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Lessons & Carols



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Entrance

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

No. 209, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

Lessons & Carols

First Lesson Carol

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 196, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Second Lesson Carol

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace

Third Lesson Carol

1. All the Earth is waiting
to see the Promised One,
and the open furrows,
the sowing of the Lord.
All the world, bound and struggling,
seeks true liberty;
with cries out for justice
and searches for truth.

Fourth Lesson Carol

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Genesis 22:15-18

“The God of Abraham Praise”

No. 116 (v.1-3), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

3. The heavenly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

“Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting)”

No. 210 (v.1, 4), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

2 In lowly stable
the Promised One appeared,
yet, feel his presence
throughout the world today,
For he lives in all Christians
and is with us now;
again, with his coming
he brings us liberty.

Micah 5:2-5a

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 230, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Fifth Lesson Carol

1. My soul gives glory to my God.
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
In many marvelous ways.
3. From age to age, to all who fear,
such mercy love imparts,
dispensing justice far and near,
dismissing selfish hearts

Sixth Lesson Carol

Refrain:

He is born, the holy Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child,
sing we all of the Savior mild.

1. Thru long ages of the past,
prophets have foretold his coming;
thru long ages of the past,
now the time has come at last! **[Refrain]**

Seventh Lesson Carol

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Luke 1:26-35, 38

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

No. 198 (v.1,3,5), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

5. Praise God, whose loving covenant
supports those in distress,
remembering past promises
with present faithfulness.

Luke 2:1-7

“He Is Born (Il Est Né)”

No. 228 (v.1-2), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

2. O how lovely, O how pure
is this perfect child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure
gracious gift to humankind! **[Refrain]**

Luke 2:8-16

“The First Noel”

No. 245 (v.1-2), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

[Refrain]

Eighth Lesson Carol

1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we, with willing feet

Ninth Lesson Carol

1. 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.

Matthew 2:1-11 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

No. 90, *The Methodist Hymnal* (1939)

John 1:1-14

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 234 (v.1-2, 6), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

2. True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten, not created; **[Refrain]**
3. 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]**

Offertory

“Silent Night”

No. 239 (v. 1, 3-4), *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin
mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Dismissal

Benediction

“Joy to the World”

No. 246, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1. 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 nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. 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 the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4. 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.

Postlude

Thank you for joining us for worship!

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**All of us are ministers
called to share God's love and grace
with our community and world!**

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

To view the church calendar, go to franklinumc.org/calendar.

Sunday Morning Worship

We worship every Sunday at 10am. Services are held in-person in the sanctuary, in-person virtually using Google Meet, and streaming live to YouTube. Links to join virtually and download the bulletin can be found at franklinumc.org. All are welcome.

Midweek Discussion w/ Pastor Jacob

Midweek discussions with Pastor Jacob will not be meeting through the end of the year. We will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 5, at 7pm. Most Wednesdays at 7pm, we discuss Sunday's scripture and themes. We meet for roughly an hour. Beginning January 5, we will meet in-person virtually ONLY. The link to join the gathering, will be published each week in the bulletin and on the church calendar.

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.