



WELCOME TO
Greenhills Community Church,
Presbyterian

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December 19, 2021
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE
LESSONS & CAROLS**

Transitional Pastor

Rev. Chris White

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[At this sign, please rise in body or in spirit; **bold** indicates congregation's responses.]*

Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation

Liturgist, Betty Hamilton

Prelude

The Peace Carol
The Greenhills Strings

Bob Beers

***Opening Words**

Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
God's mercy extends from generation to generation.
Holy is God's name!

***Hymn #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

Lighting of the Advent Candles

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come:

The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child.

She shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."

Hymn (v. 4)

Candles Glowing, Promise Showing

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***Candles glowing, promise showing love that makes the world anew.
Shines in glory, tells the story: Christ's own love will see us through.
With the outcast and unwelcome, Christ is steadfast, brings us all home.
Christ's own love will see us through!
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Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your face shining upon us, and by becoming our brother, our friend, our salvation. We pray this in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, mother of us all. **Amen.**

The Lord's 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.

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

(Your Christmas Joy offering and prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates)

Invitation

Offertory

Rise up, Shepherds and Follow
Brad Caldwell, piano

Arr., John Carter

***Doxology #606** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude for what you give us every day and as our way to honor your presence in our world. Use these offerings to bless others as well as those who present the gifts. We also pray for all those we hold dear, those who have asked for prayers, and those in any need today. We lift up our silent

requests, confident that you are already at work in these situations. [*Silent prayer.*]
All glory and praise to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who saves us. **Amen.**

Sing We Now of Christmas – A Service of Lessons and Carols
Music arranged by Howard Helvey; Narration by Susan Naus Dengler

Carol	<i>What Shall We Sing for the Child?</i> Chancel Choir	Trad. Catalan
Lesson	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9	Betty Hamilton
Hymn #87	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	GENEVAN 42
Narrative		
Lesson	Luke 1:26-35, 46-53	Bob Sanders
Carol	<i>Mary</i> Cari Sullivan, soprano; Brad Caldwell, piano	Deborah Governor
Narrative		
Carol	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> Chancel Choir	Trad. Polish
Narrative		
Hymn #121	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Phil Haisley
Hymn #145	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	GREENSLEEVES
Lesson	Luke 2:8-20	Karen Cartier
Hymn #119	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
Narrative		
Carol	<i>A Cradle Carol</i> Cari Sullivan, soprano; Brad Caldwell, piano	Dan Forrest
Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12	Rudy Visnich
Hymn #151	<i>We Three Kings</i> (congregation sings v.1, 5; soloists sing v. 2, 3, 4)	KINGS OF ORIENT
Narrative		
Carol	<i>See, Amid the Winter's Snow</i> Monique Wallace, mezzo-soprano; Brad Caldwell, piano	Dan Forrest, arr.
Narrative		

Carol

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Cari Sullivan, soprano; Brad Caldwell, piano

Lesson

John 1:1-14

Rev. Chris White

***Charge**

Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.

***Benediction** – The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever more. And all of God’s people say, “**Amen!**”

Carol/Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas
Chancel Choir

Trad. French

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude!

Sources: *Feasting on the Word; PC(USA)’s Book of Common Worship;*
Sing We Now of Christmas – Service of Lessons and Carols

Participants:**Pastor:** Rev. Chris White**Music Director:** Brad Caldwell**Sound:** Jim Hadley**Zoom Host:** V Greene**Counters:** J Hadley, J Hill**Liturgist:** Betty Hamilton**Ushers:** J Hadley, G Ngong**Greeters:** Art & Carol McCardle

It is a blessing and a joy to have both current and former music scholars with us this morning!

Choral Scholars:

Mark Behrendt

Surendra Bhandari

Celeste Hackmann

Jaysean Johnson

Alex Kress

Nico Prentosito

Cari Sullivan

Monique Wallace

The poinsettias in the sanctuary have been donated

In Memory of our parents, by Chris and Mary Newcomer

In Memory of our parents, by Bob and Lee Sanders

In Memory of our sisters Martha and Carrie, by

John & Mai Hill and family

In Memory of Jim Steinway, by Jane Steinway

In Memory of Jeffrey Acus, by Mick and Jane Acus

In Memory of Bob Price and Cathi Johnson, by

Bev Price

In Memory of Earl R. Brownfield, by Norlyne Brownfield

In Honor of GCCP, by Chris White

In Honor of Brad Caldwell, by Anonymous

In Honor of granddaughter Minerva, by the Hill family

In Honor of Chris White, by Bob and Lee Sanders

In Honor of Norma & Wendell Thompson and Peggy

Cutter (sister), by Norlyne Brownfield

To the Glory of God, by

Betty Hamilton

Lee & Bob Sanders

Chris White