
*A Service of Lessons, Carols and Candles***Welcome and Announcements**

Hymn # 133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn

Lighting the Christ Candle**OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 96***

**Sing to God a new song, for the good news has come! The birth of a child!
The Christ Child! Let us sing and dance for joy. Move us O God, the Holy
One in our midst!**

**The Christ light shines! The Christ Child is born! We open our days to the
presence of Christ in our lives. Let us sing and dance for joy. Let us praise
the birth of Jesus with joy-filled dancing, making melody to God with
tambourine and lyre.**

**New hope the Christ Child brings! Let us celebrate with Mary and join the
angels’ song! Let us sing and dance for joy!**

Hymn #136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain Hymn

Invocation

**O God, we are poised, anticipating the coming of this child—The Christ
Child. Like a dancer waiting to make the next movement, we center
ourselves in attention. We extend our arms to the heavens, reaching out
toward your light in the darkness. We turn all around us and see our
neighbors, their faces shining with your joy.**

**We open our hands to the world, ready to receive you wherever you are to
be found —among those like the shepherds--poor, curious, hopeful— all
who show up to see the Christ Child, with their need and their dreams.**

**Interrupt us with this simple birth, let us know that in Jesus Christ you have
shown up in our world. Let us pay open-hearted attention to the signs of
your presence. Help us to rest in the love you so abundantly give us, that we
may celebrate Christ’s birth and meet the challenge of God-with-us in our
world. In Jesus’ precious name we pray, Amen**

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith by saying...

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

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

CAROL 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (Verses 1 & 4)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

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

Hymn # 88 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Verse 6)

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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

Hymn # 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Verse 1)

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

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

Special Music "I Wonder as I Wander"-Audrey Assad Mike Barnett

We Share in Holy Communion**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the wonder and love you offer us
through the gift of our baptism— your Word made flesh among us, a child and**

Savior born to us, good news of great joy for all. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, let us be born anew from above so that we may give glory to you and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

We partake together of the elements.

Prayer after Communion

God of shepherds and sheep, we give you thanks that you have gathered us here, revealed to us your glory, and fed us with your mercy. Now send us out with good news for all— for us a child is born: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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” (Verse 1) Hymn # 119

Unison Prayer

God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night to us. Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine this night with your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with your grace. Amen.

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

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

Hymn 115 “Away in a Manger” (All Verses)

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

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

Hymn # 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

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

Hymn # 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (verses 1 & 5)

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go forth to sing and bless God’s name. Glory to God in the highest! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Alleluia! Praise the Lord.

CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

Hymn #122 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Candle Lighting Ceremony: *While we sing “Silent Night” you are invited to safely light a candle and share in the light of Christ knowing that, although we are physically apart, the light of Christ brings us together in one heart, the heart of Jesus.*