

# FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Presbyterian Church, Green Bay  
Rev. Dr. Randy Argall, Pastor

7:30 p.m., December 24, 2018  
Robert Nickel, Organist/Director

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## GATHERING MUSIC

“Carol of the Bells”	Anne L. Christopherson
“Noël X”	Louis Claude Daquin
“If Ye Would Hear the Angels Sing”	Douglas Smith
“Go! Tell It on the Mountain”	J. Wayne Kerr
“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Bill Holcombe / Kris Dorsey
“Prelude on <i>Greensleeves</i> ”	Richard Purvis
“Joy to the World”	Bill Holcombe / Kris Dorsey
“O Come, Little Children”	Lloyd Larson
“Chorale from <i>Christmas Oratorio</i> ”	Sondra K. Tucker

## WELCOME

Rev. Randy Argall

## PRELUDE

“Sing We Now of Christmas” Mary McDonald

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Tom and Teresa Schoffelman  
Brandt and Aaron

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Randy Argall

The promises of God’s prophets; the prayers of God’s people;  
the yearning of the years: all meet in Bethlehem.

**‘For a child has been born for us, a son given to us . . . and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.’**

His name is Jesus, and we worship him! The hope, peace, joy, and love,  
which is the glory of God, God brings to us in Jesus. Life can never be the same again.

**With prophets and the wise, angels and shepherds, Mary and Joseph,  
ordinary and extraordinary people, we celebrate the mystery of God-with-us, Emmanuel.**

As the Christ candle is lit, may our adoration rise to God like a flame,  
warming our hearts, and blessing the world.

**We give ourselves wholeheartedly to Jesus Christ, singing his praises,  
even as we serve the needy world he loves.**

## UNISON PRAYER

**Awesome God, in Jesus, time and eternity touched, heaven and earth joined. This Christmas, claim us and change us, so that we not only worship you, but work for you, until your will is done on earth just as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**CAROL** "Once in Royal David's City" No. 140

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19  
*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

**CAROL** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" No. 107

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 22:15-18  
*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "For Unto Us" R. Kevin Boesiger

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.*

**CAROL** "On Christmas Night" No. 112

**FOURTH LESSON** Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9  
*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Creation Will Be at Peace" J. P. Williams / Anna L. Page

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 1:26-35, 38  
*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.*

**CAROL** "Sing, My Soul" Insert

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:1-7  
*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Ed Hogan

**SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.***CAROL**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 119

**EIGHTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.***SPECIAL MUSIC**

"We Three Kings"

Ed Hogan

**NINTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.***CAROL**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

No. 143

**OFFERING****OFFERTORY MUSIC**

"In dulci jubilo"

David Overton

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**CANDLE LIGHTING**

(Tip unlit candle into lit candle.)

"Pastoral Symphony"

William Barnett

**CAROL**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

No. 122

**SENDING**

(Please blow out your candle, leave it in the narthex, and go in the peace of Christ.)

**POSTLUDE**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

John Innes

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**Musicians**

**Brass Duet:** Brandt Schoffelman, Aaron Schoffelman; **Brass Quartet:** John Nielsen, Mary Nickel, Bruce Deadman, Richard Nocenti; **Flute:** Teresa Schoffelman; **Piano:** Shirley Schoffelman, Rose Schumacher; **Vocal Quartet:** Teresa Schoffelman, Mary Nickel, Tom Schoffelman; **Chancel Choir.**