



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS  
December 5, 2021



Prelude	<i>Prelude on "Veni Emmanuel"</i> by Edward Blairstow	Adam Ravain
Christian Greetings and Announcements		Dr. Brad Clayton
Introit	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Cherub Choir
Opening Prayer		Dr. Brad Clayton
*Hymn No. 133: <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>		All

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!**

**Refrain:**

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

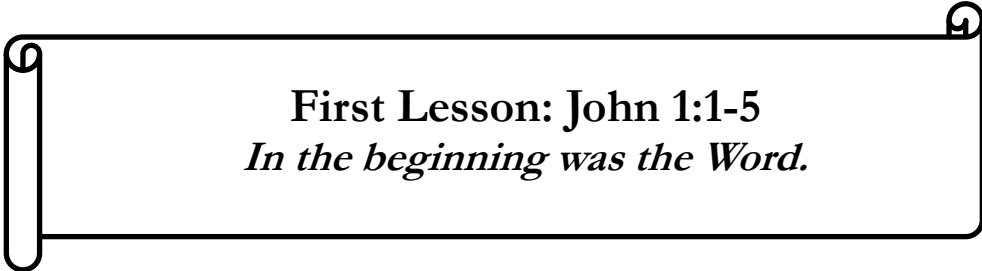
**True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
Born of a virgin a mortal He comes;  
Very God, begotten, not created! (Refrain)**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! (Refrain)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath		The Van Hise Family
Congregational Response:		(hymn no. 384)
<b>Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (sing 3 times) Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!</b>		

## Service of Lessons and Carols



**First Lesson: John 1:1-5**  
*In the beginning was the Word.*

*Hymn of Creation* by Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir  
Tallahassee Brass Quintet

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.  
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where-e'er I turn my eyes!  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze, on the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arrive and tempests blow by order from Thy throne.  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that man can be, Thou God art present there.

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**Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18**  
*God promises to faithful Abraham the nations  
of the earth shall call his offspring blessed.*

\*Hymn No. 143: *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

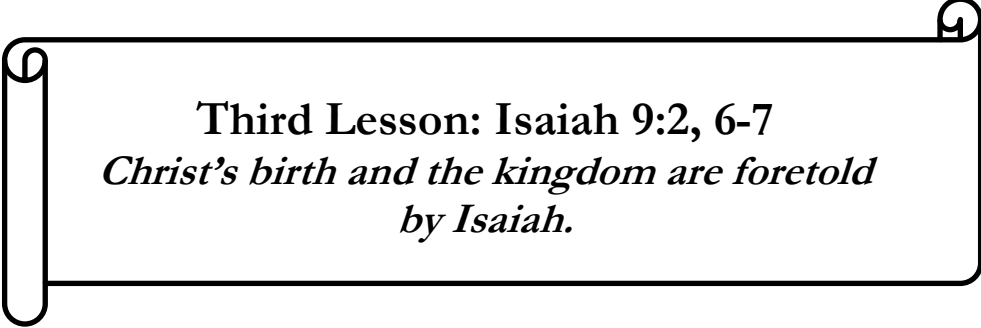
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**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**



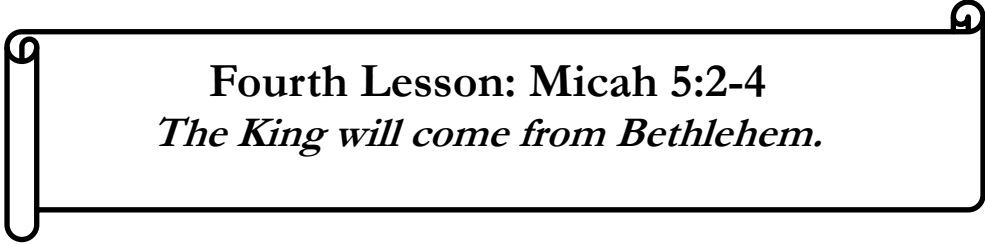
**Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**  
*Christ's birth and the kingdom are foretold  
by Isaiah.*

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Chancel Choir  
Corinne Stillwell, violin

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-gone was the night.

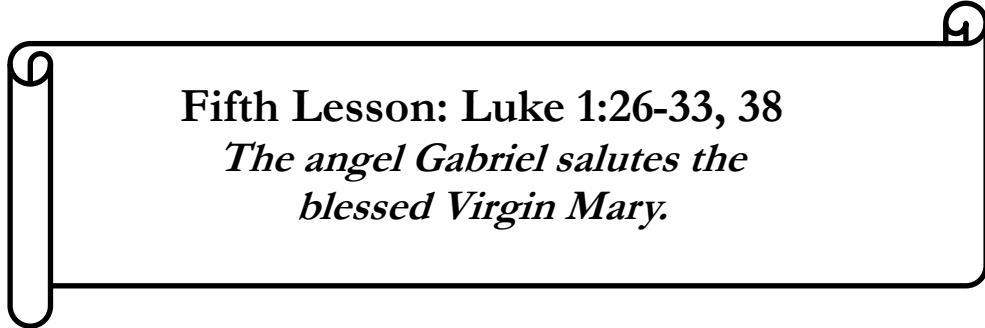
Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to men a Savior  
When half-gone was the night.

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**Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4**  
*The King will come from Bethlehem.*

*Emmanuel, Rejoice!* Arr. Linda Schole

Faith Ringers

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**Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-33, 38**  
*The angel Gabriel salutes the  
blessed Virgin Mary.*

\*Hymn No. 119: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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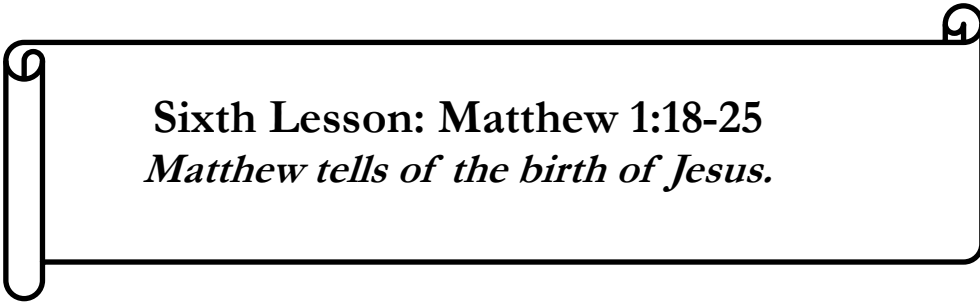
**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

*Little Drummer Boy*

Fantastichoir

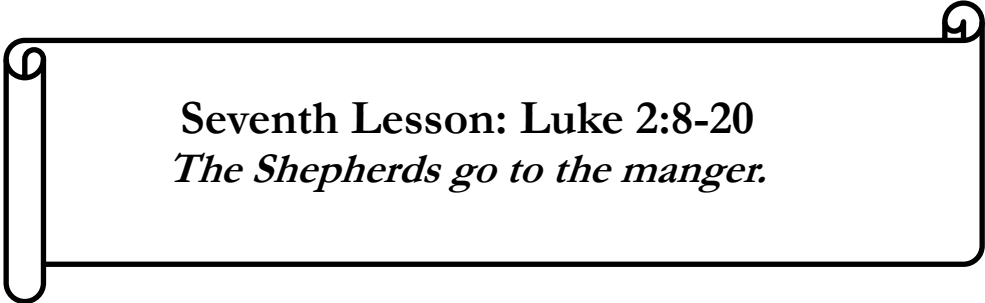


**Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25**  
*Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

*Breath of Heaven*, arr. Don Hart

Chancel Choir  
Holly Pursino, soprano solo

I have traveled many moonless nights  
Cold and weary with a babe inside  
And I wonder what I've done  
Holy Father, You have come  
And chosen me now to carry Your son  
I am waiting in a silent prayer  
I am frightened by the load I bear  
In a world as cold as stone  
Must I walk this path alone?  
Be with me now, be with me now  
Breath of heaven  
Hold me together  
Be forever near me  
Breath of heaven, breath of heaven  
Lighten my darkness  
Pour over me Your holiness  
For You are holy  
Breath of heaven  
Do You wonder as You watch my face  
If a wiser one should have had my place  
But I offer all I am  
For the mercy of Your plan  
Help me be strong  
Help me be  
Help me



**Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20**  
*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Chancel Choir  
Kimani Patterson, soloist

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!



**Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11**  
*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

**Offering** *Today's special offering will go toward the development of the music ministry at Faith. Please use the special envelopes for this offering only. Regular budget offerings may be made without the special envelopes.*

**Offertory**

*Sussex Carol*  
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir  
Corinne Stillwell, violin

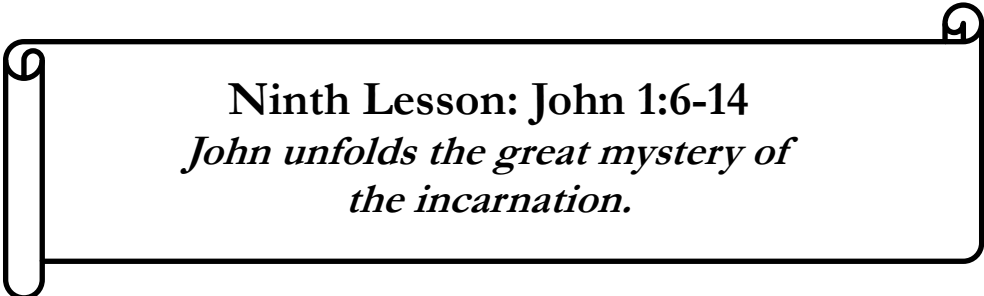
On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
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News of great joy, news of great mirth  
News of our merciful King's birth

Then why should men on earth be so sad  
Since our Redeemer made us glad  
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Since our Redeemer made us glad

When from our sin He set us free  
All for to gain our liberty?  
When sin departs before His grace  
Then life and health come in its place  
When sin departs before His grace  
Then life and health come in its place  
Angels and men with joy may sing  
All for to see the new born King

All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night  
All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night  
Glory to God and peace to men  
Now and forever more, Amen.



**Ninth Lesson: John 1:6-14**  
*John unfolds the great mystery of  
the incarnation.*

\*Hymn No. 134: *Joy to the World!*

All

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground!  
He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.**



**Prayer for Advent**

\*BENEDICTION

Dr. Brad Clayton

\**Hallelujah* from *The Messiah* by G.F. Handel

Choir/Congregation

**Hallelujah!**

**For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!**

**Hallelujah!**

**The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
and of His Christ, and of His Christ;**

**And He shall reign forever and ever.**

**Hallelujah!**



A special thank you to:  
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Corinne Stillwell, and the Tallahassee Brass Quintet.



**Taize.** The December Ecumenical Taize Prayer Service is this Friday, **December 10**, 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Invite a friend to this quiet, candlelit service.

**Preschool Christmas Fundraiser.** For the second year, Faith Preschool is hosting *The First Christmas: A Drive-Thru Event for Children and Families*. Festive Christmas lights and illustrated scenes from the book of Luke will be on display from 6-8 p.m. on December 10, 11, and 12. The event is free and open to the community. Donations to support Preschool scholarships may be made online at [www.faithpreschooltally.org/payments-using-paypal](http://www.faithpreschooltally.org/payments-using-paypal), at the event, or by mailing a check to the Preschool.

**Poinsettia Orders.** If you would like to order a Christmas poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please use the online order form at [bit.ly/poinsettias2021](http://bit.ly/poinsettias2021). Poinsettias are \$10 each, which can be placed in the offering plate or mailed or dropped off at the church office with poinsettia on the memo line. Deadline to order is **December 12**.

**Please Adopt an Angel.** This year we are handling the Angel Tree electronically. Simply go to this link: [bit.ly/2021angeltree](http://bit.ly/2021angeltree). Sign up, shop, and wrap your gifts, then return them to the church with the individual and family name and number on the outside of the package. Gift return deadline is **December 10**.

**Outdoor Christmas Movie.** Join us at the fire pit on Saturday, **December 11**, at 6 p.m. and warm up to the fire while we view *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

**Congregational Meeting.** There will be a brief Congregational Meeting next Sunday, **December 12**, for the purpose of electing a new class of deacons and elders as well as at-large members of the 2022 Nominating Committee.

**A Christmas Carol.** We are excited to present an adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at Faith on **December 16, 17, 18, and 19** at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Audience members will be required to wear a mask during the performances. The cast is fully vaccinated and will perform without masks. Seating will be very limited this year. For a full description of the show and/or to select and purchase tickets, please visit [www.faithpcusa.org/achristmascarol](http://www.faithpcusa.org/achristmascarol).

**Service of Healing and Wholeness.** Christmas can be a time of grief for many people. The holidays can be hard for those who are missing loved ones and carrying other burdens. This Service of Healing and Wholeness provides an opportunity to bring our burdens to God together. We have the opportunity to light candles, sing songs, and offer our prayers to God. Please join us at 7 p.m. on December 21 as we worship God together.

#### **Christmas Eve Services.**

**5:00 p.m.** Family Service. Children are invited to participate in the Christmas Story from their pews. The nursery will not be open for this child-friendly service.

**7:00 p.m.** Traditional Candlelight Communion Service (nursery available, but please make a nursery reservation by email to [vicki@faithpcusa.org](mailto:vicki@faithpcusa.org).)

#### **Stewardship Update**

Budget YTD: \$1,235,320  
Received YTD: \$1,159,262  
Spent YTD: \$1,139,470



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