



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Lessons & Carols

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit

Lighting the Advent Candle

MVPC Choir

Without love, we have nothing, wandering aimlessly in a world without hope.
As the season of Advent comes to a close, we wait for love by practicing it,
by embodying the truth we trust in God-with-us.
We seek to live as people of love, reciprocating that which has first been shown to us.
We light this candle to symbolize the love we have in Christ's presence.
We gather to share this love with one another.

† Hymn No. 23

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-19

Alice Ann Lever

Anthem

"O Magnum Mysterium"

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Lucy Hibbard

† Hymn No. 9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

Third Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Melinda Carden
† Hymn No. 53	"What Child Is This"	GREENSLEEVES
Fourth Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9	Gill Hutt
Anthem	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	
Fifth Lesson	Luke 1:26-35	Rachel Barclift Emory
† Hymn No. 28	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	IN DULCI JUBILO
Sixth Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Hannah Hagenau
† Hymn No. 25	"Away In A Manger"	MUELLER
Seventh Lesson	Luke 2:8-16	Catie O'Hare
† Affirmation of Faith		The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Abernethy

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 Congregation will respond with "Hear Our Prayer."*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering
Offertory

"Sussex Carol"

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand *
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elizabeth Small

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Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Hannah Hawthorne

† Hymn No. 66

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Callum Lever

† Hymn No. 40

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

† Benediction

† Postlude



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do

As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community

As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles

Moved by the Spirit, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

Upcoming Events

December 22	11:00 a.m. (one service)	Lessons & Carols
	12:00 Noon	Reception for Elizabeth Small — KC
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Live Nativity
	5:30 p.m.	Candlelight Service
December 29	10:00 a.m. (one service)	Carols & Casseroles in Kirk Center
January 5, 2020	10:00 a.m. (one service)	Epiphany Service

Worship Participants for December 22, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Donna Maini

Director of Music - Matthias Young



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MVPC Staff

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