

Lessons and Carols



December 31, 2023
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

A Joyous Prelude

Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal #133

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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!**

Please sit or stand, as you feel moved

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

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

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal #121

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

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

CAROL

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Hymnal #88

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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

CAROL

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Hymnal #123

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold. “Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King”; the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

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

CAROL

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Hymnal #129

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymnal #119

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!”

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

Hymnal #115

Away in a manger no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymnal #113

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.

CAROL

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Hymnal #151

We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

†HYMN

“Joy to the World!”

Hymnal #134

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Peace on the Earth”

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

The Greatness of the Lord

Richard Miles

† *In body or in spirit, please rise.*

Offering plates will be available in the narthex at the conclusion of the worship service.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

December

31 Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship service

31 Cookie reception following immediately Congregational Meeting

2 Yoga, 6:30 pm

4 Chair Exercise, 10 am

5 Friday Bible Study, 9 am

7 Confirmation Class, 9 am

January

1 The Church office is closed for the New Year Holiday

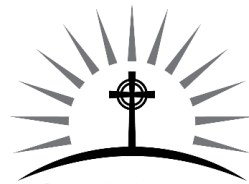
2 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am

Peace On the Earth Sussex Carol

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for "Peace On the Earth" with lyrics: "Peace on the earth, Good Will to all, the". The second staff contains the melody for "Sussex Carol" with lyrics: "Peace on the earth, Good Will to all," we an - gels sang from Heav'n a - bove. go to share God's peace and Love.



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