

“A voice cries:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:3–5

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

Galatians 4:4–7

REDEEMER Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2017

6:15 P.M.

Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20–21

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Sunday Worship—11:00 A.M and 6:00 P.M.

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Processional Hymn.....No. 225, *Once in Royal David's City*

Opening Scripture.....Psalm 96

Opening Hymn.....No. 207, *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

First Lesson.....Genesis 3:8–15

God announces that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

First Carol.....No. 197, *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Second Lesson.....Genesis 22:15–18

God promises to Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Second Carol.....No. 194, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Third Lesson.....Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Third Carol.....No. 221, *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Fourth Lesson.....Micah 5:2–4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Fourth Carol.....No. 201, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Fifth Lesson.....Luke 1:26–35, 38

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

Fifth Carol.....No. 199, *See, amid the Winter's Snow*

Sixth Lesson.....Luke 2:1–7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to Jesus.

Sixth Carol.....No. 230, *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*

Seventh Lesson.....Luke 2:8–20

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

Seventh Carol.....No. 214, *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Eighth Lesson.....Matthew 2:1–12

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and are led by the star to Jesus.

Eighth Carol.....No. 213, *What Child Is This*

Lighting of the Candles

“Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Ninth Lesson.....John 1:1–14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

Ninth Carol.....No. 210, *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Closing Hymn.....No. 224, *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

“And he [Jesus] said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.’” (Mark 16:15)