

## What is a Lessons and Carols Service?

The Christmas story began many many years before Jesus was born. A Lessons and Carols service tells that story. It uses nine Bible readings (called “lessons”) that take the listener through the story of the fall from sin in the Garden of Eden, to the promise of the coming Messiah, and to the birth of Jesus. Between the readings we will listen to and sing Christmas Carols. This booklet will help you to follow along. Let’s get started....

**First Lesson:** The terrible lie: Adam and Eve lose everything.  
Genesis 3:8-19

*Carol: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Listen while Christine reads the story about how Adam and Eve believed a lie and had to leave the wonderful home God had made for them. But listen to the end. What does God say he will do?



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**Second Lesson:** Abraham obeyed God.  
Listen to what God promised to Abraham.  
Genesis 22:15-18

*Carol: The PBCC Choir will sing “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

**Third Lesson:** The prophet Isaiah tells us that a Savior will be born.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

“For to us a child is born.... And he will be called....”

Listen for the names given to the Savior by Isaiah.

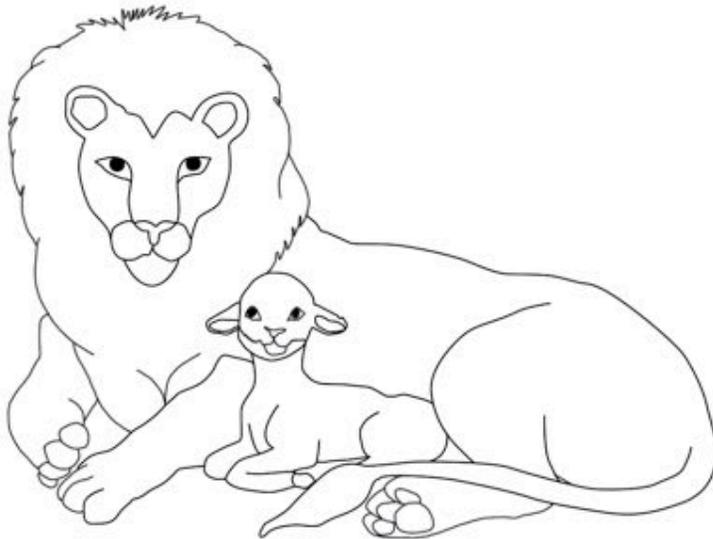
*Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**Fourth Lesson:** Jesus will bring peace.

Isaiah 11:1-9

Listen as well for the kinds of animals that will live together in peace.

*Carol: A string quartet will play “Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People”*



**Fifth Lesson:** The angel Gabriel has a message for Mary

Luke 1:26-38

What did Gabriel tell Mary?

*Carol: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*



**Sixth Lesson:** The birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Where was Jesus born?

*Carol: Away in the Manger*

**Seventh Lesson:** The shepherds go to the manger

Luke 2:8-16

Who told the shepherds that Jesus was born?

*Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High*

## Glory to God in the highest!

**Eighth Lesson:** The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

How did the wise men know where the baby Jesus was?

*Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful*

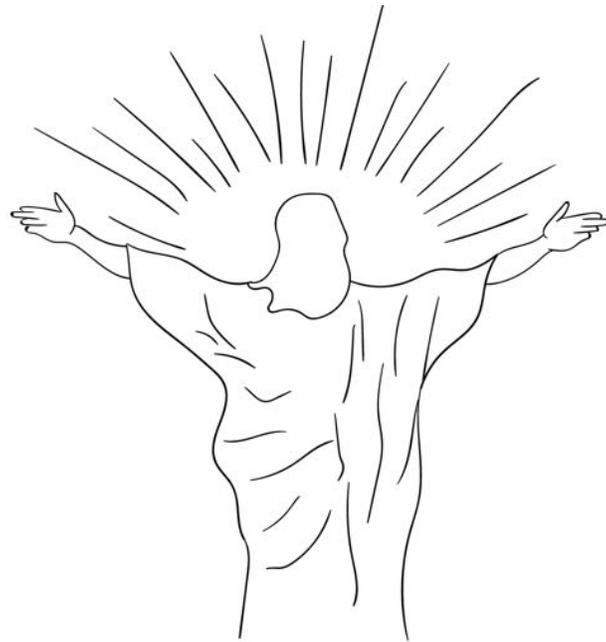


**Ninth Lesson:** God moved into the neighborhood!

John 1:1-14

Remember what Christine read at the beginning of the service. Someday God would rescue his people, he would come back for them. And he did...

*Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



In him was **life**, and the life  
was the **light** of men,  
the light **SHINES** in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

## **Candlelighting**

*Special Music: O Holy Night*

Jesus is the Light of the world. And he gives light to us so we can share it with others.



*Carol: Silent Night*

## **Benediction**

*Now may he, who by his incarnation, gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you a spirit of joy and peace as you celebrate the birth of Jesus.*

*Special Music: Christmas Day*