

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
“THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS”
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020

10:00 am

*Perhaps the most famous **carol** service is the Festival of Nine **Lessons and Carols** from King's College in Cambridge, UK. The service was created and performed in 1880 by Edward Benson, who was the then-newly appointed Bishop of Truro (in Cornwall in the UK). Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ...seen through the windows and words of the Bible. A Service of Lessons and Carols.*

PRELUDE

“A Christmas Medley”
Zane Baxter, Classical Guitar

arr. Baxter

WORDS OF WELCOME & WORSHIP

Madison Gulley

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Judi and Jeff Bombich

ADVENT PRAYER OF PEACE (Unison)

Most High God, for You nothing is impossible. Through a poor young woman in a small town You gave birth to Your realm of endless glory. By Your Holy Spirit, fill us with a new life and hope. Lord, overshadow us with Your power and peace so that we, like Mary, might be Your servants, bearing witness to the promise of Your Word. Through Jesus Christ, Who is coming to reign. Amen.

ADVENT RESPONSE

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26-30

Greatly Troubled

Just like Mary before that very first Christmas morn, we find our hearts and our world greatly troubled. God's gift of peace seems to be illusive.

CAROL

“Advent Alleluia”

arr. Keith Christopher

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:31-35

He Will Come

Just like Mary before that very first Christmas morn, we hear the assurance that the Holy Spirit will come to us, but using our five senses we look around and say, “How will this be?”

CAROL

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

arr. Kevin McChesney

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:36-38

May It Be

Mary responded in faith when confronted with the Sovereignty of God. She knew her heavenly Father only gave good gifts.

CAROL

“All Is Well”
Sydney Windham, Soprano

arr. Ron Huff

FOURTH LESSON

John 1:11-12

Receive Him Anew

The Shepherds saw a great light, a heavenly host that reflected the birth of the “Light of the World.” The shepherds ran without delay to receive Him anew. How about you?

CAROL

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Daphne Trent, Soprano

arr. Craig Courtney

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Noel for the Flute Stops”

Claude D’Aquin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God, and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hark! The Herald Angels”

Mendelssohn, arr. DeCou

Pastor

The Rev. Louis Imsande

Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Lana S. Pollard

Director of Family Ministries

Madison Gulley

Director of Youth Ministries

Noah Gulley

PRAYING DAILY FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Our Christian sympathy to the family of Barbara Mason.

*Our Christian sympathy to Mary Jane Myers
on the death of her husband, Wake.*

Week 1: Carolyn Wolfe, Irene Dent, Betty O’Brien, Bo McElroy,

Week 2: Norma Mead, Joan Miles, Susie Swift, Katherine Collins,

Cynthia Nance, Mitch Mims, Tim Pollard, Delores Beck, Bill

Week 3: Charles Lee, Bill Shehan, Harry Stullenbarger, Brenda Lawson,

Bob Babb, Nealie Moree, Liz Williamson, Sheryl Jones, Chandler Madray

Week 4: Jesse Diemer, Keith, Brian Foderaro, David, Danielle, Jack Moree,
Carolyn Dewell, Dina Wells, Jan Shephard, Joy and Abigail Holsclaw,
Jim White

THE CHURCH AT HOME: Winnie Farley, Bettie Motsinger, Marietta Wilson

THE LAKES AT LITCHFIELD: Kay Shands, Frances Traynham

MYRTLE BEACH ESTATES: Nina Bryant **CAROLINA GARDENS:** Don Bigby

THRIVE: Isabel Duncan **MORNINGSIDE:** Lou Bushnell

ARBOR LANDING: Betty Coram

BLUE RIDGE NURSING HOME: William Knippschild

GLOBAL MISSIONS: ROCKbridge Ministries (Kenya), Camajuani PC, Possibilities
Africa

**PRAYING DAILY FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST
WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

Monday: Georgia and Don McDowell

Tuesday: Jean and Bill McElroy

Wednesday: Ann and Mack McKinnon

Thursday: Judi and Cam McNair

Friday: Millie and Gordon McNeil

Saturday: Norma and Al Mead

OUR CHURCH: Choir, Bells, Musicians, Worship Team

LOCAL CHURCH: God's House – Johnny Ford

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December 20, 2020

Love God

Love People