

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May the Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into One, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**
Go forth in peace and joy. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*POSTLUDE

TRIUMPHAL MARCH

THEODORE DUBOIS, ARR. BY GEORGE BLAKE



The Choir

John Schwarze, Conductor

Tyler Cobb

Lexi Detty

Tim Kindler

Accompanist

Mary Allen

Reader

Catherine White

Greeters

Betty & Scotty Nease

Thank you for attending our Lessons and Carols Service this evening. You are also welcome to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service on Friday, December 24th at 5:30 PM or 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please return and worship with us on Sundays! Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall, and our Worship Service begins at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. Celebrate this Christmas season with FUMC of DeRidder, where
ALL Are Welcome!



Lessons & Carols

Thursday

December 9th, 2021

FUMC Sanctuary & Online
6:00 PM

The Lessons and Carols Service, as presented by First United Methodist Church of DeRidder each Advent season, has a rich heritage. It is patterned on the Festival of Lessons and Carols which is a traditional service held in the Chapel of King's College in Cambridge, England. The service was first presented on Christmas Eve in 1918. Ten years later, in 1928, the first broadcast from King's College took place. Its popularity has grown, and the service is now broadcasted throughout the world each year on Christmas Eve.



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Our Mission is to Grow and Serve in Christ*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE CHRISTMAS CAROL MEDLEY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY #250

WORDS BY CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER
MUSIC BY HENRY J. GAUNTLETT
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1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary, loving 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, and his cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. Jesus 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 feebleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore, let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise. But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all 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 all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us.

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 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, forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The almighty God bless us with divine 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. **Amen.**

LESSON 1 GENESIS 3: 8-19 CAROL: A VIRGIN MOST PURE ENGLISH CAROL ARR. BY CHARLES WOOD

LESSON 2 GENESIS 22:15-18 *CAROL: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL #211

WORDS FROM 19TH CENTURY LATIN
MUSIC FORM 15TH CENTURY FRENCH
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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
- Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]
4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. [Refrain]

LESSON 3 ISAIAH 9:2-7 CAROL: WILD AND LONE THE PROPHET'S VOICE CARL P. DAW, JR. MUSIC BY DAVID ASHLEY WHITE

LESSON 4 ISAIAH 11:1-9 CAROL : O LITTLE ONE SWEET OLD GERMAN TUNE HARM. BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH. TRANS. BY PERCY DEARMER

LESSON 5 LUKE 1:26-38 CAROL: BREATH OF HEAVEN AMY GRANT & CHRIS EATON

LESSON 6 LUKE 2:1-7 CAROL: THE FIRST NOEL/PACHELBEL'S CANNON ENGLISH CAROL / CANON IN D MUSIC BY JOHANN PACHELBEL ARR. BY MICHAEL CLAWSON

LESSON 7 LUKE 2:8-16 *CAROL: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH #238 WORDS FROM A TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL MUSIC BY A FRENCH CAROL MELODY USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
- Refrain:** Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]
 3. Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
 4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

LESSON 8 MATTHEW 2:1-12 CAROL: REJOICE AND BE MERRY ENGLISH CAROL ARR. BY JONATHAN WILLCOCKS

LESSON 9 JOHN 1:1-14 CAROL: HE IS BORN FRENCH CAROL ARR. BY JACK SCHRADER

*HYMN OF INVITATION INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY #229 POLISH CAROL WORDS AND MUSIC BY: EDITH M.G. REED USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752