



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
December 24, 2021

PRELUDE "Intermezzo" by Joseph Rheinberger
featuring Tom Bara, organ
"Joy to the World" arr. John Behnke
featuring the Central Bells

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

One: An unmarried teenage girl was invited—

ALL: to carry Christ into this world.

One: An ordinary carpenter was invited—

ALL: to be a father to a child unlike any other.

One: The shepherds were invited—

ALL: outcast and isolated, included at the manger.

One: The Magi were invited—

ALL: foreigners and seekers, included at the manger.

One: And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited—

ALL: then we can trust that we are invited.

One: This story is for us.

ALL: This love is for us. Christ is for us.

One: This is our invitation. Welcome home.

CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful No. 234 (vs. 1-3, 6)

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Rev. Chris Lane
The prophet foretells the coming reign of God.

CAROL "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob" by Felix Mendelssohn
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON Zechariah 9: 9-10 Rev. Linda Stephan
One is coming who will speak peace to the nations.

CAROL "When Love was Born" by Mark Schultz
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

THIRD LESSON Matthew 1:18-24 Rev. Chris Lane
Joseph is visited in a dream.

CAROL "Make Room" by Matt Maher, Mark Hall
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2: 1-7

Rev. Linda Stephan

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

CAROL

“The Shepherd’s Carol”
featuring Central’s Chancel Choir

by Dan Forrest

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Chris Lane

The angels rejoice.

CAROL

“The Shepherd’s Lamb”
featuring Central’s Chancel Choir

by Dan Forrest

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2: 15-20

Rev. Linda Stephan

The shepherds go to the manger.

CAROL

“Winter Snow”
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

by Audrey Assad

MEDITATION

Rev. Linda Stephan

CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS AND GIVING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Chris Lane

(first verses only, words on screens)

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

“Joy to the World”

“Away in a Manger”

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

“The First Noel”

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

ALL: So tonight we light the Christ candle. God’s love does not stay away.

Christ is at home in us, when we are at home in Christ.

When passing the flame, please hold your lighted candle upright

while the person next to you lights their candle from yours.

Please keep a safe distance between candles, hair and clothing.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

“Silent Night”

(words on screens)

BLESSING

Rev. Linda Stephan

POSTLUDE

“Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol”
featuring Tom Bara, organ

Gerald Near

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.

(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)

TONIGHT'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist; Central's Chancel Choir,
Jeffrey Cobb, director; Central Bells, Lynne Lombard, director;

The Well Worship Band and Vocalists; The Well Horns

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard, John Sonnemann

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator

Silvio Ciccone, production director

**Thank you
for joining us tonight!**



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