

4. "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child. His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high. And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high."
 5. "How shall this be?" said Mary, "I am not yet a wife." The angel answered quickly, "The power of the Most High will come upon you shortly, your child will be God's child."
 6. As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words. "Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God. "So be it; I am ready according to your word."

LESSON 6

LUKE 2:1-5

CAROL: BETHLEHEM, OF NOBLEST CITIES

ENGLISH FOLK SONG
ARR. BY ALAN BULLARD

LUKE 2:6-7

CAROL: A LA NANITA NANA

SPANISH CAROL
ARR. BY RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

LESSON 7

LUKE 2:8-16

CAROL: WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT

NATALIE SLEETH

LESSON 8

MATTHEW 2:1-12

CAROL: TRINITY CAROL

HAND BELL ENSEMBLE
TOM LOUGH & JOSEPH MARTIN

LESSON 9

JOHN 1:1-14

CAROL: ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
JOEL RANEY

*HYMN OF INVITATION

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
#211, v. 1 & 4

WORDS FROM 19TH CENTURY LATIN
MUSIC FROM 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.

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]

*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

JOY TO THE WORLD

ARR. FROM G.F. HANDEL
BY LOWELL MASON & ISAAC WATTS



Thursday, December 8th, 2022

FUMC Sanctuary & Online

6:30 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

HENRY ONORATI, HARRY SIMEONE
ARR. BY TAMMY WALDROP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#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 feeleth 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: SING, O SING THIS BLESSED MORN

ENGLISH TUNE

ADAPTED BY GEOFFREY SHAW, ARR. BY ANDREW SIMS

LESSON 2

GENESIS 22:15-18

*CAROL: BLEST BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#209

WORDS BY MICHAEL PERRY

MUSIC BY HAL H. HOPSON

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1. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.
2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.
3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes, to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace; O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

LESSON 3

ISAIAH 9:2-7

CAROL: PREPARE!

ALLEN POTE

LESSON 4

ISAIAH 11:1-9

*CAROL: LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#216

WORDS FROM 15TH CENTURY GERMAN

MUSIC FROM ALTE CATHOLISCHE GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESÄNG

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1. 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 floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
2. 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.
3. 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.

LESSON 5

LUKE 1:26-38

*CAROL: TO A MAID ENGAGED TO JOSEPH

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#215

WORDS BY GRACIA GRINDAL

MUSIC BY RUSTY EDWARDS

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1. To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came. "Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news, good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
2. "For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all, who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest, you are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!"
3. But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel's word. What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear, to hear the angel's message, it troubled her to hear.