

To Us a Child Is Born

A service of Scripture, song and symbol

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Opening Carol: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (B) 128; all 4

*God's Greeting

The Lighting of the Four Advent Candles

Prayer

FIRST LESSON **Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19**

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the blessing of paradise and that his offspring will bruise the serpent's head.

Carol: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (G) 329; all 4

Symbol: Thorns

SECOND LESSON **Genesis 22:15-18**

God promises to faithful Abraham that by his offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Carol: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (B) 123; all 4

Symbol: Sand

THIRD LESSON **Isaiah 9:2-7**

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

*Carol: "Once in Royal David's City" (B) 155; all 4

Symbol: Yoke

FOURTH LESSON **Isaiah 11:1-9**

The prophet Isaiah foretells the peace that Christ will bring.

Carol: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (G) 351; all 3

Symbol: Branch

Offering: Resonate Global Missions

Offertory: Ellietta Vander Meulen

FIFTH LESSON **Luke 1:26-38**

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (B) 133; all 3

Symbol: Angel

SIXTH LESSON **Luke 2:1-7**

Luke tells the birth of Jesus.

Carol: "Away in a Manger" (G) 348; all 3

Symbol: Cloth

SEVENTH LESSON **Luke 2:8-16**

The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (B) 135; all 5

Symbol: Lamb

EIGHTH LESSON **Matthew 2:1-11**

The star leads the wise men to Jesus

*Carol: "We Three Kings" (B) 166; all 5

Symbol: Gold, Frankincense, and myrrh

NINTH LESSON **John 1:1-14**

John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol: "Silent Night, Holy Night!" (B) 147; all 3

Symbol: Light

Closing Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (B) 132; all 4

*Postlude

Leading: Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

Piano: Heidi Veldstra **Guitar:** John Welch

Praise Team: LeeAnn Bergwerff, John Veenstra, Heidi Veldstra

**Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks*

(B) blue songbooks under pews

Welcome to our Service of
Lessons and Carols



Escalon Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, December 19th, 2021
6:00 PM