

Lessons and Carols

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Prelude: *GESÙ BAMBINO*

Pietro Yon

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *COME, THOU REDEEMER OF THE EARTH* arr. David Wilcocks
*Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest Thy virgin birth:
Let every age adorning fall; such birth befits the God of all.*

Call to Worship: Micah 5:2

Processional Carol for Choir and Congregation: 322* IRBY
ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY (Congregation stand and join on verse 3.)

Opening Prayer*

LESSON ONE: Genesis 3:8–15 Mr. Melton Duncan
The Seed of Woman Shall Bruise the Serpent's Head

Carol for Congregation: 293* VENI EMMANUEL
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LESSON TWO: Isaiah 9:2–7 Rev. Brendon Branigin
The Prophet Isaiah Foretells the Coming of the Savior

Carol for Choir: LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING Michael Praetorius
*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old hath sung,
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.*

LESSON THREE: Micah 5:1–5 Mr. Joshua Lyon
The Prophet Micah Foretells the Glory of Little Bethlehem

Carol for Congregation: 292* PICARDY
LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Carol for Choir: *OF THE FATHER'S HEART BEGOTTEN* arr. Wilcocks
Of the Father's heart begotten, ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha; from that Fountain all that is and hath been flows. He is Omega, of all things yet to come the mystic close, evermore and evermore. By His word was all created. He commanded and 'twas done. Earth and sky and boundless ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft radiance, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore. He assumed this mortal body, frail and feeble, doomed to die, that the race from dust created might not perish utterly, which the dreadful law had sentenced in the depths of hell to lie, evermore and evermore. O how blest that wondrous birthday, when the maid the curse retrieved, brought to birth mankind's salvation, by the Holy Ghost conceived. And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, in her loving arms received, evermore and evermore. This is He, whom seer and sybil sang in ages long gone by. That is He of old revealed in the page of prophecy. Lo! He comes, the promised Savior. Let the world His praises cry! Evermore and evermore. Sing, ye heights of heaven, His praises. Angels and archangels sing! Wheresoever ye be, ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring, every tongue His name confessing, countless voices answering, evermore and evermore.

LESSON FOUR: Luke 1:26–38 Mr. Dennis Zimmerman
The Angel Gabriel Greets the Virgin Mary

Carol for Congregation: 301* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
SONG OF MARY

LESSON FIVE: Luke 2:1–7 Mr. Chase Haws
Christ is Born in Bethlehem

Carol for Choir: *I STAND BESIDE THY MANGER HERE* J. S. Bach
*I stand beside Thy manger here, my life, O little Jesus;
I come to bring and give to Thee, what Thou hast granted to me.
Take this, my spirit and my mind, heart, soul, and strength,
For it is Thine, and let it greatly please Thee!*

LESSON SIX: Luke 2:8–14 Dr. Kevin Mobley
The Angels Announce Christ's Birth to the Shepherds

Carol for Choir: *DING DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH* Charles Wood
*Ding dong, merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong, verily the sky is riven with angel singing.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!*

LESSON SEVEN: Luke 2:15–21

Mr. Vitor Cortial

The Shepherds Find the Christ Child and Praise God

Carol for Congregation: 318*

GLORIA

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

LESSON EIGHT: Matthew 2:1–12

Rev. Jeffrey Early

The Journey of the Magi

Carol for Choir: *WHERE IS THE KING OF JUDEA?*

J. S. Bach

*Where, where is the newborn King, the King of Judea?
Seek Him within my heart, here dwells He, my and His delight!
For we have seen His star and followed, from Orient seeking,
And are come, This King for to worship.*

LESSON NINE: John 1:1–18

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

The Apostle John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation

Meditation

Carol for Congregation: 319*

ADESTE FIDELES

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Benediction*

Postlude: *FANTASIA ON 'IN DULCI JUBILO'*

J. S. Bach

Congregation Standing*

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CHURCH Services

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship 8:30/11:00 A.M.

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

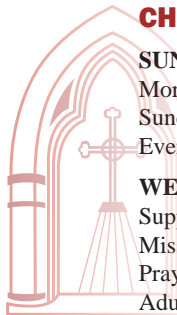
WEDNESDAY:

Supper 5:30 P.M.

Missions Moment 6:45 P.M.

Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Adult Bible Study 7:15 P.M.



Office Hours: Mon–Thur: 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. Fri: 9 A.M. – Noon