



LESSONS AND CAROLS



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM - SERVICE OF LIGHTS, COMMUNION AND MUSIC
7:00 PM - SERVICE OF LIGHTS AND SACRED MUSIC

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Pastoral Greeting and Opening Prayer

Prelude	<i>Chorale Prelude on "Rejoice, Rejoice"</i>	Aaron David Miller
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Processional Hymn	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
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Reading – Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Anthem	<i>Lo, in the Time Appointed</i>	Healey Willan
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Lesson One – Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-5

Anthem	<i>Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree</i>	Scott Bailey
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Lesson Two – Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

Hymn #107	<i>Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn</i>	REJOICE, REJOICE
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Reading – In Silence by Rumi

Anthem	<i>Keep Silence</i>	John Helgen
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Lesson Three – Luke 1:26-38

Special Music	<i>Noel Huron</i>	Denis Bedard
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Reading – Christmas II by George Herbert

Anthem	<i>The Blessed Son of God</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams
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Organ Solo	<i>Fantasia on "Joy to the World"</i>	Marc Cheban
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Benediction

Responsive Hymn #100 V.1	<i>My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout</i>	STAR OF COUNTY DOWN
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
DECEMBER 8, 2025 - 1:00 PM - HYBRID

POSADA
DECEMBER 14, 2025 - 5:30 PM

BELL CHOIR AND CHANCEL CHOIR
CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM - MEET IN
FOUNDATION PARLOR

MEN'S BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 19, 2025 - 7:30 AM - FELLOWSHIP
HALL

CAROLING AND SOUP
DECEMBER 20, 2025 - 3:00 PM

OFFICE HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 24, 2024 - DECEMBER 26, 2024

SAVE THE DATES

FIRST PRES BLOOD DRIVE -
JANUARY 10, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

YOUTH SUNDAY -
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Participants

Austin Ingalls, Chancel Choir Director, Becky Ward, Organist
Carol Barrett, Recorder and Sarah Lieber, Bassoonist lead our
music tonight.

Readers include Laura Munn, Jim Maxwell, and Katie Valenzuela.

We are also grateful for the leadership of Taylor Holleyman,
Director of Congregational Life, and Leslie King, Pastor.

In Silence Rumi

A guide has entered this life in silence.
His message is only heard in silence.

Take a sip of his precious wine
And lose yourself.
Don't insult the greatness of his love,
For he helps all those who suffer, in silence.

Polish the mirror between the breaths.
Go with him, beyond words.
He knows your every deed.
He is the one
who moves the wheel of heaven, in silence.

Every thought is buried in your heart;
He will reveal them one by one, in silence.

Turn each of your thoughts into a bird
And let them fly to the other world.
One is an owl, one is a falcon, one is a crow.
Each one is different from the others
But they are all the same in silence.

To see the Moon that cannot be seen
Turn your eyes inward
and look at yourself, in silence.

In this world and the next,
Don't talk about this and that;
Let him show you everything,
shining as one . . . in silence.

Christmas II George Herbert

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?
My God, no hymn for Thee?
My soul's a shepherd too; a flock it feeds
Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.

The pasture is Thy word: the streams, Thy
grace
Enriching all the place.
Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my
powers
Outsing the daylight hours.

Then will we chide the sun for letting night
Take up his place and right:
We sing one common Lord; wherefore he
should
Himself the candle hold.
I will go searching, till I find a sun
Shall stay, till we have done;
A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly,
As frost-nipped suns look sadly.

Then will we sing, and shine all our own
day,
And one another pay:
His beams shall cheer my breast, and both
so twine,
Till ev'n His beams sing, and my music
shine.

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!