



LESSONS

&



CAROLS

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A REFLECTION ON THE COMING  
BIRTH OF CHRIST FOR  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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December 5, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH**

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE** *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory forever!  
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our days you speak through your  
Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in  
his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and  
judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.*

**HYMN 102** Once in royal David's city

*Irby*

*Verse 1, sung by a soprano soloist:*

1. 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.

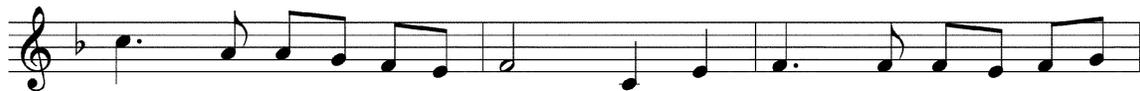
*Verse 2, sung by the choir:*

2. 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.

Verses 3-6, sung by all:



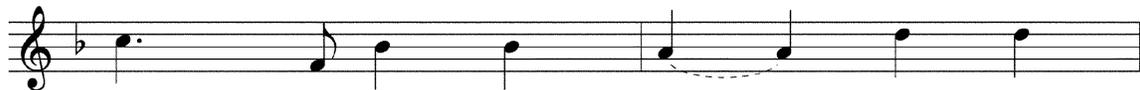
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would  
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his



hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly  
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he



chil - dren all should be Kind, o -  
feels for all our sad - ness, And he  
leads his chil - dren on To the



be - dient, good as he.  
shares in all our glad - ness.  
place where he has gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

## A BIDDING PRAYER

*Celebrant* Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather all these petitions, let us pray the prayer attributed to St. Francis, saying:

*All* **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

*Celebrant* The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Genesis 3:8-15*

*Reader: A Lector*

*Adam and Eve are cast out of the Garden of Eden.*

*Reader* A reading from Genesis.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** Adam lay ybounden

*Boris Ord (1897-1961)*

Adam lay ybounden  
Bounden in a bond  
Four thousand winters

Though he not too long  
 And all was for an apple  
 An apple that he took  
 As clerkes finden written in their book  
 Nay had the apple taken been  
 The apple taken been  
 Nay had never our lady  
 Abeen heavenly queen  
 Blessed be the time  
 That apple taken was  
 Therefore we bound singen  
 Deo gracias, deo gracias!

CAROL Creator of the stars of night

*Conditor alme siderum*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \*6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

**THE SECOND LESSON** *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Reader: A member of the choir*

*A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.*

*Reader* A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** The Lamb

*John Tavener (1944-2013)*

Little Lamb who made thee  
 Dost thou know who made thee?  
 Gave thee life and bid thee feed.  
 By the stream and o'er the mead;  
 Gave thee clothing of delight,  
 Softest clothing woolly bright;  
 Gave thee such a tender voice,  
 Making all the vales rejoice!  
 Little Lamb who made thee  
 Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek and he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child and thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.

**THE THIRD LESSON** *Baruch 4:36-5:9*      *Reader: A member of the outreach committee*

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because Salvation is at hand.*

*Reader*      A reading from Baruch.

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem,  
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.  
Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;  
they are coming, gathered from east and west,  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.  
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
or God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.  
For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look toward the east,  
and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.  
For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.  
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.  
The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.  
For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord  
*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** People Look East

*Besançon Carol, arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)*

People, look East. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.

Set every peak and valley humming  
 with the Word, the Lord is coming.  
 People look East and sing today:  
 Love, the Lord is on the way.

CAROL Blest be the King whose coming

*Valet will ich dir geben*

1 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

**THE FOURTH LESSON** *Micah 5:2-4*

*Reader: A member of the Flowers ministry*

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.*

*Reader* A reading from Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
 from you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to rule in Israel,  
 whose origin is from of old,  
 from ancient days.  
 Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
 then the rest of his kindred shall return  
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** What Star is This?

*arr. Michael Bedford*

What star is this, with beams so bright, more beautiful than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

Thus spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
And eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.

The guiding star above is bright, within them shines a clearer light,  
And leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.

to God the Father, heav'nly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

*Please be stand as you are able.*

**THE GOSPEL** *Luke 1: 26-35; 38*

*Reader: A deacon*

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,

and you will name him Jesus. He 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Reader*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**CAROL** *O Magnum Mysterium*

*Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

*Please be stand as you are able.*

CAROL The virgin Mary had a baby boy

*West Indian Carol*



1. The vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, the  
2. The an - gels sang when the ba - by born, the



vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, the  
an - gels sang when the ba - by born, the



vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, and they  
an - gels sang when the ba - by born, and they



say that his name was Je - sus.  
say that his name was Je - sus.



He come from the glo - ry, he come from the



glo - rious king - dom. Oh, yes, be - liev - er!



Oh, yes, be - liev - er! He come from the



glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Deacon* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**





*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All**        **We remember his death,**  
              **We proclaim his resurrection,**  
              **We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated until it is your turn to come forward for Communion. Do not consume the host immediately upon receiving it. Please return to your seat with the sacrament and together we will consume the bread as the celebrant says the following words:*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### THE COMMUNION

*All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion at this Church. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. To receive the bread, hold out your hands and the clergy will place it on your palm without touching your hands. The celebrant will take a sip of the wine on behalf of the congregation.*

*If you prefer not to receive the Communion, you may come forward placing your hands over your chest, and the clergy will be glad to offer you a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN 82 Of the Father's love begotten *Divinum mysterium*



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CHORAL BLESSING Benediction

*arr. Will Schneider*

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

## THE DISMISSAL

*One* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her *Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
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The following guidelines are in place for your safety, and particularly for the safety of our younger members for whom the vaccine has not yet been approved:

***Everyone eligible for the vaccine who joins us for in-person worship must show proof of vaccination (or medical exemption from a doctor) to a greeter.***

***Masks*** must be worn at all times by persons over 2 years of age, except when consuming communion.

***Social distancing*** must be maintained between households during the service. For your convenience, every other pew has been closed off. Please remain in your seats as directed by an usher.

***Bathrooms*** are available off our breezeway. The parish hall is closed at this time.

***Hand sanitizer*** can be found at the entrance of the church and at the bathroom doors.

Please ***pray aloud and sing*** with us! Local guidelines recommend that during sung or recited prayer, you keep your voice at a reduced volume and maintain social distancing.

### **Thank you to today's volunteers!**

Coffee hour host	Sarah Halsey
Greeter	Mary Hufty
Usher	Norma Cance & Ross Soubirous
Altar Guild	Carol Wentworth
Lesson 1	Danny Alegria
Lesson 2	Catherine Aragon
Lesson 3	Betsy Alexander
Lesson 4	Diane Leonard

## DIRECTORY

### CLERGY AND STAFF

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<i>Interim Rector Emeritus</i>	Chris Creed
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<i>Director of Children, Youth, &amp; Family Ministries</i>	Valerie Wookey
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<i>Carillon Preschool Directors</i>	Cara O'Connell & Christine Williams
<i>Parish Dog</i>	Tomás

*All active clergy and staff may be reached by email at <firstname@ccpww.org>*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our weekly email for more details.

### **Sunday, December 5**

*10 a.m.*

Lessons and Carols

### **Sunday, December 5**

*5 p.m.*

Confirmation class

### **Friday, December 10**

*6:30 p.m.*

Inaugural Carillon program and Christmas gathering

### **Sunday, December 19**

*After the service*

Gingerbread house decorating for all ages

### **Sunday, December 19**

*1:30 p.m.*

SpiritCare singing for Silver Oaks Memory Care residents