

**+ A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS +**

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

[unison]

**We light the Christ candle to symbolize God's promise fulfilled.  
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. Glory to God in the highest  
heaven, and peace to all on home his favor rests.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

✦ **OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**  
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;  
**Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**  
Declare God's glory among the nations,  
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.  
**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.  
**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**  
**the world, and those who live in it.**  
Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.  
**God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness,**  
**and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!**

✦ **CAROL #249**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19  
*Adam and Eve disobey God's command  
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.*

**CAROL #250**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 22:15-18  
*God promises that, through Abraham,  
all the peoples of the world will be blessed.*

**CAROL #245**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
*The people who walk in darkness  
receive the promise of the Messiah.*

**CAROL #251**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

**FOURTH LESSON** Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9  
*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse  
to restore the peace of creation.*

**CAROL #265**

"The First Noel"

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 1:26-35, 38  
*An angel appears to Mary and announces  
that she will bear a holy child.*

**CAROL #277**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:1-7  
*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,  
where Mary gives birth to her child.*

**CAROL #262**

“Away in a Manger”

**SEVENTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

**CAROL #278**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**EIGHTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*

**CAROL #288**

“We Three Kings”

**NINTH LESSON** John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

✦ **CAROL # 253**

“Silent Night! Holy Night!” [see insert]

✦ **SHARE THE LIGHT**

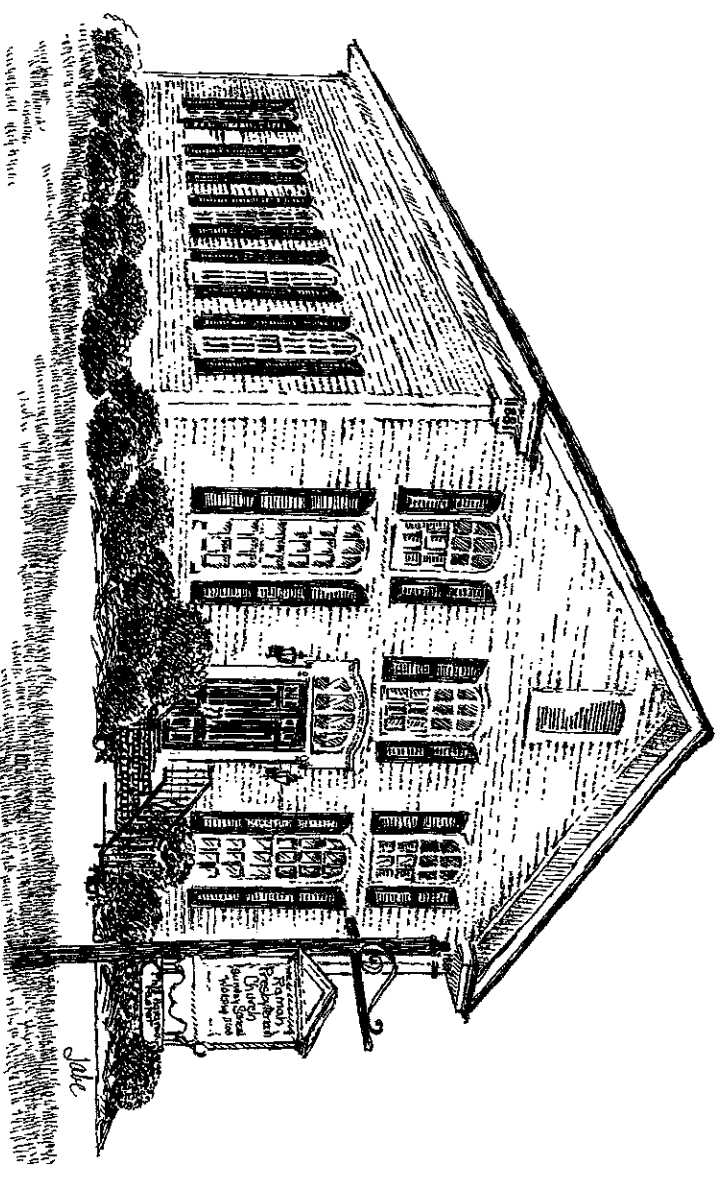
✦ **CLOSING CAROL #270**

“Joy to the World!” [see insert]

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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**Sunday, December 24, 2017**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**11:00pm**

**Worship Leadership:**

The Reverend Brian Copeland

The Director of Music: Tim Ward