



*We tell again the story of our
Saviour's birth in
scripture and song*

Everything you need for this service is in this bulletin insert.
For your comfort, **please remain seated throughout**, unless invited to stand. **You are invited to join in singing the CAROLS.** The words (and music) for these are found in the blue book, *Common Praise*; hymn numbers are included in the program below.



Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle:

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

ALL: Jesus is the light of the world; a light no darkness can extinguish.

Leader: We light the candle of love as we joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus

The candle is lit.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, into our world, into our church, into our homes

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come! Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Love is a Flame Congregation

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Bidding Prayer

CAROL: **Once in Royal David's City** Congregation: verses 2 & 3
Common Praise 123

LESSON 1 Genesis 3:1-15 *The Message* Reader: Karen Luyendyk

Song: **We Wait** Music Team
Words and music: Ruth Elain Schram. Lorenz Music.

LESSON 2 Isaiah 9:2-7 Reader: Inez McCreery

CAROL: **O Come O Come Emmanuel** Congregation: verses 1,3, 6
Common Praise 89

LESSON 3 Isaiah 11:1-9 *The Living Bible* Reader: Jim Anderson

CAROL: **Lo He Comes with Clouds** Congregation
Common Praise 114

LESSON 4 Micah 5:2-4. *The Message.* Reader: Katrina Ayling

CAROL: **O Little Town of Bethlehem** Congregation
Common Praise 120

LESSON 5 Luke 1:26-38. *New Living Bible.* Reader: Ron Ayling

Song: **Gabriel's Message** Music Team
Traditional. Arr. Edgar Pettman.

LESSON 6 Luke 2:1-7. *New Revised Standard* Reader: Melissa Stroud

Song: **Joseph's Lullaby** Music Team (men)
Words: Maryanne Quinlivan; music; Kevin Keil. Choristers' Guild

LESSON 7 Luke 2: 8-14 *Modern English* Reader: David McCreery

Song: **Angel Song** Music Team
Words and music: Patrick Mock and Jon Page. Daybreak Music.

LESSON 8 Luke 2:15-20 *The Voice* Reader: Irene Emig

Song: **Amen, Tell It on the Mountain** Music Team
Words and Music: Mary Macdonald. Lorenz Publishing.

Prayer

Offering CAROL: **When the King Shall Come Again** Congregation
Common Praise 109

Lord's Prayer and Benediction

CAROL: **There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying** Congregation
Common Praise 106

Organ Postlude: **The Holy City**
Stephan Adams, composer



Many thanks to all the readers, singers and musicians for their contributions
to this morning's special service.

Please join us for fellowship over coffee, tea and Christmas treats
in the Hall following this service.