All Saints' Episcopal Church

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 • 1:00 p.m.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Welcome to worship at All Saints'. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a newcomer card by scanning the QR code on the back of this bulletin. The clergy are happy to speak with you at any time, and we're delighted you're here. Welcome bome!

Voluntary |

Weihnachten, Op. 145 No. 3

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Scott Lamlein, organ

Welcome

"Glory to God in the highest heavens, and peace among those he favors."

- Luke 2:14

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 choir anthems.

Hymn | "Once in royal David's city"

Irby, Descant: Paul Halley (b. 1952)

A soloist sings verse 1, and the choir sings verse 2.

The people remain seated until stanza 3, when all stand and sing.

Harlan Johnson, soloist



Bidding Prayer

Officiant

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas Eve our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; 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. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and concord within the Church he came to build, and especially this country and this city. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

May Almighty God bless us with grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

The people are seated.

The Word of God

The First Lesson | Genesis 3:1-15

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

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol

"I wonder as I wander"

Carl Rütti (b. 1949)

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. but high from the heavens a star's light did fall, and promise of ages it then did recall.

John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

The Second Lesson | Genesis 22:15-18

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

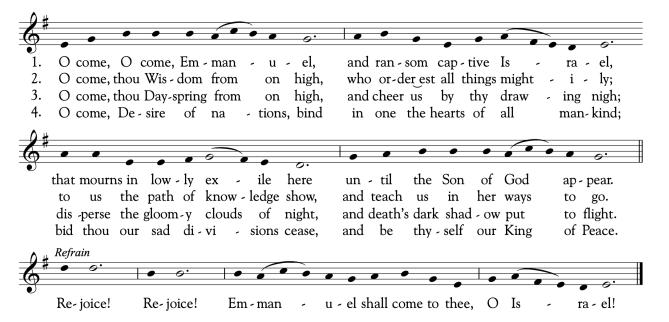
The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Reader Thanks be to God.

Hymn | "O come, O come Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The people stand.



The people are seated.

The Third Lesson | Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates"

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

Psalm 24:7-10

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Fourth Lesson | Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Thanks be to God. Reader

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

Carol

"In the bleak midwinter"

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Frank Timmerman, tenor

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone. Snow had fallen snow on snow,

Snow on snow,

In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him,

Nor earth sustain

Heav'n and earth shall flee away,

When he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, A stable place suffic'd

The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Enough for Him, whom cherubin,

as the waters cover the sea.

Worship night and day, A breast full of milk, And a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels,

Fall down before,

The ox and ass and camel, Which adore.

What can I give Him,

Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb If I were a wiseman, I would do my part.

Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

The Fifth Lesson | Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol

Ave Maria Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

Gretchen Krupp, alto

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, regina cæli, dulcis et pia, o Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, ut cum electis te videamus.

Luke 1:28, 42

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, queen of heaven, gentle and loving, O mother of God, pray for us sinners that with the chosen we may look upon thee.

The Sixth Lesson | Luke 2:1, 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol

"The quiet heart" (2008)

June Collin

'Twas in the stillness of the night that Jesus came; No blare of trumpets heralded his birth Nor broke the wonted silence of the earth; No clang of bells or blatant hue and cry Disturbed the calm beneath the Bethlehem sky. When Jesus came 'twas night, and the world was still.

James Morgan

'Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come:

Not often midst the tumult of the day,

When we can find small time to think or pray,

Or when, confused by agitating care,

We find no secret place for him to hare.

We must be still if we his voice would hear.

'Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come.

The Seventh Lesson | Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Carol

"Sussex Carol"

On Christmas night, all Christians sing, To hear the news, the angels bring, News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on Earth be so sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad, When from our sin He set us free, All for to gain our liberty.

Luke Wadding (1628-1691)

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

When sin departs before His grace, Then life and health come in its place; Angels and men with joy may sing, For all to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night: Glory to God and peace to men, Now and forevermore. Amen.

The Eighth Lesson | Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Christmas Offering

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The people stand.



The Ninth Lesson | John 1:1-14

The people remain standing.

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

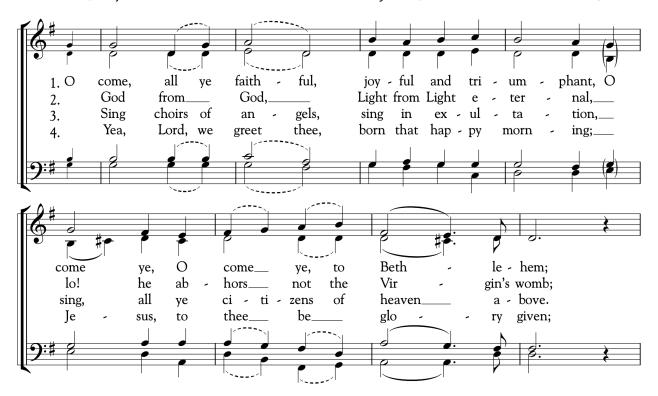
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader Thanks be to God.

Hymn | "O come, all ye faithful"

Adeste fideles, Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)





The people remain standing until the dismissal.

Concluding Collect

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Officiant Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Voluntary |

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

Justin Maxey, organ

Assisting in Worship ◆ 1:00 p.m.

Altar Guild Rainey Woodward, Lynne Bryant, Christina Holland

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Laura DeMars

Officiant The Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring

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4th Lesson: Malinda Snow

5th Lesson: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer M. McBride

6th Lesson: Dot Miller

7th Lesson: The Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett

8th Lesson: Bill Bedford

9th Lesson: The Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring

Verger Missi McMorries

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Peter Fleming, Daniel Fogel, John Gordon, Sam Newberry, Arjun Srinivasan,

Paul Terlemezian, Sherry Collins, Nelson Tyrone, Frank Virgin

Musicians

Harlan Johnson, soloist

All Saints' Parish Choir

Scott Lamlein, Director of Music

Justin Maxey, Associate Director of Music and Organist

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Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Emily Alderman	Caroline Crespino	Nicholas Greeson	Chris Barbee
Flynn Allen	Emily Halbert	Nate Little	Paul Edwards
Susan Bolen	Gretchen Krupp	Theodora Schramm	Todd Fuller
Rachel Hilliard	Mary Wyche Lesesne	Frank Timmerman	Michael Henry
Mary Beth Lamlein	Grace Lewis		Francis Lamlein
Melissa Salek	Wendalyn Little		Alvin Moore
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IN THE CHURCH

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 p.m. The Welcome Table

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