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## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.



## Festival of Lessons and Carols

Opening Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

*Hymnal #102*

v. 1-2, 4-5

### Bidding Prayer

Officiant Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

All            Our Father in heaven,  
                 hallowed be your Name,  
                 your kingdom come,  
                 your will be done,  
                 on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
                 as we forgive those  
                 who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
                 and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
                 and the glory are yours,  
                 now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant    The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of  
                 everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King  
                 of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

## Lesson I

Genesis 3:1-15

Reader       Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that  
                 the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say,  
                 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said  
                 to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;  
                 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in  
                 the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"   
                 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God  
                 knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you  
                 will be like God, knowing good and evil."

                 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that  
                 it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to  
                 make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some  
                 to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of  
                 both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they  
                 sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They  
                 heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time  
                 of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves  
                 from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

                 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are  
                 you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was

afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

**Carol**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Hymnal #107*

**Lesson II**

Isaiah 40:1-11

**Reader**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Lesson III

Luke 1:26-58

Reader In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

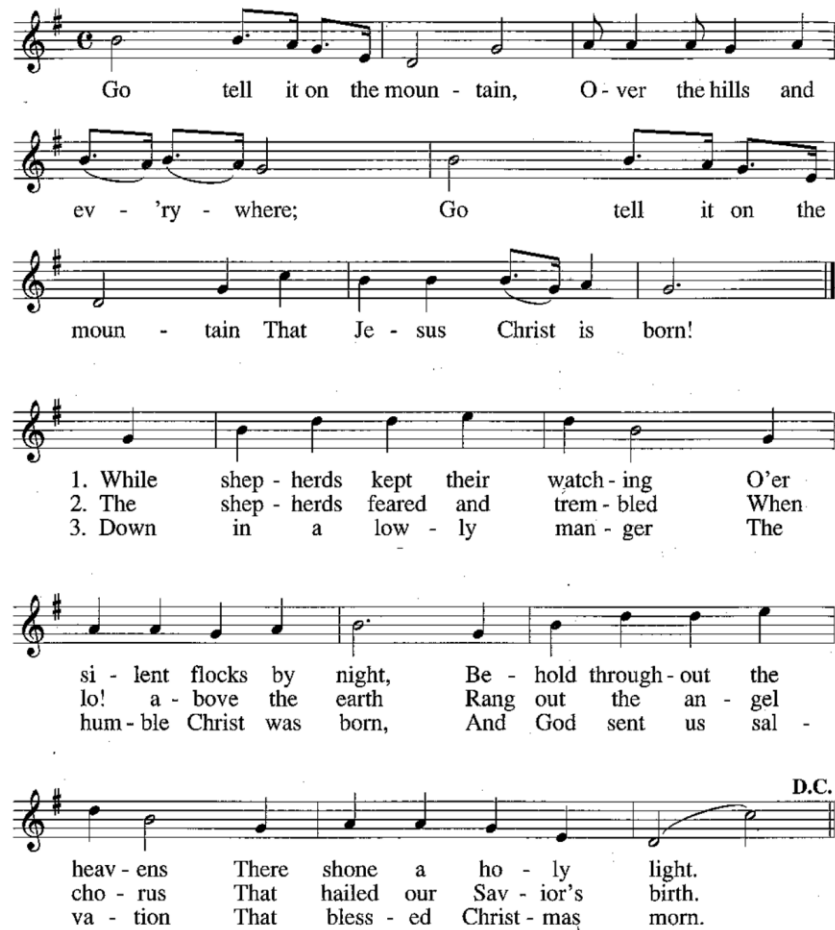
Lesson IV Luke 2:1-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told

them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Carol

### "Go Tell it on the Mountain"



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and  
ev - 'ry - where; Go tell it on the  
moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The

si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold through - out the  
lo! a - bove the earth Rang out the an - gel  
hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -

heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

D.C.

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## Lesson V

John 1:1-18

### Reader

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world

did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Carol** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" *Hymnal #82*

**Offertory** "What Child is This" *Hymnal #115*

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Officiant** Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** "Joy to the World" *Hymnal #100*

### **The Blessing**

**Officiant** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*



## PRAYERS

*This week we keep in our prayers:*

Brittany and family, Mona, Trent, Fran M, Ruth, Joe M, Martin & Sue, Robert G, Fr. James, Curtis, Terrie, Bob K, Shelby, Dolores, Micah & Emily, Charisse, Arne, AJ, Barb D, Virginia, Tammy, Chantelle, Scotti, Janie, Larry, Jeffre, Dana, Dale, Linda, Jesse, Tom & Talya, Sophie, Crystal, Nancy S, Fran, Taylor, Mary, Bryan, Jeff, Holly, Chad, Rev. Doug & Deacon Eileen, Heather, and the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center Residents and Staff.

## Announcements

**First Friday Soup Supper.** On Friday, January 2, Trinity will welcome the New Year with a simple soup and bread supper at 6 pm. Our evening will close with the short and lovely service of Sung Compline at 7. Join us for either or both!

**Epiphany Service.** On January 3rd, at 10:00 a.m.. we'll share an Epiphany Eucharist at First United Methodist Church, 200 N. 15<sup>th</sup>, with the First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches. This will be the fourth year we've participated in this joint service, and it's a great opportunity to connect with other local faith communities!

**Poinsettias.** The Poinsettias need a new home. If you would like a Poinsettia, please take one. Thank you.



## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Monday, December 29, 2025</b>	10:00-2:00	Church Office Open
	10:00-2:00	Rev. Haydie Office Hours
	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
<b>Tuesday, December 30, 2025</b>	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
<b>Wednesday, December 31, 2025</b>	10:00-2:00	Church Office Open
<b>Thursday, January 1, 2025</b>	Happy New Year! <b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>Friday, January 2, 2025</b>	10:00-2:00	Church Office Open
	10:00-2:00	Rev. Haydie Office Hours
	6:00 p.m.	Soup & Bread Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Sung Compline
	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
<b>Saturday, January 3, 2025</b>	10:00 a.m.	Interfaith Epiphany Service
<b>Sunday, January 4, 2025</b>	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	1:30 p.m.	My Brother's Table

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Presider:	Trent Clegg
Lectors:	Ruta Casabianca
	Kathy Venemon
	Anne LoPiccalo
	Catherine Buttrick
Ushers:	Jeffre Miller
Altar Guild:	Angela Young
Vestry on Duty	Angela Young
Music Director & Accompanist:	Trent Clegg
Audiovisual Facilitator:	Kevin Scott
Coffee Hour:	Susanne Forrest