walk in the light —

light that can brighten gloomy cities, light that can make planets glow, light that can warm cold hearts.

Gleaming and Glistening God, **Thank you for calling us to be light** light so bright that even when we try to hide among the shrubs, burning bushes appear.

Twinkling God, **Thank you for calling us to share light** light that stretches beyond all distances. Light that breaches depths.

Help us hold up our light on lamp stands, participating in your work of resisting all darkness in our world. Help us never to hold up our light for notoriety, fame, attention, or comparison. Allow every wave of light that radiates from our being to illumine you, the source of all light.

We pray this prayer in the strong name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

\*Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter #36

### Lessons and Carols

*First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15* – God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head. Bob Barren

\*Carol: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #2

*Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18* – God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed. Dorothy Nerison

Choir Anthem Come Emmanuel

*Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Isaiah 11:1-9* – Christ's birth and peaceful kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. Lisa Comstock

\*Carol: *The Holly and the Ivy* See insert

*Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4* – The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem. Tony Tysseling

\*Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #44

*Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38* – The angel Gabriel announces God's plan to the Virgin Mary. Lois Tysseling

*Carol:	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	#37		
Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-23 – Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus. Sonya Beardsley				
*Carol:	God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen	See insert		
Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16 – The shepherds go to the manger. Steve Torrence				
*Carol:	The First Nowell verses 1,2,6	#56		
Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 – The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Elizabeth Nelson				
*Carol:	We Three Kings of Orient Are	#66		
Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14 – John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation. Peggy Ulvestad				
*Carol:	What Child is This	#53		
Sermon	Gift: Presence		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway	
Chancel Choir Quartet Sussex Carol				
Prayer				
Sharing the Light of the Christ Candle				
Carol:	Silent Night Verses 1 and 3 led by Elizabeth Nelso	#60 on on the harp		
The harp will play through <i>Silent Night</i> as we light our candles together.				
Benediction			Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway	
The Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World!#40				
Postlude	Joy to the World – Bish		Gary Norris, Organist	

The Advent prayer comes from Daniel Heath, who is the associate chaplain and director of the Davidson Forum at Davidson College and the Presbyterian Outlook. FPCE CCLI – *Copyright* License C 3104275 & Streaming License B 20865934

### Poinsettias in our Sanctuary

Given by	In Memory and In Honor of	
Jay and Julie Kuhnhenn	In Memory of our fathers, George and Allen In Honor of our mothers Marcia and Thelma	
Thelma Kuhnhenn	In Memory of my husband Allen Kuhnhenn	
Mike and Susan Davis	In Memory of our loving Parents	
Judy and Steve Hammond	In Memory of Tom and Diane Parker and In Memory of our Parents	
David Baer-Peckham	In Honor of my parents Rodney and Barbara Peckham	
Barbara and David Dorway	In Honor of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alan Dorway and Peyton Lust	
Tom and Pat Erickson	In Memory of our Parents and Grandson In Honor of our Children	
Margaret Lillie	In Memory and Honor of Bill and Gertie Klim	
Annette and Wes King	In Memory of Annette's parents Del and Pat Gerry	
Dorothy Nerison	In Honor of our devoted Choir	
Steve and Nancy Torrence	In Memory of Christopher Torrence	
Jeff and Doreen Solberg	In Memory of our loving Parents	
Marsha Lueth	In Memory of Carol Beyer	
Jan Weakley	In Memory of Dick Weakley	
Clyde and Judy Pitcher	In Memory of our parents Park and Maurine McLean, Ted and Etta Pitcher In Honor of our amazing members involved in producing our Advent Devotional	
Bob and Barbara Barren	In Honor of those who work for world peace	
Amy and Doug Farnham	In Memory of Mary Katharine and Rollo Farnham and Beve and Jim Evans In Honor of our grandsons Logan and Doug Farnham	
Shirley and George Lockeman	In Memory of our Parents	
Bill and Mary Grosse	In Honor of our Families	

## Childcare is available during this evening's service in our childcare room on the second floor.

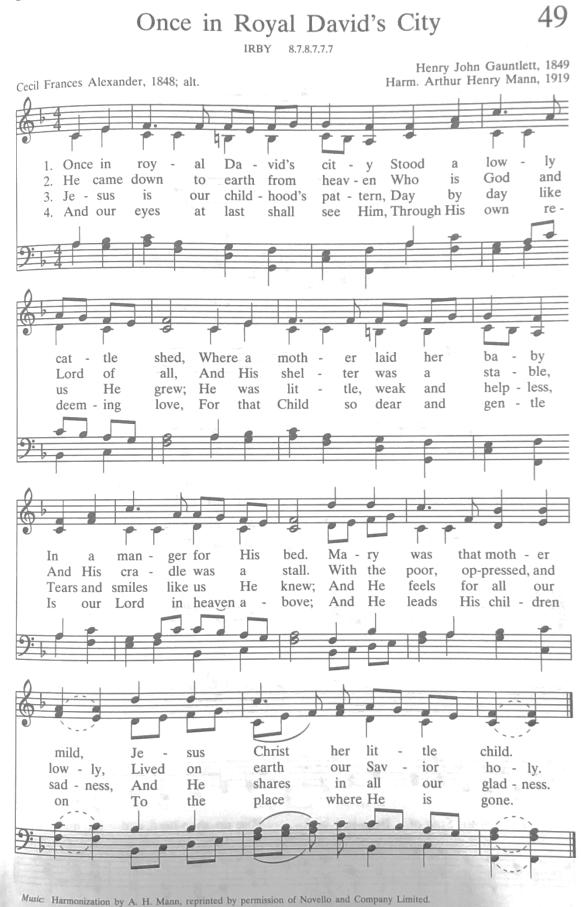
#### To all worshipping with us:

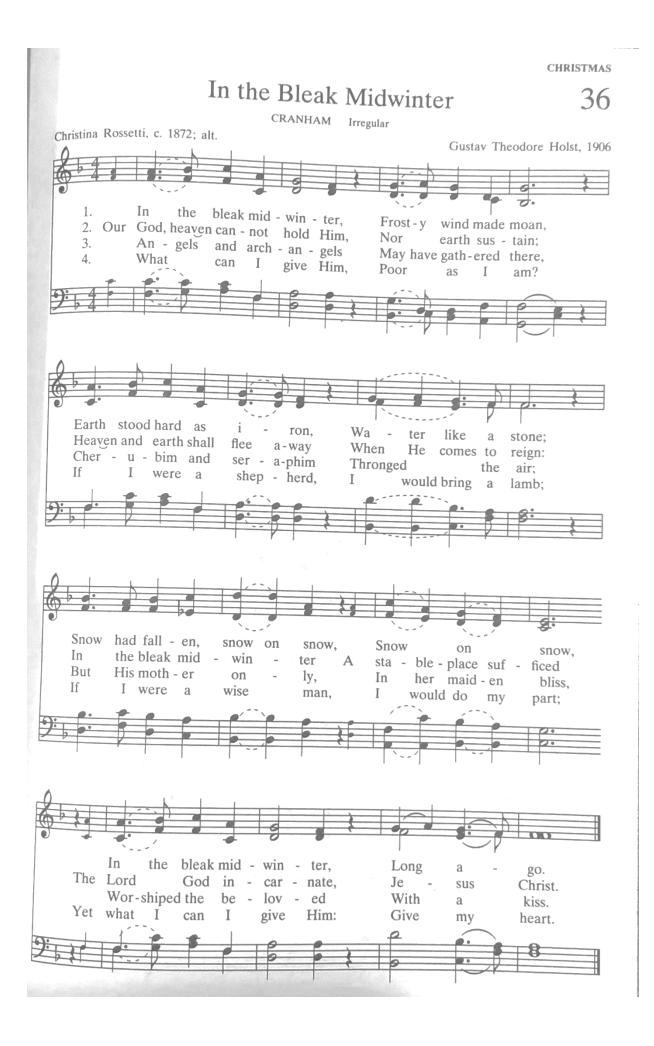
- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

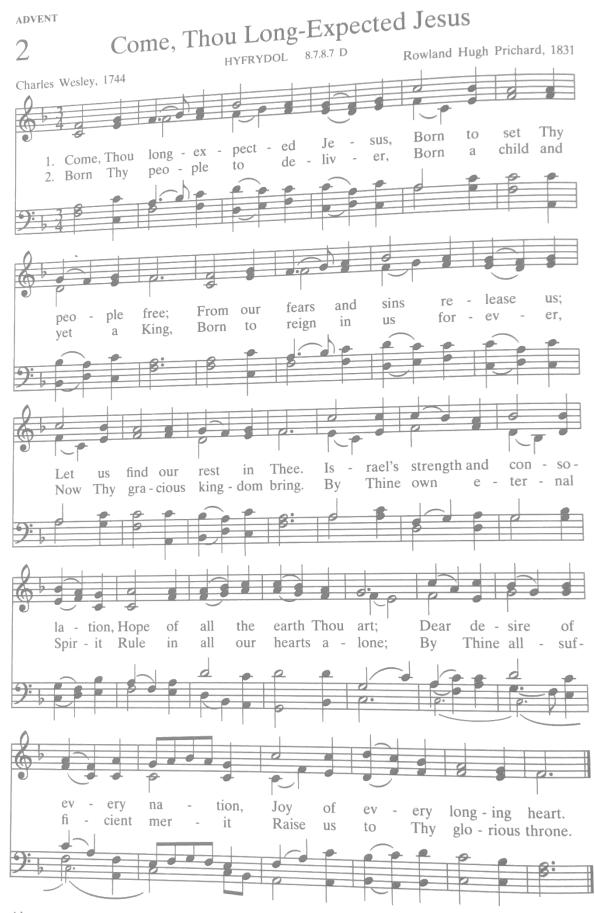
If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.



Luke 2:4-7







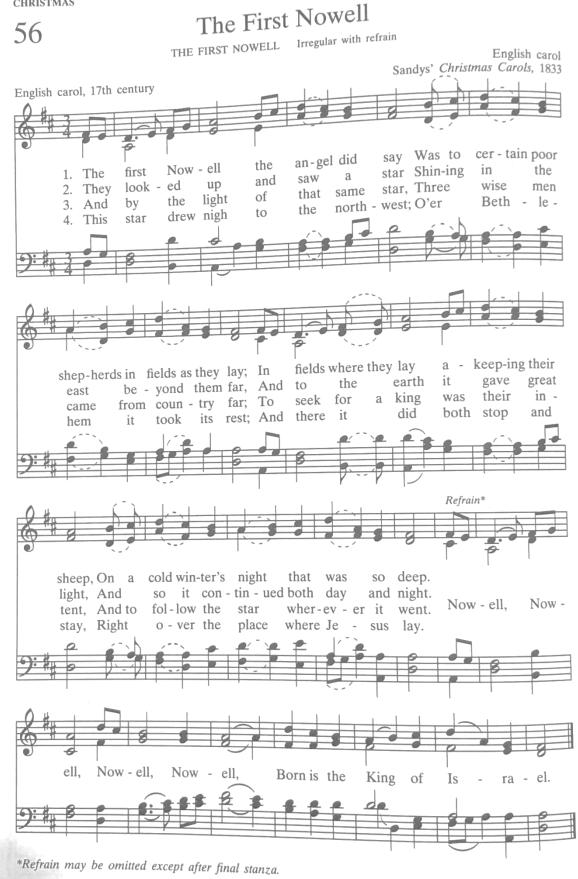
Alternate tune: STUTTGART, 1





Music: Harmonization by A. E. Rusbridge (1917-1969). Used by permission of Rosalind Rusbridge.

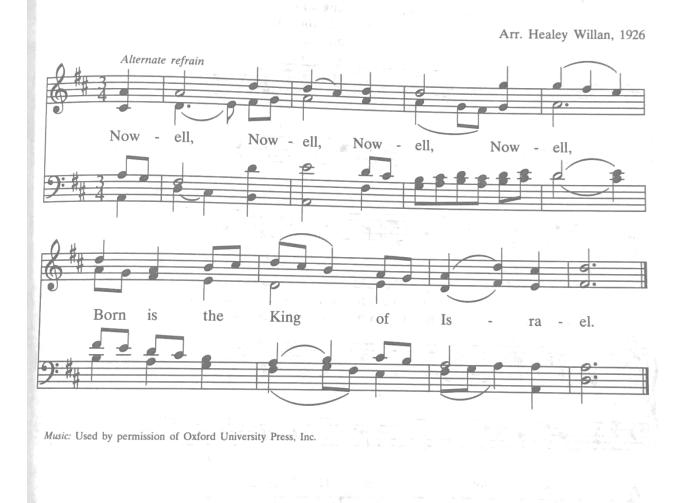
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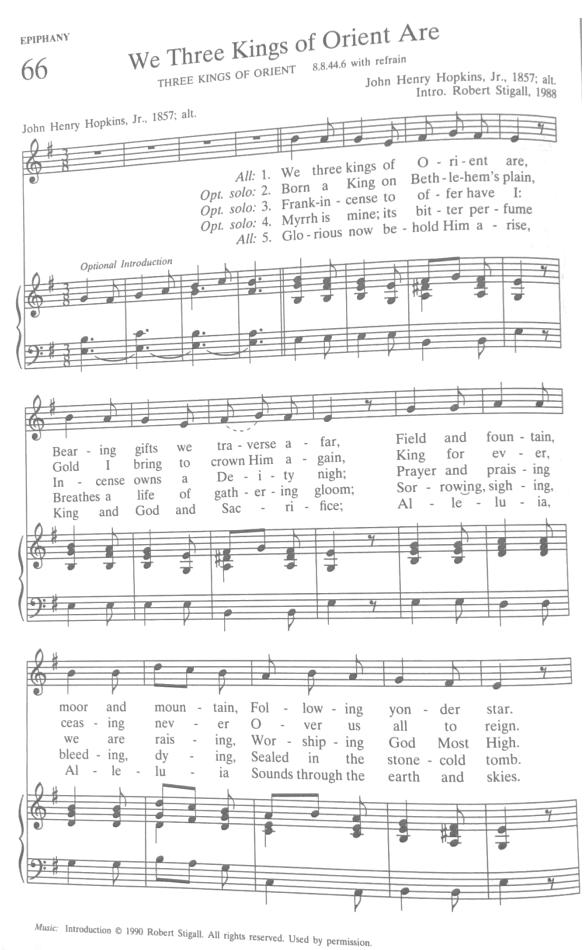


5. Then entered in those wise men three, 6. Then let us all with one accord And offered there in His presence, Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (Refrain)

Sing praises to our heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of nought,

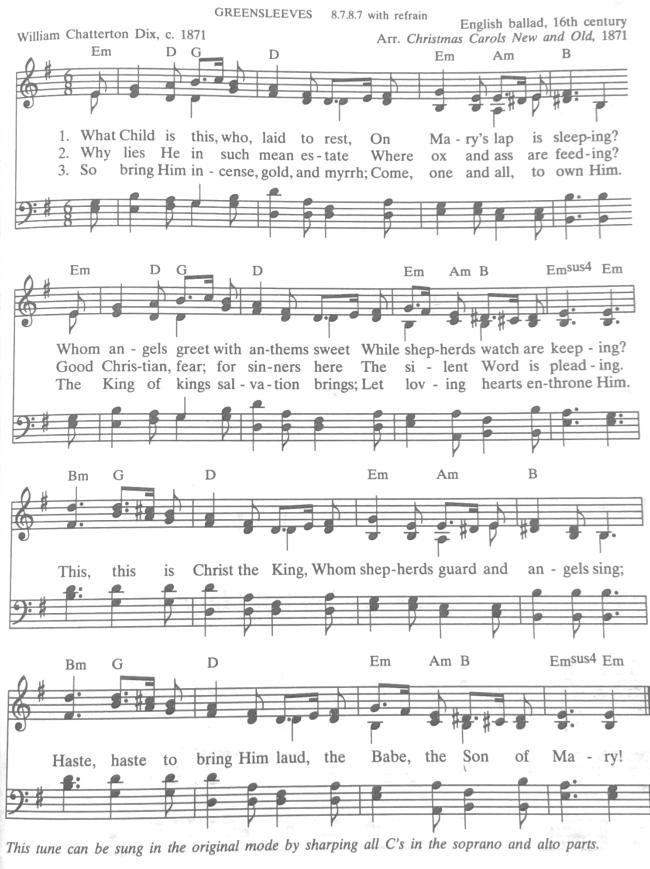
And with His blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)







### What Child Is This



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## Joy to the World!

