



Christmas Sunday - Lessons & Carols

December 28, 2025

Worship Leader
Carrie Phillips

Pianist/Organist
Dina Pannabecker Evans

Pre-Service Music

Noël
Variations on "In Dulci Jubilo"
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Louis-Claude Daquin
Theodore Beck
Wilbur Held

Gathering

Music Calls Us to Worship

Welcome, Announcements, Centering

Advent Candle Lighting and Litany Karen Luginbuhl & Bill Luginbuhl

One: We have been waiting in the long, dark night, waiting for your light of hope,
peace, joy. and love to reveal itself and shine on us. Shine in us.

Many: Come, Light of the world. Amaze us!

**All: May your light shine through the dark, illuminating your path,
illuminating our souls.**

Invocation

Prelude What Child Is This? Daniel Burton
Jon Wiebe, cello; Dina Pannabecker Evans, organ

Telling God's Story

Lesson One Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Kevin Cluts
*Carol Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus VT 218

Conversation with Children Jeff Gundy & Tim Byers
Christ Is a Candle VT 211
v. 5 Coming forward and returning to seats

Lesson Two Genesis 22:15-18 Carter Phillips
Carol O Come, O Come, Immanuel, v. 1 & 7 VT 210

Lesson Three Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Brenda Byers
Carol I Saw Three Ships Bulletin Insert

Lesson Four Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9 Ellery Byers
Carol Divinum mysterium Raymond H. Haan
Jon Wiebe, cello; Dina Pannabecker Evans, organ

Community Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Carrie Mast
James W. Bixel
back cover of HWB

Lesson Five Luke 1:26-35, 38
Carol The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed Claire Phillips
VT 221

Lesson Six Luke 2:1, 3-7 Jan Emmert
Carol The Wexford Carol Unknown
Wendy Chappell-Dick

Lesson Seven Luke 2:8-16 Deron Martin
Carol Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VT 247

Living God's Story

Offering
Invitation
Offertory O Holy Night
Ella Wiebe, violin; Jon Wiebe, cello
Dina Pannabecker Evans, organ Adolphe Adam,
arr. Karr & Wiebe

Prayer of Dedication

Lesson Eight Matthew 2:1-12 Megan Coffman
Carol What Sweeter Music John Rutter
Youth Choir (and friends)

Lesson Nine John 1:1-14 Sarah Phillips
*Carol Go Tell It on the Mountain VT 252

Sending

*Benediction

*Postludes Toccatina on "Angels we have heard on high" Richard Elliott
Variations on "Adeste Fideles" (O Come, All Ye Faithful) Marcel Dupré
I. Andante
II. Allegro risoluto
III. Vivace

*Please rise in body or in spirit VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)

Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.
Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.
Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.
Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you're welcome to come back.
As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

I Saw Three Ships

Traditional

Briskly
mf

1. I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On

mf

Christ - mas day, on Christ - mas day; I saw three ships come

sail - ing in, On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing.

2. And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas day in the morning.
3. The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas day in the morning.
4. And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
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