



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
December 24, 2022

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| PRELUDE | <p>“Intermezzo” <i>featuring Tom Bara, organ</i> “Angels from the Realms of Glory” <i>featuring the Central Bells</i> “Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol” <i>featuring Tom Bara, organ</i> “Joy to the World” <i>featuring the Central Bells</i></p> | <p>by Joseph Rheinberger arr. Kevin McChesney by Gerald Near arr. John Behnke</p> |
| WORDS OF WELCOME | | Rev. Linda Stephan |
| ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION | | Rev. Chris Lane |
| | <p>One: About this time of year, there were angels visiting, ALL: ...with surprising news – in fields and stables and ordinary places. They come with a message of reassurance and hope – One: ...which is just as well for those of us who have slipped up and down. Just as well for those of us who feel hopeless or fearful. Just as well for those of us who face hard decisions. ALL: They come with a message of reassurance and hope. One: But many of us will struggle to believe in angels. And when that is so – we are invited to look again: see the next message-bearer, the next wound-healer, the next hope-sharer. ALL: Look again and you might find your very own angel. They come with a message of reassurance and hope. One: May God’s love and peace be a haven of hope – even for you – this Christmas, as time stands still and we light our candles and witness again the brightness of God-with-us.</p> | |
| CAROL | O Come, All Ye Faithful | No. 234 (vs. 1-3, 6) |
| CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ALL SING | “Jesus Loves Me” (Christmas Version) | Rev. Linda Stephan words on screens |
| FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 <i>The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.</i> | Rev. Chris Lane |
| CAROL | “How Lovely Are the Messengers” <i>featuring Central’s Chancel Choir</i> | by Felix Mendelssohn |
| SECOND LESSON | Matthew 1:18-24 <i>Joseph is visited in a dream.</i> | Rev. Linda Stephan |
| CAROL | “When Love was Born” <i>featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists</i> | by Mark Schultz |
| THIRD LESSON | Luke 2:1-7 <i>St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.</i> | Rev. Chris Lane |

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

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:8-14 Rev. Linda Stephan
The angels rejoice.

CAROL "The Shepherd's Carol" by Dan Forrest
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20 Rev. Chris Lane
The shepherds go to the manger.

CAROL "Blessed Be That Maid Mary" by Stephen Main
featuring Central's Chancel Choir

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Rev. Linda Stephan
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL "Winter Snow" by Audrey Assad
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

MEDITATION "Dancing in the Streets or Pondering in Your Heart" Rev. Chris Lane

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
The Meagan and Ronin Wells Family will light the Christ Candle.

All: Good news! Good news! Our hopes and fears of all of the years have been met in this place tonight.
ALL SING "Light A Candle" (words on screens)
When passing the flame, please hold your lighted candle upright. Please keep a safe distance between candles, hair and clothing.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Silent Night" (words on screens)

BLESSING Rev. Chris Lane

POSTLUDE "Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella" by Keith Chapman
featuring Tom Bara, organ
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, Craig Jones, Erica Jones, Lynne Lombard,
Abby Ondrajka, Jim Ondrajka and John Sonnemann

Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator

Silvio Ciccone, production director



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW

**Thank you
for joining us tonight!**



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