

December 24, 2011

Greetings:

*Welcome to the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church! And welcome to a **Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols.***

We are delighted that you have joined us this evening. Tonight we will hear the story of Jesus' birth in Scripture and in Song. The birth of Jesus, of course, changed the world forever. In fact, Jesus is still changing people's lives today. We pray that he will do so again tonight!

*So, sit back, relax, and join in as we contemplate the birth of Jesus in our 2011 **Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols.***

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Freddy".

Welcome

It is good to have you worship with us this evening. We are a church that seeks to love the Lord and to share this love with one another through the saving grace in Jesus Christ. We believe the Christian life is lived through the Holy Spirit who lives in the hearts of all believers. Join us in the celebration of Life with Jesus Christ.

Mission

The mission of the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church is to bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his church family, develop them to Christlike **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God's name.


Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:00 a.m.

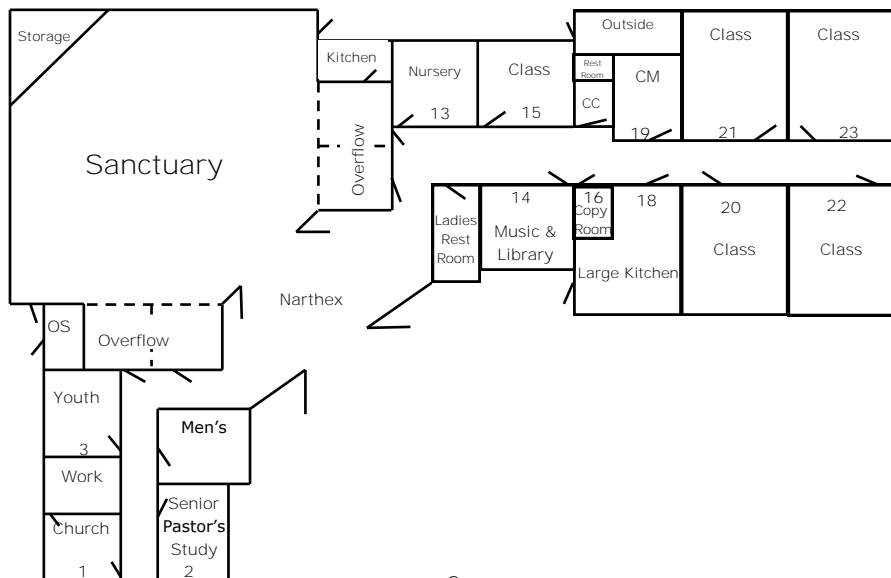
Worship—10:30 a.m.

During Sunday morning worship and Sunday school, childcare is provided for infants to age two in room 13.

Children from age three through second grade are invited to join us for worship in the sanctuary until dismissal to Children's Church which meets in room 20.

 Copies of Rev. Fritz's sermon as well as information on other church activities are available on the information board in the foyer.

Church Map



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church (PCA) Christmas Eve Service

A Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Archbishop Benson first developed the Service of Lessons and Carols in the late nineteenth century for use in the King's College Chapel in Cambridge. The Service, which has as its focal point the coming of Christ, is characterized by a very simple pattern. It is ordered around Scripture readings that pertain to Christ's advent, followed by carols.

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Freddy Fritz

*The Opening Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Ryan Coffey, vs. 1
Congregation, vss. 2-3

Soloist: Ryan Coffey

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.

*Congregation: Standing

**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 mean, and lowly
Lived on earth, our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above.
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.**

TEXT: Cecil F. Alexander
MUSIC: Henry J. Gauntlett

IRBY

***The Invocation**

Rev. Freddy Fritz

The First Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

Grace Weir

*God announces in the Garden of Eden
that the Seed of the woman shall bruise the Serpent's head.*

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

People: Thanks be to God.

The Choir Anthem

Emmanuel

Worship Choir

The Second Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Joe Burns

*God promises to faithful Abraham that through his seed
all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.*

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

People: Thanks be to God.

The Carol

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.**

Chorus

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!***

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Chorus

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.**

Chorus

**O, come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

Chorus

TEXT: Latin Hymn, Psalterium Contionum Catholicarum, 1710;
translated by John M. Neale, stanzas 1,2, altered;
Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3,4, altered
MUSIC: Adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore

VENI EMMANUEL
L.M. with Refrain

The Third Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Maggie Gordon

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

People: Thanks be to God.

***The Carol**

What Child Is This?

**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?**

Chorus

***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.**

Chorus

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh
Come, peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

Chorus

TEXT: William C. Dix
Music: Traditional English Melody, 16th century

GREENSLEEVES

The Fourth Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Josh Jeffries

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

- ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above them 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 wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God, the King,
And peace to men on earth.**

**How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
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 on 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.**

TEXT: Phillips Brooks
MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner

ST. LOUIS

The Fifth Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Michele Atkinson

The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

TEXT: Traditional French carol

GLORIA

The Sixth Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23

Fred Gordon

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel."

People: Thanks be to God.

The Carol

One Starry Night

Kids of the King

The Seventh Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Lauren Fritz

The shepherds go to the manger.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that

has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Carol

Ring the Bells

Dare to Declare

The Eighth Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Wes Mollard

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star **when it rose and have come to worship him.**” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵**They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:**

⁶ **“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”**

⁷Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, **“Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”** ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense, and myrrh.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Carol

**We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar—
Field and fountain, moor and mountain—
Following yonder star.**

Chorus

***O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.**

Chorus

**Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God on high.**

Chorus

**Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life and gathering gloom.
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

Chorus

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Earth to heav'n replies.**

Chorus

TEXT and MUSIC: John H. Hopkins, Jr

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

The Ninth Lesson and Carol

The Lesson

John 1:1-14

James Nichols

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Carol

Let There Be Light

All Choirs

The Meditation

Jesus, Born of a Virgin

Rev. Freddy Fritz

Notes on the Meditation

Notes on the Meditation
(cont.)

The Offering for PCA Retired Pastors

*Please make checks payable to:
"PCA Ministerial Relief"*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle *The Fifth Candle: Christ's Birth*

When you light your candle, dip the candle to the flame so that the lit candle can remain upright. This will prevent wax burns and spills.

***The Carol**

Silent Night! Holy Night!

**Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light.**

**With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

TEXT: Joseph Mohr; translated by John F. Young
MUSIC: Franz Gruber

STILLE NACHT
Irregular meter

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

* Those able, please stand. Ushers may assist latecomers find their seats.
Please refrain from applause and flash photography during the Worship Service.
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Pianist: Debi Hensley



Copies of Rev. Fritz's meditation are available at the Information Center.

Announcements:

- Welcome to the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church! We wish you a very blessed and Christ-centered Christmas this year.
- Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.
- Children are invited to stay in the sanctuary during the service. However, should your child become restless, a nursery is available in Room 13.
- Parents: For the safety of your children, please accompany them to the restroom.
- An offering will be received this evening for the PCA Pastors Retirement Fund. **Please make check out to "PCA Ministerial Relief".**
- Purchased poinsettias may be taken home following the service.
- **Please see Rev. Fritz to receive a free booklet, "Why on Earth Did Jesus Come?"**
- Worship with us on Sunday, December 25, at 10:30 a.m.!
- Please sign the Friendship Register if you would like to learn more about the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church.

Welcome Children

We have crayons available in the narthex





Mission

To bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his church family, develop them to Christlike **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify God's name**.

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