A Festival
of
Nine Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve, 2005  7:00 p.m.
Pre-service Music at 6:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
210 S. Wayne Street  Milledgeville, GA  31061

Pre-service music to be selected from the following:

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
   Text, 16th German
   Music, Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

In The Bleak Mid-Winter
   Text, Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)
   Music, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Still, Still, Still
   Text, Austrian carol
   Music, Austrian, arr. Walter Ehret (b. 1918)

The Holly & The Ivy
   Text, English Traditional
   Music, English Traditional carol

You Are the New Day
   Text & Music, John David, arr. Peter Knight (1917-1985)

The Sans Day Carol
   Text & Music, Cornish Traditional carol, arr. John Rutter

‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
   Text, Native American - Huron
   Music, 16th century French carol

A Nativity Carol (POVERTY)
   Text, Welsh Traditional carol
   Music, Caradog Roberts (1878-1935)

Trumpet Tune & Minuet
   Cindy Phillips, Trumpet
   Giovanni Battista Draghi (1640-1708)

“O Holy Night”  Blair Harshbarger, soprano
   Text, Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure (1808-1877)
   Music, Adolphe Charles Adam (1803-1856)

The congregation is asked to be silent during the music before the service.
This evening’s service is being recorded professionally.
In order not to spoil the service for other members of the congregation, please do not talk unless it is
absolutely necessary. Please turn off chiming digital watches and mobile phones.

   The Treasurer of the Church

Carol: Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
   Text, Jaroslav J. Vajda (b.1919)
   Music, Carl Schalk (b.1929)

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11
   “The wise men are led by the star to Jesus”
   The Clerk of Session

Carol: What Sweeter Music
   Text, Robert Herrick (1591-1674)
   Music, John Rutter (b. 1945)

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14
   “St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.”
   Rev. D. Lamar Carney

Carol: The Glory of the Father
   Text, Adapted John I
   Music, Egil Hovland (b. 1924)

* Congregational Carol # 57 “The Snow Lay on the Ground”
   VENITE ADOREMUS

Prayer of the Light

Lighting Carol: The Angel’s Carol
   Text & Music, John Rutter

Acolytes will light the candle of each person on the end of your row. Please light your
candle by dipping it toward your neighbor’s lighted candle. After candles are lit, each row
will move to the outer aisles, forming a circle around the sanctuary. After all candles are lit
and everyone is standing in the outer aisles, we will sing “Silent Night”

*Carol of the Holy Night # 60 “Silent Night”
   STILLE NACHT

* Words of Peace

* Recessional Hymn # 31 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
   MENDELSSOHN

* Please stand if able

Merry Christmas to you and yours!
This Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has been adapted from the traditional "Service of Lessons & Carols" held annually at King's College, Cambridge University. This service, itself an adaptation of a service instituted by Archbishop Benson at Truro Cathedral, was first presented on Christmas Eve, 1919, in King's College Chapel, and continues as a much celebrated annual tradition in many denominations across the world. This is the third year that the service has been held here.

The Bidding Prayer reminds us that the purpose of this service is to tell the story of our redemption as it is set forth in Holy Scripture. The prayers and the carols are offerings of praise to God as we move from darkness and waiting into light and hope.

**Participating in this evening's service:**

Rev. D. Lamar Carney
David G. Baarda, Treasurer of the Church
Jocelyn Yao, Youth Choir member
Jocelyn Yao, Children's Choir member
Soloists: Blair Harshbarger and Jolena Yao
David Cole, Dr. Richard Greene, Tiffany Oliver: guest choristers
Caroline Carson, Director of Music

Rosemary Begemann, The Clerk of Session
Rae Phillips Wade, Adult Choir member
Susan McGill, Co-Head Deacon
Acolytes: David Harshbarger & K.C. McGill
Vera Bales, Moderator of Presbyterian Women
Kate Phillips, Organist

_**Ave Maria**_

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed be the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the time of our death, Amen.

_**Psallite!**_

Sing and ring! Ring and sing! Let us sing psalms to Christ, only-begotten son of God. Sing psalms to the Redeemer. See the little tiny child lying in the manger bed. A small child lies in the manger and all the dear angels kneel before him.

**First Presbyterian Church**

First Presbyterian was founded in June 1826 under the leadership of Joseph Stiles, an evangelist licensed by Hopewell Presbytery. The construction of the first church occurred c. 1828-1832 on the State House Square. That building was renovated in 1879. In the late 1890's there was talk of building a new church and by January 1904, an agreement was made with the Trustees of GMC that a new building should be erected on the present site. J.W. McMillan, a member of the church and the building contractor, brought the cornerstone from Haddingtonshire, Scotland. It was laid in October 1904. By August 1905 the building was nearing completion as the windows and pews were reported to be under construction, and an organ that "will be run by a water motor which has been set and connected with the city water main" was installed.

In July 1950, the congregation decided to renovate the sanctuary and build an educational building. This project included changing the auditorium from a diagonal to a vertical orientation and the purchase of the present baptismal font, pulpit, communion table and pews. A new organ and five new memorial windows were added. The next major renovation to the sanctuary took place in 1995 with the replacement of the roof and the addition of a beautiful wooden ceiling. Doors made of a rare wood imported from Africa replaced the old doors to the narthex and the organ was rebuilt.
Order of Service

The Lighting of the Advent wreath

The Harshbarger Family

* Processional Hymn #47

Verse I – Solo: Jolena Yao

Verse II – Choir only

Verses III - VI – All

1. Once in royal David’s city
   Stood a lowly cattle shed,
   Where a mother laid her baby
   In a manger for the bed:
   Mary was that mother mild,
   Jesus Christ, her little child.

2. He came down to earth from Heaven
   Who is God and Lord of all,
   And his shelter was a stable,
   For that child so dear and gentle
   And his cradle was a stall,
   Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood
   He would honour and obey,
   With the oxen standing by,
   Love and watch the lowly maiden,
   Where like stars his children crowned
   Mild, obedient, good as he.

Greeting

The Bidding Prayer followed by the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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, the power, and the glory forever Amen.

* Congregational Carol #41

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Music: Philip Arnold Heseltine [pseudonym: Peter Warlock] (1894-1930)

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

“Adam tells Adam he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head.”

Carol: Adam lay Ybounden

Text, 15th century Anonymous

Music, Philip Arnold Heseltine [pseudonym: Peter Warlock] (1894-1930)
Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18
In the Black Mid-Winter
How far is it to Bethlehem?

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:3-4
At Christmas Time
“God promises to Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.”

Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4
In the Bleak Mid-Winter
“The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.”

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38
Music: Giovanni Battista Cosserti (1825-1875)

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21
At Christmas Time
“St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.”

Carol: Ave Maria
Music: Giovanni Battista Cosserti (1825-1875)

Verse I
God rest you merry, gentlemen, From God our heavenly Father Let nothing you dismay, A blessèd angel came, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse II
Let us sing Psalms! From God our heavenly Father For Jesus Christ our Saviour War was born upon this day, How that in Bethlehem was born: O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse III
Oh! tidings of comfort and joy,

Verse IV
All: O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse V
All: O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse VI
All: O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse VII
All: O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse VIII
All: O tidings of comfort and joy.