

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
10:00 A.M. – Sunday, December 27, 2009

Prelude: “Behold a Branch Is Growing”

Beth Jenkins, Organist

Call to Worship (responsively)

Elder Bill McClain

L: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

ALL: Praise and thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn – “Joy to the World!” – Hymn #171**

***Prayer of the Day (together)**

Elder McClain

Glory to You, Almighty God, for You sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ, for You became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people. Glory to You, Holy Spirit, for You direct and rule our lives. Glory to You, Almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson – Genesis 3:8-15

B. J. Harrison

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the offspring of woman shall strike the serpent’s head.

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” - Hymn #168

Second Lesson – Genesis 22:15-18

Beth Burgess

God promises to faithful Abraham that by his offspring, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” - Hymn #172

Third Lesson – Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. by Emily Lund

The Worship Choir; Kathy Myers, piano

Chris Davies

Fourth Lesson – Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" - Hymn #178

Sarah Trinkle

Prayers of the People

Giving of Tithes and Offerings-Prayer for the Offering

Welcome and Church News

Elder McClain

Fifth Lesson – Luke 1:26-35,38

The angel Gabriel visits the blessed Virgin Mary.

"What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest? - Hymn #180

Thomas David

Sixth Lesson – Matthew 1:18-21

Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" – Hymn #194

Sue Frey

Seventh Lesson – Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" – Hymn #175

John Wynne

Eighth Lesson – Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

"The Shining Star" by Tom Jennings

Peggy Lyon, soprano; Herb Stahl, soprano sax

Joyce Tyson

Ninth Lesson – John 1:1-14

George Major, Jr.

John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" - Hymn 177

***Charge:**

Elder: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen!

Postlude: "On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

arr. by Roy Brunner

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**Begin the New Year in Worship and Holy Communion
NEXT SUNDAY, January 3, 2010 - ONE SERVICE at 10:00 A.M.
Christian Education Classes at 8:45 A.M.
"Bring a Dish" luncheon at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall**

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