

Service of Lessons and Carols
Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2016

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #208 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 96

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
But the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him:
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness,
tremble before his, all the earth!

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established, it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
And the peoples in his faithfulness.

THIRD LESSON – *Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah* [Isaiah 9:2, 6-7](#)

CAROL #200 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

FOURTH LESSON – *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem* [Micah 5:2-4](#)

CAROL #201 - “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

FIFTH LESSON – *The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child* [Luke 1:26-35, 38](#)

CAROL “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”
sung by members of the McBane and Frick families

CAROL #203 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

SIXTH LESSON – *Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to Jesus* [Luke 2:1-7](#)

CAROL #216 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

SEVENTH LESSON – *Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah*
[Luke 2:8-20](#)

CAROL #214 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

EIGHTH LESSON – *Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and are led by the star to Jesus*
[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

CAROL Eritrean Carol (sung in Tigrinya)
sung by members of the Weldeyesus family

CAROL #226 “As With Gladness Men of Old”

HOMILY Pastor Zecharias

NINTH LESSON – *The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth* John 1:1-17

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CAROL #220 “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

CLOSING HYMN #195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

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