



LEBANON
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Lessons & Carols

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 8:30 & 11 AM

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Lessons & Carols

Introit: "Ring the Bells"

Judy Lea

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Steve Boutell

*ProceSSIONAL: O Come All Ye Faithful

All Sing

The Bidding Prayer

Rebecca Gwynn-Dixon

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises we humbly offer to God. Amen.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, UMH 211

All Sing

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-8

Pastor Ryan Bennett

To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces good news: God is coming back and bringing the exiles home!

Good People, All Rejoice

Choir

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6

Pastor Steve Boutell

The prophet Jeremiah offers hope for a righteous Branch, a just King who is yet to come.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Choir

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and

8:30—Jana Brassler and Donna Odom

Third Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10

11:00—The Little Family

To a nation grown weary of war and weapons, God promises a King who will establish a reign of peace.

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, UMH 218

All Sing

Fourth Lesson: Haggai 2:6-9

Rebecca Gwynn-Dixon

The prophet Haggai promises to God's people a temple even more glorious than the temple of old.

Offertory: Bell Carol

Choir

Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Pastor Ryan Bennett

The prophet Isaiah declares a Child will be born. The Messiah will reign forever and will offer hope to a broken world, ushering in God's peace.

*What Child Is This?, UMH 219

All Sing

Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Pastor Steve Boutell

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to a Ruler whose reign shall never end.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Choir

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Rebecca Gwynn-Dixon

The glory of God is revealed through the birth of Jesus Christ.

Gloria in Excelsis

Choir

by A. Vivaldi (1678-1741)

*Benediction

Pastor Ryan Bennett

*Joy to the World

All Sing

by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

arr. John Rutter

**Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

Special Thanks to...

ORCHESTRA

Andrew Dunn, cello; Jimin Lin, violin; Deanna Little, conductor; Windell Little, piano and music director, Anthony Parce, viola; Jung-Min Shin, violin; Joseph Walker, pipe organ; Glenn Wanner, double bass; Jason Wyatt, percussion

LEBANON FUMC CHOIR

Alex Baldwin, Geni Batchelor, Hannah Blankenship, Tara Blicht, Ginger Brosius, Glen Brosius, Miya Burt, Frank Clements, Claudia Courter, Amanda Crowell, Chris Haynes, Rachel Henson, Shannon Hodge, Don Hudlow, Tish Hudlow, Mac Griffin, Brad Jordan, Gregg Key, Judy Lea, Cherie Rainey, Nathan Rollins, Dixie Rury, Emma Scott, Josh Smith, Jim Tate, Timothy Vanhook, Sigrun Watson, Joy Wooden, Ronnie Wooden, Jonathan Woodfin, Jim Wyatt

Top 5 This Week

TONIGHT AT 5PM ON SITE, 7PM ONLINE – LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Not everyone feels merry and bright during the holidays; this service is a safe space for all who are grieving or struggling. Come be comforted and refreshed.

FRIDAY, 12/24 AT 4:15PM – CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

All children are invited for a Christmas Eve service designed just for you! Dress up as a nativity character, and bring your favorite stuffed barnyard animal.

FRIDAY, 12/24 AT 5 AND 11PM – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our traditional Candlelight and Communion services will take place in the Sanctuary and will stream live online. ALL are welcome.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURES

Church offices will be closed from noon 12/24 through 12/28 for Christmas.

COMING IN 2022...

Our next sermon series begins on Epiphany Sunday, 1/2 and will be based on the book, **Soundtracks** by Jon Acuff. We will also have an accompanying Sunday School class to go deeper into the material. Hope to see you here!