



LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 16, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* Arr. Gary Lanier
Trumpets

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL No. 250** *Once in Royal David's City*
Congregation

THE BIDDING PRAYER

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Sonshine Class

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 **Rev. Danny Leonard**
God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***CAROL No. 196** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Congregation

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 **Libby Helms**
God promises Abraham that by his descendants all nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* Arr. H. Hopson
Chancel Choir and Trinity

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 **Kenny Brown**
The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL *Advent Hymn* Christy Nockels
Trinity

FOURTH LESSON Micah 5:2-5a **Julie Miles**
The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***CAROL No. 230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Congregation

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 **Jamie Cole**
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL *Carol of the Winter Wind* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir and Trinity

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 **Nathan Clements**
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL *Christmas Alleluia* Chris Tomlin
InnerChange

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2: 8-16 **Ginger Hightower**
The Shepherds go to the manger.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL *When I Think Upon Christmas* Ben Tan, Renee Seiff
InnerChange

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 **Dan Shive**
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***CAROL No. 254** *We Three Kings*
Congregation

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Long Time Ago* Arr. Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir and Trinity

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God of love, for the promise of this season.
We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 **Rev. Laura Hamrick**
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL CAROL No. 234 *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Congregation

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Response: *A Christmas Blessing*

Dennis Jernigan

Trinity

In 1880 E.W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England, composed a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve. In 1918 it was adapted for the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, by its Dean, Eric Milner-White, was first included in its present form in 1930. The Nine Lessons given here have been customarily used in recent years at King's College. (from The United Methodist Book of Worship)