

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 ..... Alonzo Taylor  
*Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.*  
 Carol TFWS #2096 “Rise Up Sheperd, and Follow”.....Central Choir

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16.....Josh Gutshall  
*The shepherds go to see the Savior of the World, lying in a manger.*  
 Carol #221 “In the Bleak Midwinter” .....Congregation

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11..... Betsy Gutshall  
*The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.*  
 Carol TFWS #2098 “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”... ..Central Choir

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14 .....Rev. Won Un  
*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.*  
 Carol #234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ..... Congregation

HOLY COMMUNION (SEE INSERT)

\* CAROL #239 “Silent Night” Gene Blackmer & Congregation

\*BENEDICTION

*Have a Safe & Merry Christmas &  
 Happy New Year!*

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**Announcements**

Thank you all for participating in the 9 Lessons and Carols service. May you be blessed and merry in this season of Christmas!

Big thanks to candle lighters, readers, singers, servers, and cleaners.



*Central United Methodist Church  
 Sunday, December 24, 2024, 6:00 PM*



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PRELUDE "O Holy Night" Gene Blackmer

WORDS OF WELCOME ..... Rev. Won Un

\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL #240 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT/CHRIST CANDLES The Gutshall Family

LEADER: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**  
*(Light 1st Candle)*

LEADER: Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God is born this night.

ALL: **God's word has been made flesh among us.**  
*(Light 2nd Candle)*

LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

ALL: **Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.**  
*(Light 3rd Candle)*

LEADER: You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

ALL: **His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
*(Light 4th Candle)*

LEADER: He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

ALL: **AMEN!**

*(Light the Christ Candle)*

THE BIDDING PRAYER ..... Rev. Won Un

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*Stand as you are able

OPENING PRAYER .....Rev. Won Un

**ALL: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of Your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of Your son Jesus Christ, even as He humbled himself to share our humanity. Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19.....Caroline Jones  
*God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

"Tidings Carols" ..... Central Choir

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18.....Ed Pickett  
*God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain the blessing.*

Carol #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".....Congregation

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7.....Virginia Buchanan  
*The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.*  
Carol #218 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"..... Congregation

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9.....Joe Hill  
*The King is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.*  
Carol #196 (3rd Verse) "What Child is This".....  
Handbell Choir & Congregation

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38 .....Mary Douglas  
*The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.*

"Mary Did You Know".....Betsy Gutshall & Joe Hill