

Lessons and Carols

First Sunday of Christmas Worship - December 30th 2018

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church, and to the service of “Lessons and Carols” this First Sunday of Christmas 2018. This service of nine lessons and carols originates from a 1918 Christmas Eve service at King’s College Chapel, University of Cambridge, England. Its intention is to express key revelations, moments and events in the salvation history leading to the birth of the Christ.

We invite everyone to fellowship time in the upper church parlor following service!

Prelude

Joy to the World

Handel

The Chiming of the Hour

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of the Lord, our God.

***Processional Hymn 133 – O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Acolytes, Liturgist, Pastor

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

***Opening Sentences, Responsive**

Psalm 96:1-2

O sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless God’s name;

tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Prayers of Intercession

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and the Lord’s Prayer (*saying, “debts”, and “debtors”*)

The First Lesson **Genesis 3:1-11 [OT 2]**
*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disturb
their relationship with God*

The First Carol: verse 4, #121 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Second Lesson **Genesis 12:1-5a [OT 10]**
Deuteronomy 18:15 [OT 174]
*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will
be blessed. Moses promises another prophet like himself.*

**The Second Carol: verse 7, #88 – *O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel***

The Third Lesson **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 [OT 638]**
*The people who walk in darkness are promised a
great light: the Messiah*

***The Third Carol: #130 – *Break Forth, O Beauteous
Heavenly Light***

The Fourth Lesson **Isaiah 11:1-9 [OT 640]**
*The Messiah will be of the line of Jesse and David
and will restore the peace of the creation*

The Fourth Carol: #129 – *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Children's Time **Greta Thompson**

The Fifth Lesson **Matthew 1:18-25 [NT 1]**
*An angel appears to Joseph in a dream and announces that Mary is
pregnant by the Holy Spirit with the Savior*

**The Fifth Carol: one verse instrumentally, then verse 3 of
#108 – *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, with the concluding
amen.**

The Sixth Lesson **Luke 2:1-7 [NT 58]**
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary

gives birth to her child

The Sixth Carol: verse 1, #115 – *Away in a Manger*

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16 [NT 58]

An Angel and a multitude of the heavenly host appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

The Seventh Carol: #119 – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12 [NT 2]

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

The Eighth Carol: verses 1 & 5, #151 – *We Three Kings of Orient Are

Offerings,

and Offertory

Noel Provencal

Roques

***Doxology (Hymn 606)**

***Offering Prayer**

The Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14 [NT 91]

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

The Ninth Carol: verses 3 & 4, #122 – *Silent Night, Holy Night!

***Charge and Benediction**

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Closing Hymn and Recessional: verses 1 & 4, #134 – *Joy to the World

***Postlude on Two Christmas Carols**

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**Please stand in body and/or in spirit*