

## Huron Baptist Church A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Scott & Becky Aniol  
Brigette Shevy

*Sing We Now Noel*  
Scott & Becky Aniol

**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).*

*This is the Truth Sent From Above*  
Scott Aniol

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

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Brigette Shevy

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

*I Wonder As I Wander*  
Becky Aniol

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

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Scott Aniol

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

*Christmas Pastorate*  
Becky Aniol

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

*Wexford Carol*  
Scott Aniol

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

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*  
Brigette Shevy

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

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

*Silent Night*  
Brigette Shevy, harp

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King,  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

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

*Lord, We Bow Before Your Glory*  
Scott & Becky Aniol

## 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. 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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