



Festival of Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 PM

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Vision

Transforming lives through God's grace.

Mission

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we grow disciples of Jesus Christ to love our neighbours and effect social change.

Values

Belonging, Community, Compassion,
Engagement and Service



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Order of Worship

Land Acknowledgement

In a spirit of respect and truth we honour and acknowledge that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai Nations) the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Otipemisiwak Metis Government of the Metis Nation within Alberta Districts 5 and 6.

Prelude Seasonal Music

from the choir & instruments

Worship begins with the Prelude. We invite you to centre yourself as you listen and acknowledge the Spirit gathering you into this community of worship.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Hymn 159 O come, all ye faithful

Blue Hymnal

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Advent Wreath

Refer to insert

Hymn 166 Once in royal David's city

Blue Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Lessons and Carols

Adam and Eve disobey God	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Hymn 165 <i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	Richard Wilson
God's promise to Abraham	Genesis 22:15-18 *Sussex Carol	Laurie Livingstone Grace Chancel Choir
A great light in the darkness	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Hymn 148 <i>It came upon a midnight clear</i>	Rev. Sabino Diok
A little child will lead them	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Hymn 151 <i>Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming</i>	Iain Robertson
Offertory O Come, O Come, Emmanuel		arr: Thomas Keesecker
An angel appears to Mary	Luke 1:26-35, 38 Hymn 139 <i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	Sandy Strother-Stewart
Mary gives birth in Bethlehem	Luke 2:1-7 Hymn 136 <i>The first nowell</i>	Len Wolstenholme
Angels announce the Messiah	Luke 2:8-16 * <i>O Holy Night</i>	Elizabeth Cressman Heather-Rose Locken
Magi come from the East	Matthew 2:1-11 Hymn 173 <i>We three Kings</i>	Mary Jardine
And the Word became flesh	John 1:1-14 Hymn 154 <i>Silent night</i>	Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet
* Anthem: See Amid the Winter's Snow		arr. Dan Forrest

Sending

Hymn 153 *Joy to the world* Blue Hymnal

Blessing and Charge

Postlude Concertato on *Joy to the World* Paul Fey

*Grace Chancel Choir

Grace thanks guest musicians, Jin Lee-Jones & Paul Xu, Flutes; Angela Smart & Katarina Wollmann, Violins; Andrea Poon, Viola; Maria van der Hoek, Cello; Sonja Sward, French Horn; Sarah Dennison, Trumpet; Ernest Flancia, Percussion; and Helena Barker, Piano, for their contribution to music during worship.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are to the Glory of God from the Cormack Family.

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Clark Hanna
Janet Hyde
Mary Jardine
Joanne Kellough
Anne Mohtadi
Jiebieni Nyajwok
Okwayi Obang
Shirley Philips (Clerk)
Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet
Cindy Stephenson
Matthew Vyse
Len Wolstenholme

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