

# LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

December 24, 2022 | 6:00 P.M.

*Prelude*

*Geneva Handbell Ringers*

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #639

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Verse 1 - Solo

† Verses 2-5 - Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Micah 5:2,4-5

INVITATORY CAROL: “Break Forth, O Beauteous...” *Youth/Adult Choir*

## FIRST

LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

Jeremy Cychosz

*God promises that the Seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent.*

CAROL: “What Child is This?”

*COTR Children’s Choir*

## SECOND

LESSON: Genesis 22:9-18

Aaron Eley

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed the nations of the earth shall be blessed.*

CAROL: † “O Come, O Come, Emanuel” #147

Congregation

## THIRD

LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Pat Trisler

*Isaiah prophesies the birth and kingdom of the Messiah*

CAROL: “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

*Youth/Adult Choir*

## FOURTH

LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

Steve Wilkins

*Isaiah prophesies the blessedness of Messiah’s reign*

CAROL: “Lo How A Rose E’er Blooming”

*Youth/Adult Choir*

†The congregation is invited to stand.

## FIFTH

LESSON: Luke 1:26–38

Shelby Maddox

*The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary*

CAROL: † “Joy to the World” #149

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## SIXTH

LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

Tim Maney

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

CAROL: † “Angels We Have Heard on High” #60 (SH) Congregation

## SEVENTH

LESSON: Luke 2:8-20

Zachary Parker

*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

CAROL: † “Angels from the Realms of Glory” #164

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## EIGHTH

LESSON: Matthew 2:1–12

Alex Moreau

*The magi are led by the star to Jesus.*

CAROL: “The Holly and the Ivy”

*Youth/Adult Choir*

## NINTH

LESSON: John 1:1-14

Steve Wilkins

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*

CAROL: † “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #151

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## COLLECT & BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Saints: And also with you.

†Pastor: Let us pray . . .

†The congregation is invited to stand.

† **The Collect for Christmas Eve:**

Saints: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

† **CLOSING HYMN** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” #168 **Congregation**

**BENEDICTION**

*Postlude*

*Instrumental*

*Merry Christmas!*

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**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** begins tonight and consists of twelve full days of celebration, till the evening January 5th, “Twelfth Night.” The season ends with the second major feast of the Christian Year, Epiphany, on January 6th. The “twelve days of Christmas” are important because they give us time to reflect on the glorious mystery of the Incarnation. We have not just one day but an extended “season” to celebrate the wonder of God becoming man and all that was accomplished by our Savior. So let us rejoice throughout the entire season of Christmas for God’s indescribable gift!

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