

CHRISTMAS EVE 2025 | LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"There has never been a gift offered that makes you swallow your pride to the depths that the gift of Jesus Christ requires us to do. Christmas means that we are so lost, so unable to save ourselves, that nothing less than the death of the Son of God himself could save us. That means you are not somebody who can pull yourself together and live a moral and good life. To accept the true Christmas gift, you have to admit you're a sinner. You need to be saved by grace. You need to give up control of your life. That is descending lower than any of us really wants to go. Yet Jesus Christ's greatness is seen in how far down he came to love us." - Timothy Keller, Hidden Christmas, pgs. 17-18.

WELCOME

Pastor Dave Vosseller

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-2,21-22

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

All: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

† CORPORATE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Almighty and everlasting God, you have stooped to raise fallen humanity. Grant that we who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature, and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.¹

† HYMN OF PRAISE

Once in Royal David's City

Hymn No. 225

THE FIRST LESSON

"The Fall & the First Proclamation of the Gospel"
O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Hymn 194

Genesis 3:1-15

THE SECOND LESSON

"The Birth of the Messiah Predicted"
† *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*, Hymn 224

Isaiah 7:14; 9:2, 6-7

THE THIRD LESSON	“The Glory of Bethlehem Predicted” <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> , Hymn 201	Micah 5:2-5a
THE FOURTH LESSON	“The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary”	Luke 1:26-38
THE FIFTH LESSON	“An Angel Speaks to Joseph and Jesus’ Birth” † <i>Joy to the World</i> , Hymn 195	Matthew 1:18-25
THE SIXTH LESSON	“Jesus’ Birth in A Manger” <i>What Child is This?</i> , Hymn 213	Luke 2:1-7
SPECIAL OFFERING	“Look After Fund” for PCA Pastors and families (Make checks directly to: “The Relief Fund”, or give online with QR on back)	
THE SEVENTH LESSON	“The Heavenly Host Appears to the Shepherds” † <i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i> , Hymn 203	Luke 2:8-16
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE	Selections from John 1 Elly Peters & Cora Hunn	
THE EIGHTH LESSON	“The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus” † <i>As With Gladness, Men of Old</i> , Hymn 226	Matthew 2:1-11
PASTORAL MEDITATION	“TO BE A SERVANT AND SACRIFICE”	Mark 10:45
† SHARING THE LIGHT	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> <i>Please stand and make a circle around the sanctuary</i>	Hymn No. 210
† BENEDICTION	Hebrews 13:20-21	
Leader: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.		

† Please Stand



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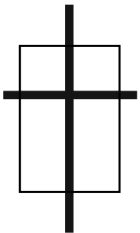
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As a community of God's people we want to welcome you to this service of worship. We preach Christ crucified, risen, and coming again!

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