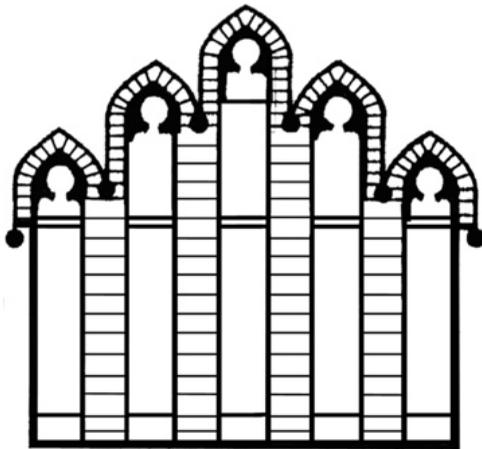


# A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DECEMBER 8, 2019 AT 5:30PM

**PRELUDE** (Performed by Tenafly High School Strings)

Carols of the Season

*Please stand and join in singing, beginning with Verse 3.*

**HYMN 102** (Hymnal 1982 Words: Cecil Frances Alexander; Tune: Irby)

*Soloist: Alison Mion*

Once in Royal David's City

*Solo*            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

*Choir*            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.

*All*                **For he is our childhood's pattern;  
                     day by day like us he grew,  
                     He was little, weak and helpless,  
                     tears and smiles like us he knew.  
                     And he feeleth for our sadness,  
                     and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,  
                     through his own redeeming love;  
                     For that Child who seemed so helpless  
                     is our Lord in heaven above;  
                     And he leads his children on  
                     to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,  
                     with the oxen standing round,  
                     We shall see him; but in heaven,  
                     set at God's right hand on high,  
                     When like stars his children crowned,  
                     all in white shall wait around.**

**A BIDDING PRAYER** *(Book of Occasional Services, p. 31 said by the Officiant)*

Beloved in Christ, at this Season of Advent let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in the heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by the Holy Child. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and among all God's people; for unity with the Church Christ came to build and especially in this our diocese.

Let us remember, in Christ's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no soul can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

*All*

Our 

Mother	who art in heaven,
Father	
Creator	

  
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.

May the Almighty One bless us with God's grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

*People*      **Amen.**

**WELCOME**      *The Rev. John A. Mennell*

# THE LESSONS

*Please be seated for the reading.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from the book of Genesis (3:8-15)

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Adam Lay Ybounden    (*Words: Anon., 15<sup>th</sup> century    Music: Boris Ord*)

*Choir*    Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
as clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
ne had never our lady a been heaven é queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen Deo Gracias.

## THE SECOND LESSON

A reading from the book of Genesis (22:15-18)

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

**HYMN 65** (Hymnal 1982 Words: Frans Mikael Franzen Tune: Bereden väg för Svenska Kyrkum)

Prepare the Way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

*Refrain*



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

*Please be seated for the reading.*

## **THE THIRD LESSON**

A reading from the book of Isaiah (9:2, 6-7)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

The Holly and the Ivy *(Words: Traditional Carol, arranged by Henry Walford Davies)*

*Soloists: Alison Mion, Kelly Wenz, Warren Carr, Pete Tamburro*

*Choir* The Holly and the Ivy when they are both full grown;  
of all the trees that are in the wood the Holly bears the crown.

*Refrain* *O the rising of the sun And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.*

The Holly bears a blossom as white as any flower;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior.

*Refrain*

The Holly bears a berry as red as any blood;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

*Refrain*

The Holly bears a prickle as shar as any thorn;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas day in the morn.

*Refrain*

The Holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all

*Refrain*

## THE FOURTH LESSON

A reading from the book of Isaiah (11:1-19)

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And 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 of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Ave Maria (Words: Traditional Latin Text Music: Daniel Elder)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus  
Et benedictus fructus ventris.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus.  
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb.  
Holy Mary, mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners.  
Now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

## **THE FIFTH LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (1:26-35; 38)

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing.

**HYMN 265** (Hymnal 1982 Words: Sabine Baring-Gould Tune: Gabriel's Message, Basque carol)

The Angel Gabriel

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

*Please be seated for the reading.*

## **THE SIXTH LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (2:1,3-7)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

A Spotless Rose (*Words: Anon., 14<sup>th</sup> Century*    *Music: Herbert Howells*)

*Soloist: Pete Tamburro*

*Choir*    A Spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

*Solo*        The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing In Mary; purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might,  
The Blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (2:8-16)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

The Shepherd's Farewell *(English by Paul England Music: Hector Berlioz, "L'Enfance du Christ", Op. 25)*

*Featuring the Tenafly High School Strings*

*Choir* Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare,  
Babe, all mortal babes excelling, Content our earthly lot to share,  
Loving father, loving mother, Shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore thee With humble love and holy fear,  
In the land that lies before thee, Forget not us who linger here!  
May the shepherd's lowly calling, Ever to thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond al measure, Thou happy father, mother mild!  
Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, The Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!  
God go with you, God protect you, Guide you safely through the wild!

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-11)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Kings of the Orient (Composer: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857)

*Soloists: Warren Carr, Jason Arnold, Pete Tamburro*

*Remaining seated, all may join in singing the refrain.*

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

*All* O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, Still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

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

*All* O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, Still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

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

*All* O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, Still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

*Balthazar* Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breaths a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*All* O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, Still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

*Three Kings* Glorious now, behold him arise, King, and God, and Sacrifice,  
Heaven sings Alleluia: Alleluia the earth replies.

*All* O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, Still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

## THE NINTH LESSON

A reading from the Gospel according to John (1:1-14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Here endeth the Lesson.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine (*Words: Jean Racine Music: Gabriel Fauré*)

*Featuring Tenafly High School Strings*

*Choir* Verbe, égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux ;  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix ;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle  
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

*English Translation:*

Word of God, one with the Most High,  
in Whom alone we have our hope,  
Eternal Day of heaven and earth,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,  
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people  
Now gathered here to praise you;  
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;  
May they go forth filled with your gifts.

*During the anthem a collection is taken as we look to give back to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings in our life. As stewards of our gifts of treasure this opportunity to give back allows the church to continue its work in the world serving those in spiritual, emotional and financial need. You may use the "Offering" envelopes found in the pews, or you may donate electronically via Zelle to [donate@slechurch.org](mailto:donate@slechurch.org) or by texting "ThanksB2God" to 73256.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Officiant* May almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* May the one whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

# HYMN 100 *(Hymnal 1982 Tune: Antioch)*

## Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**DISMISSAL** (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*)

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

Concerto Grosso (*Antonio Vivaldi/J.S. Bach, arranged by David Baldwin*)

*Performed by Valley Road Brass*

# ST. LUKE'S SENIOR CHOIR

*Directed by Jim Millar*

## SOPRANOS

Mariah Ayscue  
Melanie Burbles  
Betsy Ginsburg  
Allison Mion\*  
Sue Villarosa  
Ladylease White

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Stephanie Borsi  
Jessie Lane  
Kelly Wenz\*  
Roxie Zeek

## TENORS

Warren Carr\*  
Roland Hutchinson  
Jaewoo Lee  
Karen Thompson

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Jason Arnold  
Gordon Frey  
Chris Lippincott  
Tim Mannion  
Peter Tamburro\*

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# TENAFLY HIGH SCHOOL STRINGS

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Cecelia Gutierrez

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Yining Gan  
Sally Kim  
Gia Shin

## CELLOS

Christy Choi  
Naomi Chan-Sia

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Charlotte Liang

## TRUMPETS

Gavin Ard  
Ryan Branco

## TROMBONE

David Greenwood

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**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**



Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ  
at our upcoming Christmas services:

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24**

5:00pm

with the Junior Choir

10:30pm

with the Senior Choir

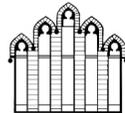
**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25**

10:00am

Christmas Day Worship

11:30am

Christmas Meal at Toni's Kitchen



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