

First Baptist Church presents
A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

December 8, 7:00

December 10, 6:00

○ Come, All Ye Faithful Latin Hymn

○ come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant,
 ○ come ye, ○ come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come and behold Him,
 Born the King of angels;
 Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation!
 ○ sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
 Glory to God, all
 Glory in the highest; (Refrain)

Refrain:
 ○ come, let us adore Him,
 ○ come, let us adore Him,
 ○ come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord.
 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
 Born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father,
 Now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)

Once in Royal David's City arr. Aniol

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald 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 th'angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King."

First Lesson: *God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head (Genesis 3).*

God So Loved the World John Stainer

Second Lesson: *God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed (Genesis 22).*

Prepare! Lloyd Larson

Third Lesson: *The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior (Isaiah 9).*

○ Come, ○ Come, Emmanuel arr. Nichols

Fourth Lesson: *The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown (Isaiah 11).*

How Bright Appears the Morning Star J. S. Bach

Fifth Lesson: *The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary (Luke 1).*

I Wonder As I Wander arr. Rutter

Sixth Lesson: *Luke tells of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2).*

Silent Night arr. Aniol

Silent Night! holy night!
 Son of God, Love's pure light,
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Seventh Lesson: *The shepherds go to the manger (Luke 2).*

Past Three O' Clock English traditional carol

Eighth Lesson: *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus (Matthew 2).*

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising arr. Aniol

Ninth Lesson: *John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation (John 1).*

Sing for Christ is Born Joseph Martin

Acknowledgments

Director Pastor Scott Aniol
Piano Vicki Williquette
Soloists Becky Aniol
Sarah Villacorta
Catherine Williquette

Choir

Soprano	Alto	John Knight
Becky Aniol	Kathi Pope	Pastor Scott Williquette
Marje Jones	Rachel Blakeney	
Judy Underwood	Shirley Smith	Bass
Sarah Villacorta		Dean Blakeney
Catherine Williquette	Tenor	Donald Pope
Vicki Williquette	Bill Jones	Matthew Williquette
	Michele Jones	

History

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who had just been appointed Dean of King's College. A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City." In almost every year some carols have been changed and some new ones introduced by successive organists. The backbone of the service, the lessons, has remained virtually unchanged. After its introduction, other churches adapted the service for their own use. Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. "The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God . . . seen through the windows and words of the Bible."

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Friday, December 8
Sunday, December 10



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