



LESSONS *and* CAROLS

“We gather here to recall the mystery of our redemption.

Though sin drew us away from God, God never stopped loving us.

The prophets told of the coming of a Messiah who would initiate a reign of justice and peace.

This promise was fulfilled in the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Let us now reflect with joy on this wondrous mystery.”

JANUARY 1, 2023, 11AM

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Rector: The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks
The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus
(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982)

*As you enter this sacred space that has been set aside for time with God,
join us in silence as we go to God in prayer.*

The Ringing of the Bell

Prelude	Concerto in A-Minor	Vivaldi/Bach
Hymn	Once in Royal David's City	H 102

A Bidding Prayer

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-23
Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Hymn	Creator of the stars of night	H 60
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The Second Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10
The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Hymn	Joyful, joyful we adore thee	H 376
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The Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-38
The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Hymn	The angel Gabriel from heaven came	H 265
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The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7
Jesus is born of Mary in Bethlehem.

Hymn	Lo, how a rose e'er blooming	H 81
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Hymn	O little town of Bethlehem	H 79
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The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-14
The angels appear to the shepherds and announce the good news.

Hymn	Hark! the herald angels sing	H 87
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The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:15-18
The shepherds go to Bethlehem.

Hymn	Angels we have heard on high	H 96
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The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:19

Mary ponders the birth of Jesus.

Hymn Silent Night H 111

The Eighth Lesson: Luke 2:20

The shepherds rejoice and praise God.

Hymn Good Christian friends, rejoice H 107

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh and we have seen His glory.

Hymn Joy to the world! H 100

Closing Collect and Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter’s! Our hope is that you will find God’s love present with you in this place and that you will return here often to worship.

Sun., Jan . 1, 11:00am Zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86999263545?pwd=WHpNa1JrU0JOOgdmMV3NMRlhmWUVCZz09>

Monday Morning meditation, Jan. 2 6:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHlxNE1JYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09> Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929

The offering plates are in the back of the church. Your contributions keep St Peter’s mission and ministry at work in the world.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is the Christmas Eve service first held in King's College Chapel in 1918. This service was conceived by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of the College, whose experience as an army chaplain had led him to believe that more imaginative worship was needed by the Church of England. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. Today’s worship follows this general format.

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Jan 4—A great way to begin the new year is to decide to attend the midweek Bible study on Wednesday at 10AM each week.

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The Vestry

Becky Fisher, Andrea Pogue (2023), Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

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**Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Spirit Filled, Caring
Prayer List**

Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Laura Carey, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

Ruby Barnes (Laura Carey's sister), **Claire Cole Curcio** (friend of Catherine Hicks), **Sandra Smith, Otis Felts** (friend of Johnny Davis), **The Glasgows** (friends of the Felicianos), **Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother), **Ann Pyle** (Carolyn Duke's mother), **J.T. Moriarty** (Hicks' friend), **Harvey Yarus** (friend of Tom Kramer), **Patty Reno** (cousin of Tom Kramer), **Joanne Wilkerson and Jimmy Davis, Julie Davis** (sister, brother and daughter of Johnny Davis), **Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Nathaniel Schakenberg, Martha Oldham** (Mike Newman's sister), **Jonathan Coleman** (Cleo Coleman's son), **Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear** (BJ's grandson), **Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith** (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), **Orville Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's brother), **Gloria Jewell, Kathryn, David and Bobby Hill** (Lydia O'Neil's family), **Lorena McElwain**, (friend of the Pogues), **Odessa Davis, Kelly Paterino, G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw** (Brad Volland's cousin), **Joan Pemberton** (Brad Volland's aunt), **Anna Haug, Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin), **Dot Wright, Carolyn and Butch Delhagen** (Newman relatives), **Mary Lawrence Hicks** (Catherine and Ben Hicks' daughter), **Rodney C. Johnson** (Hicks' friend), **Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Steven Lee

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Greg Merkl

Michael Hobbs

Cliff Lance

Grace Grimaldi

Alex Long V