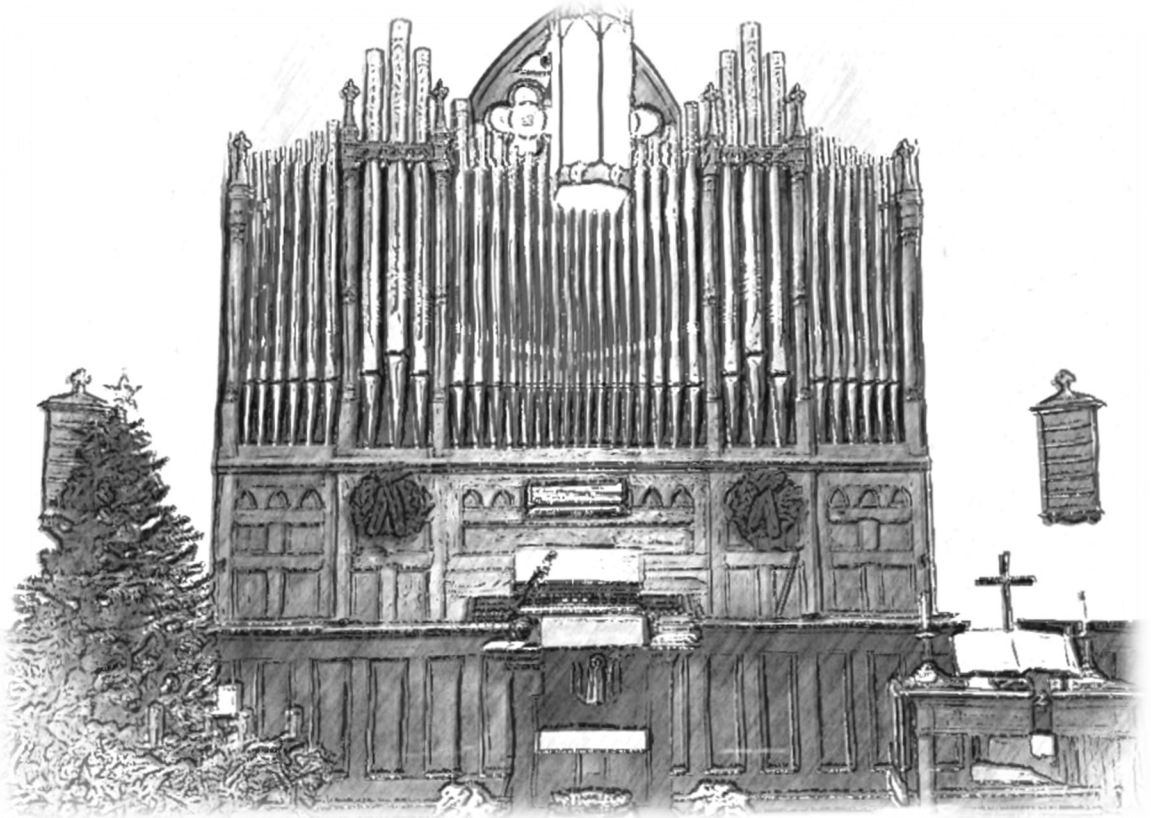


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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
forevermore.

Third Lesson Carol

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

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

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

No. 218, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

4 For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

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.

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!

Micah 5:2-5a

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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

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
the dear Christ enters in.

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

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.

Sixth Lesson Carol

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Luke 2:1-7

“Away in a Manger”

No. 217, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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 Isra-

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

3. And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

Refrain:

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

Matthew 2:1-11

“The First Noel”

No. 245 (v.3-5), *The Methodist Hymnal* (1939)

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

[Refrain]

Ninth Lesson Carol

John 1:1-14

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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

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.

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]**

6. 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]**

Communion

Communion Liturgy

Congregational response: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Sharing Bread and Cup

“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 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, 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.

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!**

**Christmas morning at 10 am we will celebrate Christmas together
by gathering around the Christmas tree, singing carols, reading scripture,
praying together, and eating Christmas cookies!**