

“His Birth Foretold”

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Meditation

Carol “Sussex Carol” arr. Haggenberg
Cheryl Ledford, Soloist

On Christmas night all Christian’s sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, News of great mirth.
News of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad.
When from our sin he set us free
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before his grace
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new born king.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night.
“Glory to God in highest heaven,
Now and forevermore,” Amen!

“Christ the Savior is Born”

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-14

Prayer (unison)

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you have stooped to raise fallen humanity.
Grant that we who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature,
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image,
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Carol “Silent Night, Holy Night” arr. Forrest

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child;
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night
Wondrous star lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
“Alleluia” to our King,
“Christ the Savior is born.”

Benediction

Postlude “O Come All Ye Faithful” arr. Forrest
String Quartet



Director of Music, Robert Norris

Adult Choir

* Vocal Ensemble

Sopranos

Jenna Cobb *
Tammy Darity
Samantha Hollis
Shari Hurne
Cheryl Ledford
Mary Ann Merritt
Mollie Respass
Alexandra Seabrook
Charity Smith *
Brenda Thompson
Molly Ulshafer

Altos

Melanie Branham
Jeanne Devich
Anna Goodwin
Barbara Gutwein
Renee Keese
Anne Kilpatrick
Tracey Lake
Marge Moon
Emma Reeves *

Tenors

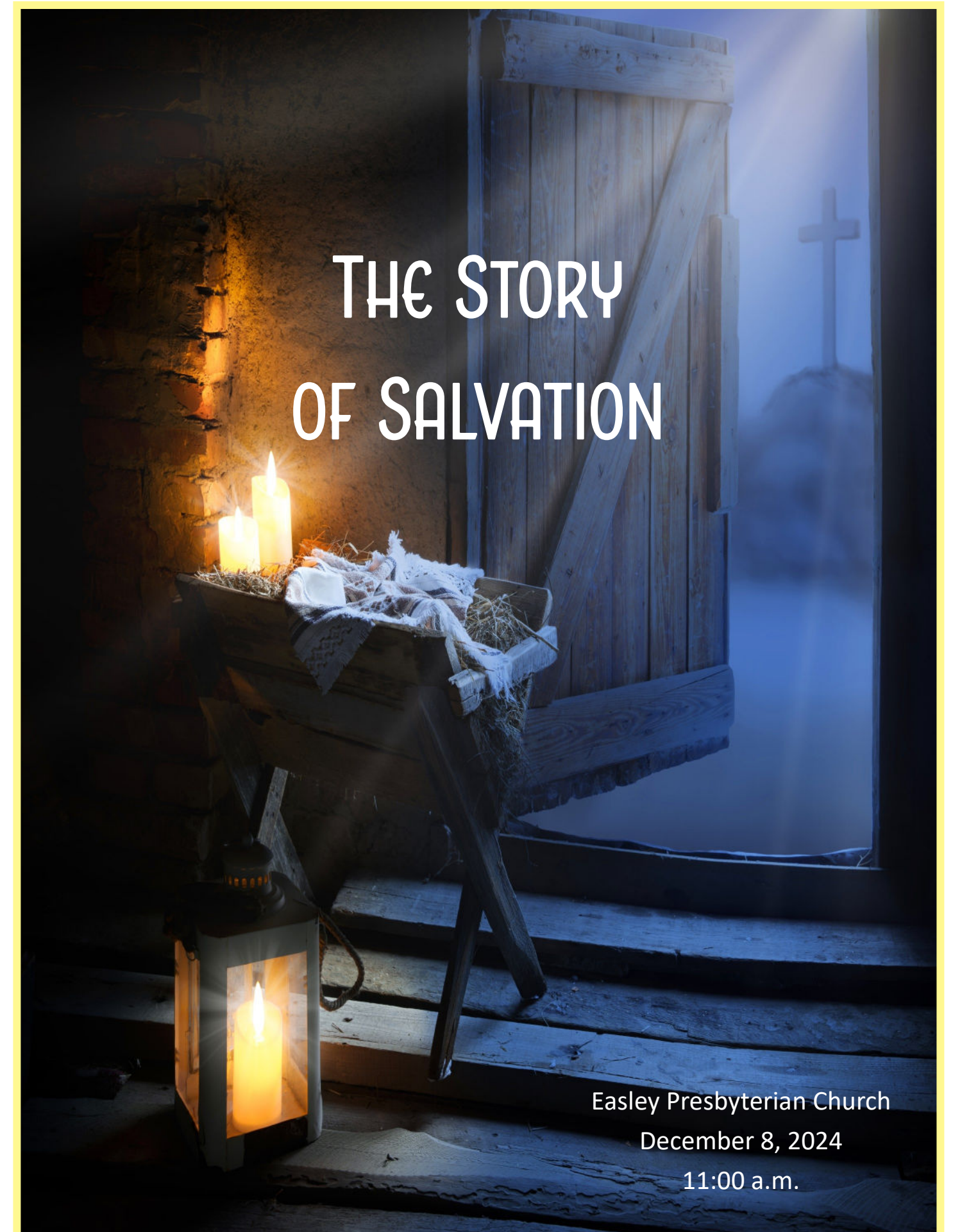
John DuBose
Steve Freeman
Roger Levesque
Monty Oxendine
Gabe Patterson *
Judy Seeley

Basses

Gregg Branham
D’andre Hicks *
Duane Hurne
Matt Lake
Charlie McMillen
Richard Mintz
Gary Thompson

Musicians

Violin 1, Kathy Perry
Violin 2, Juliet Swain
Viola, Caroline Norris
Cello, Jeannie Edwards
Organ/Piano, Marianne Norris



Easley Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2024

11:00 a.m.

THE STORY OF SALVATION

A Service of Lessons and Carols



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” arr. McMichael
Kathy Perry, Violin and Caroline Norris, Viola

* Call to Worship

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
**People: The Mighty One has done great things for us!
Holy is God’s name!**

Leader: Let us worship God,
for God is our Maker and our Redeemer;

**People: From generation to generation,
God gives mercy.**
(based on Luke 1:46-50)

* Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love,
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior,
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming
may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

“Come and Behold Him”

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jim and Cindy Kaiser
Isaiah 11:1-2, 5-6; John 14:27

Prayer for Children
(Ages K3-1st Grade may leave for Children’s Church)

**Little ones to Him belong:
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.**

Carol “O Come All Ye Faithful” arr. Forrest

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*
(continued)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

“Our Fall From Grace”

Scripture Reading Genesis 3:1-8

Meditation

Carol “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. Manor
(congregation join in last stanza)

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years
shall see, Evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world’s Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore.

**O ye heights of Heav’n adore him!
Angel hosts his praises sing!
Powers, dominions bow before him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.**

“God’s Plan of Salvation”

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4

Meditation

* **Carol** “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
(Congregation on Stanzas 1 & 3, Ensemble on Stanza 2)

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in
thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou
art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

Come, O sovereign Prince of Heaven; come, O wondrous Love
Divine.

Earth and heaven bow before thee, everlasting Peace sublime
O thou Source of Joy and wonder, bless us as we seek thy face.
At thy manger grant us mercy, in thine advent grant us grace.
(continued)

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom
bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious
throne.**

“A King from David’s Line”

Scripture Reading II Samuel 7:8-9, 12-14a

Meditation

Carol “Lo How a Rose” arr. Helvey

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath
sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God’s love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the
air,
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

“He Shall Be Their Peace”

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a

Meditation

Carol “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” arr. Forrest
Mary Ann Merritt, Soloist
(congregation join in final Stanza)

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want you to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

(continued)

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus,
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**I’m looking for the coming of Christ,
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem “The First Noel/ Pachelbel” Clawson

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star
Shining in the east beyond the far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
And it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

