



FOR THE **BEGINNING**

— DO THE GOOD THAT —
IS YOURS TO DO

ADVENT 3 December 15, 2024 *Festival of Lessons & Carols*

BEGINNING WITH LOVE

Prelude

Gathering Christmas Singing

Angels We Have Heard (1&3) VT 249

What Child Is This (1&3) VT 267

Greetings & Announcements

Call to Worship*

“Teacher,” the crowd asked, “What should we do?”

If you have two shirts, give one away.

Hold onto hope.

Live like we belong to one another.

Speak the truth.

Look for God.

Do the good that is yours to do.

It’s all that easy, and it’s all that hard.

Let us worship our present and active God.

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Fellowship Greeting

(stand to share the peace of Christ with those around you)

HYMN *Gloria* VT 94

Prayers of the People *(with the Lord’s Prayer)*

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Prayer for Illumination

Once in Royal David's City (Children's Choir - Peggy Stucky)

Lesson 1: Isaiah 64:1-9

We long for God to come to us in our brokenness

Choir – Comfort, Comfort O My People (VT 212)

Lesson 2: Isaiah 11:1-9

The reign of the prince of peace and justice

Choir – Hallelujah! Fairest Morning! (VT 497)

Lesson 3: Micah 5:2, 4-5a

From Bethlehem shall come a ruler, one of peace.

HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus VT 218

Lesson 4: Luke 1:26-38 The Annunciation

HYMN My Soul Proclaims with Wonder VT 222

Lesson 5: Matthew 1:18-23

An Angel speaks to Joseph in a dream

HYMN Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming VT 216

Lesson 6: Isaiah 9: 2-7

A child is born, who shall have authority

Choir – Night Long Awaited (VT 242)

Lesson 7: Luke 2: 1-7 Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem VT 245

Lesson 8: Luke 2: 8-20 The shepherds go to the manger

Choir – Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets (VT 276)

Lesson 9: John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

Choir – See Whose Glory Fills the Skies (VT 274)

SENT TO BEGIN AGAIN

HYMN Joy to the World VT 240

Benediction

Postlude

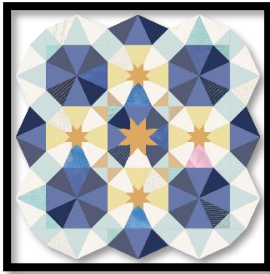
Words for Worship (Call to Worship, Prayers) by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.”

The readings of the traditional Lessons and Carols service developed at King's College in the 1930's relied heavily on atonement theology. The emphasis in our readings today is more on God's healing, reconciliation, peace and justice accomplished in Jesus. This list was compiled by Steve Garnaas-Holmes @ unfoldinglight.net

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.



Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper
Nursery: Susan Combs
Pianist, Children's Choir Director: Peggy Stucky
Guitar: Magdalena Wenger, Shane Miller
Percussion: Stephanie Gehring
Adult Choir Director: Calvin Buller
Adult Choir Accompanist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Advent Candle Reading: Randy Rempel, Mark Chase
Song Leader: Trae Gehring
Prayers of the People: Pastor Jim Unruh
Scripture Readers: Jacob Unruh, Micah Wenger, Juliet Nisly

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in Common Grounds Room
- **Sunday School @ 11:00am** for all ages
 - Adult discussion – Salt & Light Bible Study (fellowship hall)
 - Connection & Conversation – basement classroomChildcare for infants/toddlers available most Sundays

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Dec 21: 6pm** Longest Night Service – we gather to create space to grieve and acknowledge our weariness and despair through song, prayer and scripture. (Livestream link is on our website homepage.)
- **Dec 21: 6:45pm** Soup Meal in fellowship hall
- **Dec 21: 7:30pm** Christmas Caroling (*bring finger foods to share after caroling*). Come for all or part of the evening.
- **Dec 24: 7:00pm** Christmas Eve Service, followed by Food & Fellowship (bring sweet or savory finger foods to share)
- **Dec 29: 1st** Sunday after Christmas – worship at usual time, no Sunday School – stay for fellowship.

REJOICE! and **Upper Room** devotional books are available above the mailboxes. You are invited to take one to give focus to your personal/family devotional times. **Advent Devotionals** and an **Advent Calendar** are on the table in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS GIVING connections

- Infant Care Bundles for MCC - \$25 per bundle covers cost
- Hats & Mittens Tree for Salvation Army

- Give Joy Christmas Drive for You thrive – collecting gifts for young adults who have aged out of foster care. **Deadline is TODAY.**



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