

Christ Covenant Church
A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
December 24th, 2011



CALL TO WORSHIP *(please rise)*

*O Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.*

CAROL: #243CC *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE #1: *Almighty God, Who has given us Your Only-Begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and Who, in the fulness of time was born of the virgin Mary; Grant that we being born of the Spirit, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may be renewed daily by the Holy Spirit, living lives of obedience to Your commands; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen!* *(please be seated)*

THE FIRST LESSON:

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise, and that the Seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head.

Genesis 3:8-19 ~ Pastor Brian Penney
The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CAROL: #219CC *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

THE SECOND LESSON:

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 ~ Max Schnettler
The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CAROL: #226CC *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

THE THIRD LESSON:

The angel Gabriel visits the virgin Mary.
Luke 1:26-38 ~ Pastor Brian Penney
The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CAROL: #227CC *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*



THE FOURTH LESSON:

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Luke 2:1-7 ~ Max Schnettler

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CAROL: #245CC *Silent Night*

THE FIFTH LESSON:

Jesus birth is announced to the shepherds.

Luke 2:8-20 ~ Pastor Brian Penney

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CAROL: #230CC *Angels We Have Heard on High*

THE SIXTH LESSON:

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-11 ~ Max Schnettler

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CAROL: #250CC *What Child Is This?*

THE SEVENTH LESSON:

St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1-14 ~ Pastor Brian Penney

The Gospel of our Lord! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

CAROL: #238CC *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE #2: *Almighty God, Who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He shall come to raise us up to life eternal, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen! (Please stand to sing)*

CAROL: #240CC *Joy to the World!*

BENEDICTION: *May our Lord Jesus Christ, Who by His Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of peace, goodwill, and every spiritual blessing; and the grace of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen!*