

# CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 31, 2023 | 10:00 am

## Processional Hymn 87

**Hark! The herald angels sing**

Welcome and opening prayers

### LESSON ONE

*In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is forever and ever*  
Other side – While shepherds watched their flocks by night

#### READER:

The Rev. Rob Keim

### LESSON TWO

*A Christmas Poem* by Wendell Berry  
Hymnal 115 What child is this

#### READER:

John Totten

### LESSON THREE

*In Memoriam – The Incarnation* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson  
Hymn 102 Once in royal David's city

#### READER:

Gerti Garnder

### LESSON FOUR

*Christmas, and Nativity, and Carol* all by R. S. Thomas  
Hymn 81 Lo how a rose e'er blooming

#### READER:

Robert Merritt

### LESSON FIVE

*Song of Shepherds* by Richard Bauckham  
Hymn 107 Good Christian friends rejoice

#### READER:

Michele Davenport

### LESSON SIX

*Christmas Bells* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
Hymn 110 The snow lay on the ground

#### READER:

Jeff Diehl

### LESSON SEVEN

*Christmas Poem* by Mary Oliver  
Hymn 83 O come all ye faithful

#### READER:

Karen Reinecke

### LESSON EIGHT

*A New Lord's Prayer* shared by Mary W.  
Hymn 79 O little town of Bethlehem

#### READER:

Tricia Ottesen

### LESSON NINE

*A New Year's Poem* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson  
Hymn 99 Go tell it on the mountain

#### READER:

Shirley Holgate

General Thanksgiving (*Book of Common Prayer page 101*)

**Recessional Hymn 100 Joy to the world**

**Dismissal and Postlude**

HYMN ONE

While shepherds watch their flocks by night

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on  
 2. "Fear not!" said he; for might - y dread Had seized their troub -  
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, Is born of Da -  
 4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view  
 5. "All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the earth

the ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down,  
 led mind, "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring  
 vid's line, The Sav - ior who is Christ the Lord,  
 dis - played, All mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,  
 be peace: Good will hence - forth from heav'n to men,

And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
 To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind.  
 And this shall be the sign: And this shall be the sign:  
 And in a man - ger laid; And in a man - ger laid.  
 Be - gin and nev - er cease, Be - gin and nev - er cease."