

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
December 21, 2014

PRELUDE Recorder Duo: Petrea Brenckle & Jane Dykema
Joy to the World!; Hark the Herald Angels Sing; Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head; Silent Night; 'Twas The Moon of Wintertime

BIDDING HYMN Congregation
O Come, All Ye Faithful Trinity Hymnal #151 (vs 1, 2)

BIDDING PRAYER

FIRST LESSON Matthew Leskinen
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:15

SECOND LESSON Caleb Dykema
The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

CAROL Beth Nagle
Wonderful Counselor
Congregation sings refrain:
Sing hallelujah to the wonderful Counselor,
Sing hallelujah to the mighty God;
Sing hallelujah to the Father forever,
Sing hallelujah to the true Prince of peace

THIRD LESSON Parker Zitzke
The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7

CAROL Brass Ensemble from
O Come, O Come Emmanuel Grace Notes Community Orchestra

FOURTH LESSON Darwin Greenwald
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. Isaiah 11:1-10

CAROL Brass Ensemble from
Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming Grace Notes Community Orchestra

FIFTH LESSON Steve Reich
The prophet foretells the birthplace of the Redeemer. Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN Congregation
O Little Town of Bethlehem Trinity Hymnal, # 152 (v 1, 4)

SIXTH LESSON Justin Dykema
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Luke 1:26-38

CAROL Burie Family
Mary Did You Know?
O Beautiful Star

SEVENTH LESSON Jeff & Ezra Pennington
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. St. Luke 2:1-12

Candle lighting – As the light is passed from each one, please keep the lighted candles upright to avoid dripping wax. Tip the unlit candle to receive the light.

HYMN Beth Nagle & Congregation
Silent Night

*Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

Extinguish candles

CAROL Beth Nagle
Some Children See Him

EIGHTH LESSON Jim Hummel & Alex Ruchti
The army of heaven and sheep herders praise God and announce the Christ's birth. St. Luke 2:13-20

HYMN Trinity Hymnal, # 168 (v 2, 3)
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

NINTH LESSON

Dale Dykema

The psalmist declares joy to the earth for the Savior reigns. Psalm 98:4-9

HYMN

Joy to the World!

Brass Ensemble from

Grace Notes Community Orchestra

PRAYER & BLESSING

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns.

The service is of British origin. As we might break out the fine china for Christmas dinner, the British embellish this service with everything they've got, to make it worthy of so noble a festival. The readings (lessons) are normally proclaimed in a strict order, and by a hierarchy of readers, beginning with the humblest reader (perhaps a young chorister) and progressing through the bishop (if done in a cathedral), who always reads from Saint John's Gospel. The best-known version is broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve. King's College first held this service in 1918. In 1919, the present arrangement of lessons and use of the beginning hymn, "Once in Royal David's City" was established. This festival service has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. Whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service derives from the lessons and not the music. "The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God" ... "seen 'through the windows and words of the Bible."

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