



Lessons & Carols

The Extraordinary Story of the Birth of Jesus Christ
Told Through Scripture and Song

*Featuring:
The Chancel Choir, Soloists,
with Jacqueline Taylor & Friends String Quartet

Sunday, December 10
10:30 am



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
48th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Overture (The Messiah)

Jacqueline Taylor and Friends, String Quartet

George Frederic Handel

WELCOME

Linda Hogon

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

✧ **PROCESSIONAL CAROL** 140

Once in Royal David's City

Congregation & Choir

Arr. by Robert Powell

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

John Michael Osteen, Soloist, and Friends,
Sam Love, Maya, Alicia, and Adriel Rodriguez

Christ, Be Our Light

Arr. by Joel Raney

- ✧ **Leader:** A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Today we light the candle of Peace. The promise is that one day swords shall be beaten into plows, and spears into pruning hooks, and we will not study violence anymore. The roughness shall cease, and peace shall blossom in all the world.

People: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the goat; the calf and the lion and the yearling together, and a little child shall lead them. We have come to worship God.

(Congregation sings on cue): Christ, Be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Bob Brearley

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

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.

MEDITATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Jacqueline Taylor Hendricks, Cello
Marshall McDonald

THE FIRST LESSON

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise.

John James

Genesis 3: 8-19

✧ **THE FIRST CAROL** 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Congregation & Choir

PICARDY

THE SECOND LESSON

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

Cooper Hill, Jr.

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

THE SECOND CAROL

Keep Your Lamps

Chancel Choir
Spiritual / Arr. by André Thomas

THE THIRD LESSON

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Adelaide McElveen

Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6

THE THIRD CAROL

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Chancel Choir
Carolyn Jennings

THE FOURTH LESSON

The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.

Riley Berger

Luke 1: 26-38

✧ **THE FOURTH CAROL** 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Congregation and Choir

HYFRYDOL

THE FIFTH LESSON		Kenny Jordan
<i>St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.</i>		Luke 2: 1-7
INTERLUDE		String Quartet
<i>Pastorale Symphony (The Messiah)</i>		George Frederic Handel
THE FIFTH CAROL		Chancel Choir
<i>Listen, Shepherds, Listen</i>		Giovanni Gastoldi / Arr. by Hal Hopson
THE SIXTH LESSON		Margaret Hutchens
<i>The shepherds go to the manger.</i>		Luke 2: 8-20
THE SIXTH CAROL		Kara Grover, Soprano
<i>Rejoice Greatly, Ye Daughter of Zion (The Messiah)</i>		George Frederic Handel
THE SEVENTH LESSON		John Michael Osteen
<i>The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.</i>		Matthew 2:1-12
✱ THE SEVENTH CAROL 151 (Verses 1 and 2)		Congregation & Choir
<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>		THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
SERVICE OF GIVING		
The Giving of Tithes and Offerings		
The Offertory Anthem		Chancel Choir
<i>If Jesus Is Come</i>		Sally Ann Morris
<i>If Jesus is come, let warfare be ended. If Jesus is come, let violence cease.</i>		
<i>If Jesus is come, let earth begin healing, for He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace.</i>		
<i>If Jesus is come, the poor are called blessed. If Jesus is come, the rich have been cursed.</i>		
<i>If Jesus is come, the meek will inherit, the weak will be strong, and the last be first.</i>		
<i>If Jesus is come, let no one go hungry. If Jesus is come, let no one be ill.</i>		
<i>If Jesus is come and still dwells among us, then we have been summoned to seek God's will.</i>		
<i>If Jesus is come, what tongues can describe it? If Jesus is come, then all things are new.</i>		
<i>If Jesus is come, the Spirit will guide us: for if we believe, then there's work to do.</i>		
✱ Song of Dedication 144	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	CRANHAM
<i>What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a Lamb.</i>		
<i>If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him: Give my heart.</i>		
✱ Offertory Prayer		
THE EIGHTH LESSON		Susan Hilton
<i>The great mystery of the Incarnation</i>		John 1: 1-5
✱ THE EIGHTH CAROL 119		Congregation & Choir
<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>		MENDELSSOHN
✱ THE NINTH LESSON		Congregation
<i>Jesus gives the Great Commission.</i>		Matthew 28
And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'		
✱ THE NINTH CAROL		Chancel Choir
<i>Hallelujah! (The Messiah)</i>		George Frederic Handel
✱ THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY		Denise Lynch, Organist
<i>Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts</i>		Camille Saint-Saëns / Arr. by Diane Bish
✱ <i>The congregation is invited to stand.</i>		

WORSHIP LEADERS

Director of Music: Joni Brown

Accompanist: Denise Lynch

Percussion: Kenny Jordan

Jacqueline Taylor and Friends

Violin: Sally Cathcart and Julie Russell

Viola: Audrey Wade

Cello: Jacqueline Taylor Hendricks

Chancel Choir

Soprano

Michelle Blassengale
Peggy Curlovic
Lauren Decker
Kara Grover
Brittani LaRae
Debby Williams

Alto

Jessica Bettinger
Dee Dailey
Mary Jean Dowling
Caroline Ferguson
Sue Fienning

Tenor

Joseph Bettinger
Chuck Fienning
Bob Smith
Evan Thompson

Bass

John Jackson
Herbert Johnson
John Michael Osteen
Ted Williams

Crucifer: Brogdon Hill

Beadle: John James

Technology: Ike Jenkins

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Special thanks to members of the Worship and Music Committee.

ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 17

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

A drama of the Christmas Story presented by the children of FPC.

Music by the Children's Choir and Joy Ringers.

Sunday, December 17

5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Service of Comfort & Hope

For those experiencing grief and discomfort during the holidays.

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service

Music by Sarah Alexander, Soloist

5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Music by the Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Soloists