

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

Dec. 24, 2025

Prelude What Child Is This? Jason W. Krug

Welcome

Call to Worship

A child has been born for us.

A great light shines in the middle of our darkness.

A child has been born for us,

establishing God's justice and breaking every yoke.

A child has been born for us,

whose reign will have no end.

A child has been born for us, and we worship him together:

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Hallelujah!**

CAROL: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #133 vs 1 & 3

Prayer of the Day

Incarnate God, born this day into the bustling heart of a peasant home to poor parents in occupied Palestine, make your home among the poor, the prisoner, the despised of every time and place. Let your good news resound from the lips of outcasts until all people have opened their homes and hearts to them in you and you in them. Amen.

Call to Confession

God came into a broken world.

We know all too well the ways it is still broken and hurting.

Let us confess the ways we have done harm,
that we may be part of the healing.

Let us open our hearts to receive what God seeks to give.

Prayer of Confession

Emmanuel, you have given us a gift that we can never deserve. You do not ask us to be worthy. You do not ask us to earn your love. Yet the ways we have fallen short threaten to overtake us. But we know we can come to you, even on this holiest of nights, to seek the forgiveness you offer so freely, grateful for your mercy. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The grace of God has appeared,

bringing salvation to us all!

With Christ's birth comes forgiveness and redemption.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria #113: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (stand)

The Christmas Story as found in Luke

Reading 1: Luke 2:1 – 7

CAROL: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #121 vs 1 & 2

Reading 2: Luke 2:8 – 11

CAROL: *The First Nowell* #147 vs 1 & 2

Reading 3: Luke 2:12 – 14

CAROL: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #143 vs 1 & 4

Reading 4: Luke 2:15

CAROL: *What Child is This* #145 vs 1 & 2

Reading 5: Luke 2:16 - 18

CAROL: *Away in the Manger* #115

Homily

Jonathan Kimball

Solo: *The Holy Infant's Lullaby* Norman Dello Joio
Jeff Sandquist

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

CAROL: *Silent Night, Holy Night!* #122

Reading 6: (remain standing)

SENDING CAROL: *Joy to the World* #134

Benediction

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Share the gift of Jesus.

Go in Peace. Live in Love. **Serve the Lord.**

Postlude: *Christmas Celebration* Jason W. Krug

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