

Festival of Readings and Carols
December 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Welcome

*Opening Hymn: 207, "Good Christian Men Rejoice"

*Opening Prayer

FIRST READING

The Announcement In Eden - The First Promise Of The Gospel

Genesis 3:8-15

Hymn: 196, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

SECOND READING

Christ's Birth And Kingdom Foretold By Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"Gesù Bambino"

THIRD READING

The Prophet Micah Announces The Birthplace Of Christ

Micah 5:2-5a

Hymn: 201, "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

FOURTH READING

The Angel Announces The Birth Of Jesus To Mary

Luke 1:26-38

"Coventry Carol"

String Quartet

FIFTH READING

The Shepherds Are Told Of The Birth Of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: 204, "Away In A Manger"

SIXTH READING

Luke Tells Of The Birth Of Jesus

Luke 2:8-14

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

String Quartet

SEVENTH READING

The Angels And Shepherds Give Glory To God

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn: 200, "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

EIGHTH READING

Matthew Tells Of The Birth Of Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

"Once in Royal David's City"

String Quartet

NINTH READING

Simeon And Anna Welcome Jesus

Luke 2:25-35

Hymn: 208, "O Come All Ye Faithful"

TENTH READING

John Unfolds The Mystery Of The Incarnation

John 1:1-14

Meditation: "In The Fullness Of Time"

*Hymn: 210, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*Closing Prayer

Thank you to all who worked to make tonight a special evening together, and a helpful part of our celebration of the birth of our Savior.

“The Word did not become a philosophy, a theory, or a concept to be discussed and debated, but the Word became a person to be worshipped, followed, enjoyed, obeyed, and loved.”

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

