



*Service of  
Lessons  
& Carols*

**Fayetteville First  
United Methodist Church**  
December 13, 2020  
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

# A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

arr. Daniel Gawthrop

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

## \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

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

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew;  
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

## LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Dr. Martin and People

The Lord your God is in your midst, rejoicing over you with gladness, renewing you in love.  
I will bring you home and restore your fortunes, says the Lord.

**In this new light, we give thanks to the Lord.**

With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation.

**We will rejoice in the Lord always.**

We light a third candle to reveal the pathway to faithfulness.

**As a covenant people, we will seek to live in the joy of the Lord.**

Congregational Response:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

A CAROL

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

J.S. Bach

*Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning:  
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,  
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

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

A CAROL

*The Hands That First held Mary's Child*

Thomas Troeger, Dan Forrest

*The hands that first held Mary's child  
were hard from working wood.  
From boards they sawed and planed  
and filed and splinters they withstood.  
This day they gripped no tool of steel,  
they drove no iron nail,  
But cradled from the head to heel  
our Lord newborn and frail.*

*When Joseph marveled at the size  
of that small breathing frame,  
and gazed upon those bright new eyes  
and spoke the infant's name,  
the angel's word he once had dreamed  
poured down from heaven's height,  
and like the host of stars that beamed  
blessed earth with welcome light.*

*"This child shall be Emmanuel,  
not God upon the throne,  
But God with us, Emmanuel,  
as close as blood and bone."  
The tiny form in Joseph's palms  
confirmed what he had heard,  
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms  
for heaven's human word.*

*The tools that Joseph laid aside  
a mob would later lift  
and use with anger, fear, and pride  
to crucify God's gift.  
Let us, O Lord, not only hold  
the child who's born today,  
but charged with faith  
may we be bold to follow in his way.*

**THE THIRD LESSON**

Isaiah 9:1, 5-6

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

**\*A CAROL**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!'  
Joyful, all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies,  
with th'angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'  
Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new born King!'*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new born King!'*

**THE FOURTH LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

**A CAROL**

*The Winter Rose*

Joseph M. Martin

*In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above,  
God sent from heaven's garden a rose to show His love.  
It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep.  
So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep.*

*The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight.  
And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light.  
They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume.  
And in the bleak mid-winter the rose began to bloom.  
O let us now remember when God put on the thorn.  
And love restored the garden  
and the Winter Rose was born.*

**THE FIFTH LESSON**

Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

*The prophet in exile foresees the coming glory of the Lord.*

A CAROL

*Child in the Manger*

Lloyd Larson

*Child in the manger, infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;  
Child who inherits all our transgressions,  
all our demerits on Him fall.*

*Once the most holy Child of salvation  
gently and lowly lived below;  
Now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,  
see Him victorious o'er each foe.*

*Child in a manger!*

*Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder,  
angels behold Him on his throne;  
worthy our Savior of all our praises;  
happy forever are His own.*

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.*

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

A CAROL

*All Is Well*

Michael W. Smith, Wayne Kirkpatrick,  
arr. Joseph Graham

*Alleluia, all is well, angels and men rejoice,  
for tonight, darkness fell into the dawn of love's light.  
Sing alle, sing alleluia!*

*All is well, let there be peace on earth.  
Christ is come. Go and tell that He is in the manger.  
Sing alle, sing alleluia!*

*All is well. lift up your voice, lift voices and sing.  
Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.  
Sing alleluia! All is well.*

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

*See the weary pair, nestled in a stable bare,  
gazing at their baby boy, filled with love and praise.  
Earth and heaven sing, worshipping the newborn King,  
who has come to change the world.*

*Join in songs of praise: Holy, is the blessed One.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Holy is the promised Son. Glory be to God in the highest!*

*See the shepherds run, searching for God's precious Son;  
kneeling at His manger bed, filled with love and praise.  
Every knee will bow. Every tongue confessing now,  
Jesus Christ is Lord of all.*

*Join in songs of praise: Holy is the blessed One.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Holy is the promised Son. Glory be to God in the highest!  
Holy is the Lord.*

**THE EIGHTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-11

*The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*

## A CAROL

*O Wondrous Star*

Larry Shackley

*O wondrous star! Shining like the sun in all its splendor.  
O wondrous star! Lead us to the Child of Bethlehem.*

*The wise men in a far-off land were looking to the skies,  
When suddenly a sign from God appeared before their eyes.  
A king is born in Israel, there can't be any doubt!  
Let's saddle up our camels, men, and seek this baby out!*

*When Herod heard the wise men's news, he didn't know what to do.  
He said, "Go down and find the Child, I want to worship too!"  
The wise men followed God instead, and brought their gifts so rare  
Right to the place the star had led and worshiped Jesus there.*

*Lead us Lord, lead us to the Child of Bethlehem.*

**THE NINTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

## A CAROL

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

Nancy Grundahl

*Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine,  
Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.*

*Love shall be our token, love be yours and mine,  
love to God and all souls.  
Star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
born that love be yours and mine.*

**\* A CAROL**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on "Regent Square"*

Henry Smart, arr. Lani Smith

*Please exit by the chancel only.  
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.  
Offerings will be received by the chancel as you exit.*

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

### CHANCEL CHOIR

#### Soprano

Joan Aycock, Nancy Lindsey, Patty Richardson, Jo Springer

#### Alto

Deb Cole, Lynne Garrett, Connie Hyder, Nancy Musselwhite, Carol Webb

#### Tenor

Frank Cole, Brian Lindsey, Ed Richardson

#### Bass

Sam Burch, Wayne Musselwhite

### FEATURED MUSICIAN

Ben Westberry, clarinet

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Rick Massengale

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#### Please remember in your prayers:

Billy Arnold

Van Askew

Carolyn Broady

Annelle Burch

Joe Byers

Quentin Cash

Richard Clayton

Summer Dorsey

Howard Dunham

Margaret Grainger

Martha Hale

Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin

Sara Morgan

Lurlene Perry

Claudia Rhodes

Norma Saunders

Mabel Wilbanks

Brad Wilkinson

#### Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Lenora Farr and family upon the death of her brother, Everett Miller, on December 4.

Lawrence and Teresa Otwell upon the death of Teresa's mother, Carolyn Kitchens, on December 9.



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