

10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols

Processional Carol: Once in Royal David's City (CP 123)

Opening Prayer

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem (CP 120)

Lesson 1 – God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head (Genesis 3: 8-15)

Carol: Shepherds in the Field Abiding (CP 135)

Lesson 2 – God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed. (Genesis 22: 15-18)

Carol: The First Nowell (CP 139)

Lesson 3 – Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. (Isaiah 9: 2-7)

Carol: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (CP 140)

Lesson 4 – The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. (Isaiah 11: 1-9)

Carol: What Child is This? (CP 137)

Lesson 5 – The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Luke 1: 26-38)

Carol: Away in a Manger (CP 126)

Lesson 6 – St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. (Luke 2: 1-7)

Carol: While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night (CP 136)

Lesson 7 – The shepherds go to the manger. (Luke 2: 8-16)

Carol: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (CP 138)

Lesson 8 – The wise men (magi) are led by the star to Jesus. (Matthew 2: 1-11)

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful (CP 118)

Lesson 9 – St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. (John 1: 1-14)

Collect and Blessing

Final Carol: Joy to the World (CP 154)

ALTAR FLOWERS:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones from Warren and Dorothy.

Chancel Guild: Volunteers

Greeter: Cory Lunn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd – Spiritual Development 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4th – Pastoral Ministry 1:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 5th – Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, January 7th – 10:00 a.m. HE (BAS) Baptism of the Lord
Coffee Hour

Next date for **8:00 a.m. BCP Communion** – Jan. 14th.

A blessed, healthy and happy New Year is wished to all of our parishioners. May you know in your hearts God's rich blessings in Christ this year.

Looking Ahead: Our parish **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **February 18th, 2024**. Those responsible for submitting their committee or organization's annual reports are asked to have them into the office by **January 25th**.

Office Hours Change: Our parish office is now open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. The office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 22nd until January 3rd.

2024 Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14th after worship. The book for discussion will be The Age of Insecurity: Coming Together as Things Fall Apart by Astra Taylor. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Common Cup: As part of our cautionary approach in dealing with Covid 19 and other communicable illness, we continue to offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You are invited to make the choice that is best for you and cross to the appropriate chalice after receiving the host. **Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

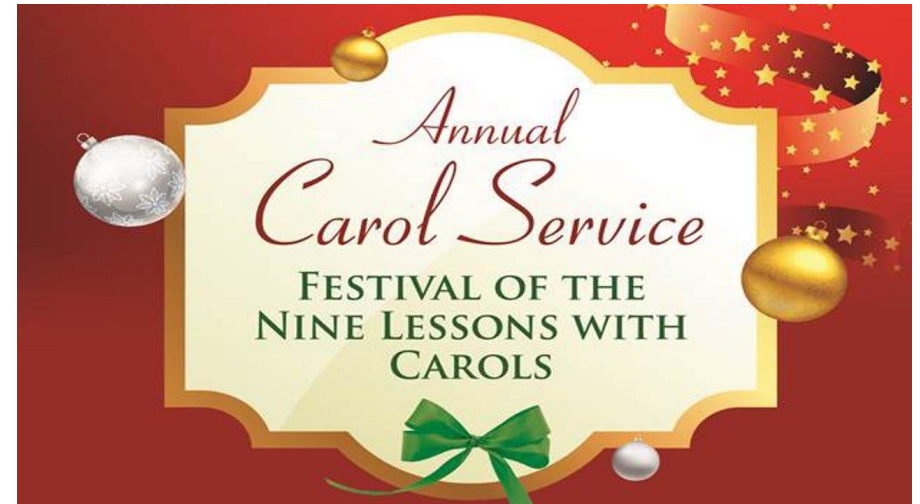
Our **Mitten Tree** has gone up for another year. We welcome your handmade or purchased donations of mittens and scarves to share with our local schools. Please note: we are not accepting hats this year.

Reminder: All donations to be included on the 2023 income tax receipts must be received in the office (or in the parish mailbox on the crypt door) **TODAY.**

2023 Income Tax Receipts: The latest version of the computer program we use to record our offerings now gives us the ability to issue income tax receipts by email. In order to implement this change beginning with the 2023 year, we are in the process now of setting up email addresses in our database. If you've had a recent email address change, and you haven't already done so, please make sure you provide it to Angela before the end of the month. For those who do not have an email account, receipts will be printed as in past years. Should you have any questions about the emailing of receipts please see Harry MacKenzie, our Envelope Secretary.



December 31st, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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