



# *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

Based on the service from King's  
College, Cambridge (1930)

Presented by the Music Ministry at  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Franklin, Tennessee

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

## Lessons and Carols

GATHERING MUSIC, Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*Sung response:*

**Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come into our lives and into our hearts.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come**

Composer: Gene Cotton. Used with permission.

*Spoken response:* **Repent and believe the good news.**

HYMN                                    "Once in Royal David's City," stanza 1                                    Alexander

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

Author: Cecil Frances Alexander (Public domain).

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN            "O Come, All Ye Faithful," st. 1, 3, 5                                    234 (red)

**O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him,  
born the King of angels.**

**Refrain:**

**O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,**

**sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest: [Refrain]**

**Child for us sinners,  
Poor and in the manger,  
we would embrace thee with love and awe.  
who would not love thee,  
loving us so dearly: [Refrain]**

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BIDDING PRAYER, Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BLESSING, Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

CAROL "A Christmas Introit" Audrey Snyder  
*ABP (Anything But Peaceful) Children's Choir*

Text: Traditional Latin; additional English lyrics by Audrey Snyder. Music: Audrey Snyder.  
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FIRST LESSON, Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Dave Hook

God announces in the Garden of Eden  
Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion  
and that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpents head.

CAROL "This Little Babe" Benjamin Britten  
*Celebration Singers*

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SECOND LESSON, Genesis 22:15 –18 Gayle Cates

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants  
all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.

CAROL "Stars are for Those Who Lift Their Eyes " Pauline Delmonte  
*Margaret Beshears, Eleanor Bryant, and Rainey Fellows, soloists;*  
*William Watson, baritone; Carrie Gerow and Abbi Roe, dance*

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THIRD LESSON, Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 Todd Nussey

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

CAROL "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Trevor Manor  
*Celebration Singers*

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

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor  
and peace for all of God's creation.

CAROL "Canticle of the Turning" Cooney  
*Celebration Singers and Worship Band*

Words and music by Rory Cooney.  
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FIFTH LESSON, Luke 1:26 –35, 38 Emory Lomicka

The angel Gabriel announces to the Mary and Joseph  
that Mary will give birth to God's promised Son  
whose kingdom will never end.

CAROL "Ave Maria" Bach | Gounod  
*Johnna Graham, flute*

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SIXTH LESSON, Luke 2:1 –7 Marnie Cotton

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes,  
Jesus is born.

CAROL "Wexford Carol" John Rutter  
*Celebration Singers; Matt King, Mike Higgins, Elizabeth Oliphant, soloists*

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SEVENTH LESSON, Luke 2:8 –16 Samantha Hewett

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Dan Forrest  
*Celebration Singers and Joyful Noise Youth Choir*

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EIGHTH LESSON, Matthew 2:1 –11 Lisa Spencer

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

OFFERING "Sing We Now of Christmas" Trad. French Carol  
*Celebration Singers*

Text: Traditional French Carol (Public domain). Arrangement: Straight No Chaser.

NINTH LESSON, John 1:1 –14 Jeff Williams

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL "Jesus What a Wonderful Child" Traditional  
*Celebration Singers and Worship Band; Tracey DuBose, soloist*

Traditional, arranged by Mariah Carey, Walter Afanasieff, and Loris Holland.  
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BLESSING, Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

BLESSING SONG

"Grant Us Peace"  
*Celebration Singers*

Michael Scott

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ABOUT THE SERVICE:

*In 1880 E. W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England, composed a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve. In 1918 it was adapted for the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, by its Dean, Eric Milner-White, who also wrote The Bidding Prayer. The Blessing after The Lord's Prayer, added by Milner-White, was first included in its present form in 1930. The Nine Lessons given here have been customarily used in recent years at King's College. The service has been edited for United Methodist congregations.*

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## **Prayer List**

### **New Prayer Concerns**

John Geer  
Friends and Family of Peggy Bowling following her death  
Bradly Thomas  
Brent Greene  
Steve White and Mandy Jones following the death of their mother, Cynthia White  
Katie Embody  
Caroline Lantz

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

Matt Barr  
Jean Beshears  
Velma Bradley  
Dave Bradley  
Melissa Brodnag  
William Bush  
Don Campbell  
Friends and Family of Julie Catterton following her death  
Gavin Partee Christianson  
Dave Edmunds  
Margaret Fortney  
Mary Fredenhagen  
Bishop Graves and family following the death of his father, Fred  
Olivia Haight  
Colin Hudy  
Karen Kiappes  
Jerry Kirk  
Linda Mallory  
Sue Mueller  
Bob Munn  
Chuck Neighbors  
Terry Paradise  
Peace in the Middle East  
Marshall Price  
Judson Randolph  
Amy Saffell  
Saucier/Kohler Family following the death of Thelma Ann Saucier  
Leslie Tiedemann  
Sulaiman Tunkara and Family  
Ukraine  
John Wigant  
Terri Wildman