

**ADULT CHOIR**

Philip Coulling, Laura de Maria, Jan Hathorn, Melissa Holland, Margaret Howard, Sue Ann Huger, Charlene Jarrett, Elizabeth Lauck, Powell Leitch, Marilyn Muller, James Naylor, Sandra Nye, Poppy Orendorf, Steve Paige, Phyllis Parker, William Patch, Matthew Paxton Jr., William Sikes, Michael Smitka, Patricia Tichenor, Sarah Wiant, Alice Williams, Scott Williamson, Barbara Winfrey, John Winfrey

Soloists: Philip Coulling, Laura de Maria, Jan Hathorn, Melissa Holland, Sue Ann Huger, Powell Leitch, Sandra Nye, William Patch, Patricia Tichenor, Scott Williamson

**LAM HANDBELL CHOIR**

Linda Dawson, Mary Harvey-Halseth, Suzanne King, Steve Paige, Mayumi Smitka, Michael Smitka, Mary Ellena Ward, John Watkins

**READERS OF THE LESSONS**

Thomas Groome, Betty Dax, James Baker, Ainsley Carter, Kelly-Ann Rayle, Hardin Marion, Helen Fure, Abbott Keesee, William McCorkle

The Christmas Festival  
of  
Lessons and Carols

At the hour of Nativity  
The Cock crew "*Christus natus est!*"  
The Ox lowed "*Ubi?*"  
The Sheep cried "*Bethlehem.*"  
The Rook cawed "*Quando?*"  
The Raven croaked "*Hac Nocte!*"  
The Ass said "*Eamus!*"

Lexington Presbyterian Church  
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WILLIAM McCORKLE  
Organist/Director of Music

MAYUMI B. SMITKA  
Co-Director, Handbells

**December 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**

# The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

HANDBELLS: Prepare the Way, O Zion . . . . . Swedish tune, arr. John Behnke

ORGAN PRELUDE: From Heaven on High . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT: Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

PROCESSIONAL: Angels, We Have Heard on High . . . . . Hymn 113  
*Sung by all standing*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE      The James & Laura Squire Family

**God of hope, God of Peace, God of joy, God of love, teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world. God of hope, God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.**

THE BIDDING

FIRST LESSON: God announces in the garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent’s head.      Genesis 3:8-15

CAROL: Adam lay ybounden . . . . . Peter Warlock  
*Soloists*

SECOND LESSON: God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed.      Genesis 22:15-18

CAROL: A Child Is Born to Us. . . . . German Carol, arr. John Behnke  
*Lam Handbell Choir*

THIRD LESSON: Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.      Isaiah 9:2,6-7

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing . . . . .bulletin  
*Sung by all standing*

FOURTH LESSON: The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.    Micah 5:2-4

CAROL: Bethlehem, Bethlehem! . . . . . William McCorkle

*Choir*

FIFTH LESSON: The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary. . . . Luke 1:26-35, 38-39

CAROL: Our Lady and Child . . . . . Philip Moore  
*Choir*

SIXTH LESSON: Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.      Luke 2:1-7

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: Once in Royal David’s City . . . . . Hymn 140

SEVENTH LESSON: The shepherds go to the manger.      Luke 2:8-20

CAROL: I Wonder as I Wander . . . . .Appalachian Carol, arr. John Rutter  
*Choir*

EIGHTH LESSON: The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.      Matthew 2:1-11

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: As with Gladness Men of Old . . . . . Hymn 150  
*Sung by all standing*

NINTH LESSON: John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.      John 1:1-18

CAROL: I Am for You. . . . . John Bell and Graham Maule, Iona Community  
*Choir*

OFFERTORY CAROL: Nativity Carol . . . . . John Rutter  
*Choir*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful . . . . . Hymn 133

THE BLESSING

CAROL: Unto Us a Boy Is Born . . . . .16<sup>th</sup>-century melody, arr. Willcocks/Llewellyn  
*Choir*

POSTLUDE: And the Angels Sang . . . . . William McCorkle