

# A Service of Lessons and Carols

Welcome

Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#133

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;

**tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God’s glory among the nations,

God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.**

Let the whole creation sing for joy

at the presence of God, who is coming.

**God is coming indeed,**

**to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth.**

**Praise the Lord!**

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City”

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First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt  
the order and goodness of creation

Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#121

Second Lesson

Genesis 22: 15-18

God promises that, through Abraham, all the  
peoples of the world will be blessed

Hymn

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#88

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive  
the promise of the Messiah

Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

#123

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of  
Jesse to restore the peace of creation

Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #129

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38  
An angel appears to Mary and announces  
that she will bear a holy child

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #119

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7  
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,  
where Mary gives birth to her child

Hymn "Away in a Manger" #114

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16  
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and  
announce the birth of the Messiah

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" #113

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11  
Magi from the East come seeking the  
Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" #151

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14  
The Word of God becomes flesh  
and lives among us, full of grace and truth

Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" #122

Prayers of the people

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn "Joy to the World!" #134

Charge and Blessing