

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2009 ~ 5:00 p.m.

The Service of Lessons and Carols was first drawn up by Anglican Archbishop Benson when he was Bishop of Truro for use in that cathedral. It was later simplified and modified for use in King's College Chapel (Cambridge, England) in 1918 by its Dean, the Reverend Eric Milner-White. The service joins Scripture texts that speak of the birth of Christ with popular carols which highlight the themes found in those texts. Universally beloved, this service is used with some variation all over the world.

Prelude

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

***Choral Call to Worship** (T203) *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

***Invocation**

Special Presentation Jonathan Hayes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE FIRST LESSON Pastor Cory Colravv
Genesis 3:1-15 *The Fall of man, and the first proclamation of the Gospel*

* *"Joy to the World"* (T195, vv 1 & 3)

THE SECOND LESSON Elder Jay Trumbull
Isaiah 7:10-14, 9:1-7 *The prophet Isaiah foretells the glorious Incarnation*

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (T194, vv 1, 3 & 4)

THE THIRD LESSON Elder Rod Webb
Micah 5:2-5 *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (T201, vv 1 & 2)

THE FOURTH AND FIFTH LESSONS Elder Russell Jinks
Luke 1:26-38, 46-56 *The Angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary and Mary responds to the words of Gabriel in worship and humility*

* *"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"* (T26, vv 1 & 3)

THE SIXTH LESSON Elder Lamar Allen
Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7 *Matthew and Luke tell of the birth of Jesus*

"What Child Is This?" (T213, vv 1 & 2)

THE SEVENTH LESSON Pastor Bob Hayes
Luke 2:8-16 *The shepherds go to the manger.*

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (T223, vv 1 - 3)

THE EIGHTH LESSON Elder Rich Simpson
Matthew 2:1-11 *The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*

* *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (T208, vv 1,3)

THE NINTH LESSON Elder Jim Middleton
John 1:1-14 *John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*

"Away in a Manger" (T205, vv 1 & 3)

The 2009 PCA Christmas Offering Matthew 2:11
Offertory Hymn *"Mary, Did You Know?"* (1)

Mary did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?

Mary did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary did you know that your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.
Mary did you know?

*Congregation Please Stand

The blind will see, the deaf will hear,
The dead will live again;
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb!

Mary did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM!
Mary did you know?

Sermon

Galatians 4:4-5

“The Wonder of God’s Son(ship)”
Pastor Cory Colravy

Pastoral Prayer

***Lighting of the Candles**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (T200)
“Silent Night! Holy Night!” (T210)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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Sermon Notes**

*“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.”*
Galatians 4:4-5

“The Wonder of God’s Son(ship)”

The poinsettias in our Sanctuary during this
Christmas season have been placed:

In memory of:

William L. Fouraker
by Jane Fouraker & Don Fouraker

Clarence Leslie Jinks, J. T. Duncan, Jr., Skipper Jinks,
Corinne Moody & Linda Hatcher
by Russell & Nancy Jinks

Jack & Marge Pickett and Buster & Hazel Riffe
by Vordaman & Nancy VanBibber

Henry Wit
by Jeff & Jennifer Wit

In honor of:

Margaret Duncan, Mary Catherine Jinks
by Russell & Nancy Jinks

To the glory of God:

Jeff & Kristie Delmar