

Lessons and Carols

December 27, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

Ken G.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Ken G.

**Come, let us sing God's praise with creation!
Praise God, sun and moon! Praise God, shining stars!
Come, let us sing with Simeon and Anna!
Our eyes have seen salvation God's gift for all people!
Come let us sing God's praise together and worship the Christ-child born for us!**

CHRISTMAS CAROL NO. 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faith, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of Angels!**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O Come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created! (*sing refrain*)**

**Sign, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (*sing refrain*)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (*sing refrain*)**

First Lesson

Genesis 1:26-2:4; 5:1b-2

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God blesses humankind and all of creation

CAROL NO. 121, VS 1-2, 4

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in the thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.**

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

God establishes the covenant with Noah

CAROL NO. 88, VS 1, 6-7

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**O God, in Christ you were born a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us.
Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Free us
to see your Light reflecting in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and
strangers, enemies and friends, and make us shine forth with your love.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

John W

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

CAROL NO. 123, VS 1-2, 5

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing:
and ever o’re its Babble sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

CAROL NO. 129 vs, 1-2

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

**Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.**

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Cheryl W

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

CAROL NO. 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**Hark! The heard angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The heard angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The heard angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The heard angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Pat G.

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

SPECIAL OFFERING

“Away in a Manger”

Natalie

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields & announce the birth of the Messiah

CAROL NO. 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing heir joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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DEDICATING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

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Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Judie T

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

CAROL NO. 151, VS 1-4

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *(sing refrain)***

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshipping God Most High. *(sing refrain)***

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *(sing refrain)***

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Larry A.

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

CAROL #136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *(sing refrain)***

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. *(sing refrain)***

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *(sing refrain)***

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



Prayer
REQUESTS

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Joyce A (friend of George R)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glennas's daughter)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma B
Andree C
Chuck C (Laura D's brother)
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Tom C (Ann M's brother-in-law)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Lori F (George R's OES friend)
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Heather (Glenna & Hank's niece)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Hice Family (Jane & Dave's daughter's family)

James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Rachel M (Rutter's granddaughter)
Jim M
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Maria R (Laura D's friend)
Jessie R (Julie/Jeff's niece)
Ann & Geoff S
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
Shirley (Cathy W's aunt)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Those who are caregivers
Those devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Those affected by the devastating forest fires
Those who grieve

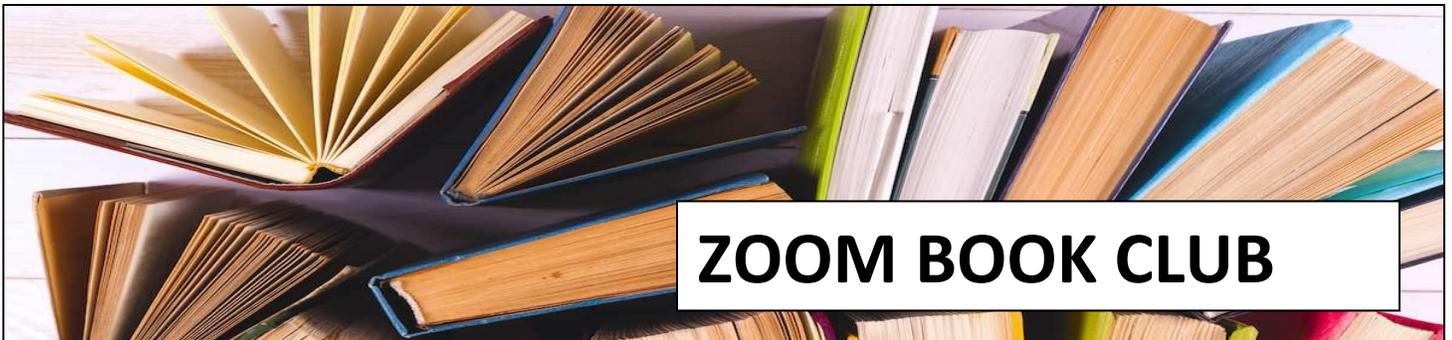


ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Zoom session.

Here is the schedule:

December 30	NO CLASS
January 6	Mark 1:4-11; Acts 19:1-7
January 13	John 1:43-51; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
January 20	Mark 1:14-20; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31



ZOOM BOOK CLUB

**Our next Book Club meetings will be on:
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7 pm**
We will be discussing “Brooklyn by Colm Toibin”

If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Monetary donations allow us to purchase goods based on the needs of our clients at wholesale prices and is the easiest way to meet the growing demand at this time. Checks can be mailed to the Township (Attn: Food Pantry) and should be made out to the Township of Schaumburg with Food Pantry in the memo section. Donations can also be made online through our website schaumburgtownship.org. Please remember to signify the donation should be made to the Food Pantry.

FOOD DONATIONS:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal and Cereal
- Canned Meats (tuna fish, chicken, ham, Spam)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges)
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Beef Stew, Chili, Pork n Beans
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Canned or Dry Beans
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- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
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- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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