

Nine Lessons and Carols

January 14, 2024

An Area-Wide Service of Participation 5:00 PM

Hosted by Trinity United Methodist Church, Big Stone Gap



PRELUDE 4:45 PM

Piano	Do You Hear What I Hear	Calli & Mike Shell
Brass	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	Wise Guys
Organ	Prelude on Wondrous Love	Ryan Blevins
Brass	Angels We Have Heard on High	Wise Guys
Duet	Hymn Medley	Marjorie Mabe & Val Childress

WELCOME

Rev. Timothy Robinson, Trinity United Methodist Church

OPENING CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful

All stand to sing the carol

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The congregation, remain standing, shall be bidden to prayer:

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

We sincerely appreciate the participation of all the readers and all the musicians —Rev. Beth Tipton, Elder Carolyn Smith, Rev. Lynnette Stuart, Rashida Hall, Rev. Jim Collie, Rob Moore, Rev. Ben Harding, Rick Galyean, Alberta Mitchell, Rev. Timothy Robinson, Phil Shelton, Wise Guys, Ryan Blevins, Calli and Mike Shell, David Goodman, Alyssa Shell, Pastor Sandra Jones, Trinity UMC Choir, Marjorie Mabe and Val Childress.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a format for a service of Christian worship celebrating the Birth of Jesus which is traditionally followed at Christmas. 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.

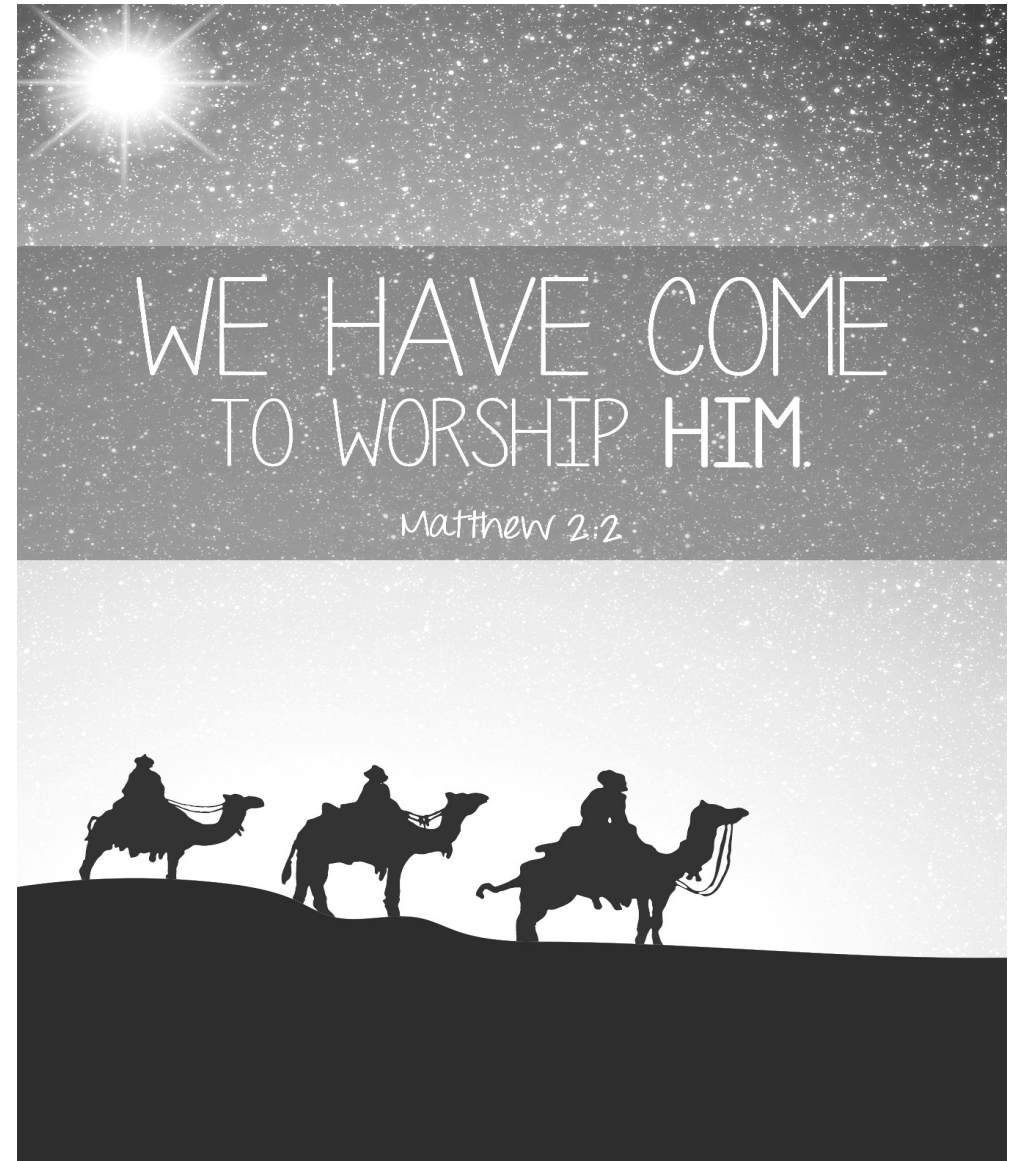
The format was based on an Order of Worship drawn up by Edward White Bensen, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for Christmas Eve, 1880, in Truro, Cornwall (England). It has been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. Numerous Christian churches have adopted this service, or a variation of this service, as part of their Christmas and Epiphany celebrations.

Words from the Pastor...

I want to welcome each of you to this very special service. It is my prayer that you will encounter the presence of the Christ Child and the presence of the Risen Christ in your heart tonight. If you do not have a church home, then I cordially invite you to come and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

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Reverend Timothy Robinson, Pastor

*Si-lent night, ho-ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Ra-diant beams from Thy Ho-ly Face,
With the dawn of re-deem-ing grace.
Je-sus Lord, at Thy birth, Je-sus Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Si-lent night, ho-ly night, won-drous star, lend Thy light;
With the an-gels let us sing.
Al-le-lu-ia to our King,
Christ the Sav-ior is born, Christ the Sav-ior is born.*

The candles may now be extinguished

LESSON IX St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation

Rev. Timothy Robinson, Trinity United Methodist Church, BSG VA John I

ORGAN Sheep May Safely Graze

Ryan Blevins

BENEDICTION All Clergy

All stand for the benediction

Great God of power, we praise You for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins.

ALL SAY: Thanks be to God.

We thank you for the prophets' hope, the angels' song, for the Birth in Bethlehem.

ALL SAY: Thanks be to God.

We thank You that in Jesus You joined us, sharing human hurts and pleasures,

ALL SAY: Thanks be to God.

Glory to You for Your Wonderful love. Glory to You, eternal God.

ALL SAY: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arranged by Greg Howlett

BIDDING PRAYER

Rev. Beth Tipton, UVA-Wise Wesley

Beloved in Christ, be it this ChristmasTide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this chapel, dedicated to the Glory of God, glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us pray to Him for the needs of the whole world, and all His people, for peace upon the earth He came to save; for love and unity within the one church He did build; for brotherhood and good will amongst all men.

And particularly at this time let us remember before Him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed, the sick and those that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus or love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before Him them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with who in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the word which Christ Himself hath taught us:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON I **God chastises Adam in the garden of Eden** Genesis 3
Elder Carolyn Smith, Pastor Macedonia Baptist Church, Appalachia VA

CHOIR **Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head**

LESSON II **God promises Abraham his nations shall be blessed**
Rev. Lynnette Stuart, Haven of Praise, Appalachia VA Genesis 22

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**
All stand to sing the carol Pg. 211, v. 1, 2 & 4
After singing the carol, all be seated.

LESSON III **Christ's birth and kingdom foretold by Isaiah**
Rashida Hall, Williams Chapel AME Zion Church, Big Stone Gap VA Isaiah 9

SOLO **O Holy Night**
Sandra Jones, Pastor, Williams Chapel AME Zion Church

LESSON IV **The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown**
Rev. Jim Collie, Ret. Baptist Student Union, UVA-Wise Isaiah 11

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**
All stand to sing the carol Pg. 196
After singing the carol, all be seated.

BASS ENSEMBLE **Hallelujah, Amen**
George Frederick Handel, 1685-1759

LESSON V **The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary**
Rob Moore, Trinity United Methodist Church, BSG Luke 1

SOLO **Cherry Tree Carol**
Phil Shelton, Ret UVA-Wise

LESSON VI **St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus**
Rev. Ben Harding, Crab Orchard and Tacoma UMC's Luke 2

CHOIR **The Seven Joys of Mary**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**
All stand to sing the carol Pg. 240
After singing the carol, all be seated.

LESSON VII **The shepherds go to the manger**
Rick Galyean, Trinity United Methodist Church, BSG Luke 2

DUET **Beautiful Star of Bethlehem**
Marjorie Mabe & Val Childress

BASS ENSEMBLE **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

LESSON VIII **The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus**
Alberta Mitchell, Trinity United Methodist Church, BSG VA Matthew 2

SOLO **Sweet Little Jesus Boy**
Calli Shell, Trinity United Methodist Church, BSG VA

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL **Once in Royal David's City**
Alyssa Shell, Chorister Central H.S.

All remain seated during solo of 1st verse; all stand to sing verses 3&4; Pg. 250
After singing the carol, all be seated.

SOLO **Mary, Did You Know?**
David Goodman, Union H.S.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL **Silent Night**

Si-lent night, Ho-ly night, all is calm, all is bright;
Round yon vir-gin moth-er and Child.

Ho-ly in-fant so ten-der and mild.

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, sleep in heav-en-ly peace.

Si-lent night, ho-ly night, shepherds quake at the sight;

Glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far.

Heaven-ly hosts sing al-le-lu-ia.

Christ the Sav-ior is born....Christ the Sav-ior is born.