

LESSONS &
Carols
DECEMBER 7



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
DECEMBER 7, 2025
ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

In Preparation for Worship

"Without any rhyme, without any reason, my heart lifts to light in this bleak season.
Believer and wanderer caught by salvation, stumbler and blunderer into Creation.
In this cold blight, where marrow is frozen, it is God's time my heart has chosen.
In paradox and story, parable and laughter, find I the glory here in hereafter."

- Madeline L'Engle, "The Glory"

Prelude

The Holly and the Ivy
arr. Kevin McChesney

Festival Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

David Lower

Processional Hymn* 113

Angels We Have Heard on High
stanza 1: Vera Dean & Rowan Phillips
refrain & stanzas 2-3: All

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jack & Niki Rabren

Please respond, "Let us live in the peace of the Lord," each time the leader prompts with "People of God."

Leader: People of God,

All: Let us live in the peace of the Lord.

Song of Thanksgiving* 137 He Came Down

He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.

Prayer for Illumination

Carol

Oseh Shalom
arr. Jessica Tillem

Jessica Tillem

Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Carol 94

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper
stanza 1

Lesson

Genesis 12:1-3

Carol

L'Chi Lach
Debbie Friedman

Jessica Tillem

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 120 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders may gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to The Dock, where parents will pick up after worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Lesson

Ruth 1:16-19a

CarolComfort Ye My People
*Taylor Davis*Chancel Choir
with Kimberly Waters, soloist

Comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning beneath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them.
Tell her that her sins I cover and that her warfare is over.
The herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men repentance since now the kingdom is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.
Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rough places plain.
Let your hearts be comforted as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now over the earth's shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Sermon

Rabbi Spike Anderson, Kemal Korucu, David Lower

Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-5

Carol 94Now the Heavens Start to Whisper
*stanza 3***Lesson**

Luke 1:30-33,38

CarolInfant Holy
arr. Susan Rucker

Festival Ringers

Lesson

Luke 1:46-56

CarolThe Blessing
*arr. Heather Sorenson*Chancel Choir with Brandon Bush
& Morgan McCray, soloists

The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you, and give you peace.
May his favor be upon you, and a thousand generations, and your family,
and your children, and their children, and their children.
May his presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you,
all around you, and within you, he is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going,
in your weeping, and rejoicing, he is for you. Amen.

Lesson

Luke 1:67,72-75,78-79

Carol

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Michael Rodoslavov, violin

Lesson

Luke 2:1-15

Carol* 123It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
*stanzas 1 & 5***Passing the Peace***

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Offering

For Everyone Born
Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir
Jacob Moebes, cello

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving.
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free!

Closing Hymn* 134

Joy to the World
stanzas 1 & 4

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Once in Royal David's City
John F. Kriebel

Many thanks to our friends from The Atlantic Institute, Temple Emanu-El, the Dunwoody High School Interfaith Alliance, and Interfaith Children's Movement!

**Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!
For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org.**

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to prayerrequest@slpres.org.