



# VERNAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

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A Service of Lessons & Carols  
December 22, 2024

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

**Opening Carol**

*Once in David's Royal City*

Choir

**Invocation & Prayer of Praise**

Almighty God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**First Lesson**

*Genesis 3:1-15*

**Second Lesson**

*Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2, 6-7*

**\*Hymn**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Third Lesson***Micah 5:2-5***\*Hymn #376 (vv. 1, 4)***O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

**Fourth Lesson***Luke 1:26-38***Fifth Lesson***Luke 1:46-56***\*Hymn***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
 from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
 born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
 By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
 by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Sixth Lesson***Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7***\*Hymn***What Child is This?*

GREENSLEEVES

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 Christians, 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, peasant, king, 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.

**Seventh Lesson***Luke 2:8-16***\*Hymn #369 (v. 1)***The First Noel*

NOEL

**Eighth Lesson***Matthew 2:1-11***\*Hymn #375***O Come All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

**Ninth Lesson***John 1:1-14*

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Madeleine Roberson
<b>Doxology #434</b>		OLD 100TH
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		
<b>Tenth Lesson</b>	<i>Haggai 2:20-23</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Seal of God</i>	Reid Roberson
<b>Prayers of Confession, Thanksgiving, and Intercession</b>		
<b>*Hymn #374 (vv. 1, 4)</b>	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
<b>*Hymn #370</b>	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	STILLE NACHT
<b>*Benediction</b>	<i>Number 6:24-26</i>	



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## **Announcements**

**Children's Christmas Pageant** is this afternoon at 5 PM. Please join us again!

**No Wednesday Evening activities** this week.

**Prospective New Members:** If you are interested in possibly joining the church, please speak to Reid so we can begin scheduling a new members class.

**Local missions opportunities** are available!

- Antioch's Food Pantry
- PROMISS Pregnancy Care
- Backpack Buddies

## **Prayer List**

Melvin Lister, Kay Gartman, Lindy McMillan, Jeremiah Smith, Leighton Wilson, Donna Pederson, Elaine Gabel, Kim Blankinship, Katie Kitrell, Donna McIntosh, Pat McKay, Vivian Parker, Gail Stuck