



Lessons and Carols

December 21, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Prayers of the People & Prayer for Illumination

Leader: (prayer) SILENCE ... Hear our prayers, Lord.

All: May your gentle love make us brave and kind.

Leader: (prayer) SILENCE ... Hear our prayers, Lord.

All: May your fierce love make us bold dreamers.

Leader: (prayer) SILENCE ... Hear our prayers, Lord.

All: May your boundless love make all things whole.

Leader: God of whispers and shouts, you proclaim the good news of love from all corners of creation. As we enter into your story once again through scripture and song, may the words inspire us to dream of a world where love thrives among us. Amen.

NINE LESSONS and CAROLS

Choir and Congregation: *Once in Royal David's City* (v. 2-4 on screen)

Lesson 1: We long for God to come to us in our brokenness

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 64:1-9*

Soloist and Choir: *Come Now, O God* (VT 143)

Lesson 2: The reign of the prince of peace and justice

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-9*

Soloist: *Poor of the Earth* (VT 213)

Lesson 3: From Bethlehem shall come a ruler, one of peace

Scripture Reading: *Micah 5:2, 4-5a*

Congregation: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* VT 245

Lesson 4: The Annunciation

Scripture Reading: *Luke 1:26-38*

Women's Choir: *Unexpected and Mysterious* (VT 229)

Lesson 5: An Angel speaks to Joseph in a dream

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 1:18-23*

Congregation: *Savior of the Nations, Come* VT 214

Lesson 6: A child is born, who shall have authority

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Choir: *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born* (VT 259)

Lesson 7: Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

Scripture Reading: *Luke 2:1-7*

Soloist: *Jesous Ahatonhia (Gitchi Manitou)**

Lesson 8: The shepherds go to the manger

Scripture Reading: *Luke 2:8-20*

Congregation: *While By My Sheep* (Insert)

Lesson 9: John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

Scripture Reading: *John 1:1-14*

Congregation: *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* VT 269

Benediction

Postlude

*Gitchi Manitou" means "Great Spirit" or "Great Force of Nature" and is a term from the Anishinaabe language, particularly among Native American tribes like the Ojibwe. It refers to the supreme creator and spiritual force that governs the universe and is considered the source of all life. Christian missionaries have translated God as Gitchi Manitou in scriptures and prayers.

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.

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder
Livestream: Reuben Wenger
Ushers: Shane Miller & Russell Goering
Nursery: Julie Goering
Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds
Organist & Music Director: Pauline Buller
Pianist: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Soloists: Hannah Nisly, Magdalena Wenger, Bryan Kehr, Maggie Pounds
Scripture Readers: Micah Wenger, Mya Cook, Magdalena Wenger, Ryker Wiens, Reuben Wenger, Hannah Nisly, Michaela Esau
Prayers of the People: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Reno County Food Bank donations for December: Pasta
January: Peanut Butter

TODAY:
Text prayer requests to Pastor Tonya @ 620-513-2828
Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

Fellowship time with drinks after worship in Common Grounds
Sunday School @ 11:00 for all ages
Today at 5:00pm . . . Longest Night Service; 5:45pm Soup Meal; 6:30-7:30 Caroling

- THIS EVENING:**
- **Longest Night Service . . . 5:00pm.** You are invited to a quiet service called *Longest Night: Christmas in a Time of Loss*. This gathering is especially for those who are finding it hard to navigate the holidays for many reasons that can make this season feel heavier. Come for a gentle time of worship ... a quiet place held within the peace of the Christmas story.
 - **Soup Supper . . . 5:45pm.** All are welcome.
 - **Caroling in the church neighborhood . . . 6:30pm.** Bring finger food desserts to share afterward.

Christmas Eve Worship . . . 7pm on December 24. You (and your family and friends) are all invited to our intergenerational Christmas Eve service with opportunities for all ages to participate through scripture, acting out the Christmas Story (come a bit early to get your costume – no rehearsal required!), singing, playing the Kristal Bells, lighting candles and more.

We will dedicate the Infant Care Kits to be sent by MCC to families around the world. Your contribution of \$25 per kit pays for the contents to help a family care for a new baby. An offering will be taken for contributions to cover the cost of these kits and shipping.

Stay for the Christmas fellowship time in the basement – bring sweet or savory finger foods to share in this celebration!

Read THIS WEEK @ FMC posted at hutchfmc.org on Tuesdays for more announcements, opportunities for sharing and serving, resources to support your personal growth, and events to celebrate this season of hope.



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