

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Processional Hymn: *Once in royal David's city (vss. 1, 2, 5 & 6)*

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable, And His
cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love; For that Child so dear and gentle Is
our Lord in heaven above, And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high; Where like stars His children crowned All in white shall wait around.

Acclamation

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

People: To us a Son is given.

A Bidding Prayer

First Lesson - Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

Anthem - *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*

Audrey Hanna, Meg Hanna and Lena Kerley

Second Lesson - Genesis 3: 1-15

Anthem - *God rest ye merry gentlemen*

arr. Larry Shackley

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Third Lesson - Isaiah 35: 1-10

Hymn - *Good Christian men rejoice*

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow and, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Fourth Lesson - Luke 1: 26-59

Hymn - *Angels we have heard on high (vss. 1 & 3)*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Fifth Lesson - Luke 2: 1-20

Anthem - *How quietly*

arr. Joel Raney

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Sixth Lesson - Luke 2: 21-36

Hymn - *It came upon a midnight clear* (vss. 1 & 4)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angel's sing.

For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Seventh Lesson - Hebrews 1: 1-12

Hymn - *Silent night*

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, shepherd quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Eighth Lesson - John 1: 1-18

Anthem - *Christmas fanfare*

Joseph Martin

St. Francis' Choir

Announcements and Offertory

Collects

Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Go tell it on the mountain*

Refrain **Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

St. Francis Anglican Parish

Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

Tina Hanby	Jean Ganzel	Jack Mahaffey
Jack Beyer	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	Kristin Vernon
*Susan Dixon	Alice Buchanen	John Blasius
Jeff Kopp	Patricia Spaulding	Mary Perkins
Phil Maddox	Betty Beavers	Christy Aylies
Mary Quinn	Cynthia McNeil	Aaron Plourde
Charles Whaley	Doris Sharp	*Charles Wick
Adam Sharp	Karen Towson	Larry Long
Andrea Franklin	Mary Gillam	Anissa Mitchell
*Lew Andersen	*DeDe McKenzie	*John McKenzie

*Member of St. Francis

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Sue to extend the time.

Pray for strength and divine guidance: Oneida Mahaffey, Lisa Kopp and Vernetta French.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Brian Gille, George Walter, Jim Makepeace, Rick Smith, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos, Eliza, Josh Pratt, Greg, Ben Gumpton and Jeremy.

Pray for the departed: Christopher Gregory, Timothy Gregory, Margaret Moore, Jeff Ward, Gertrude Little, Lewis Poe, Daisy McIntyre and Kristin Hatch.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Helen Ward to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for family and friends.

Those serving today:

Ushers:	JJ Cuff and Dana Garrett
Chalice Bearers:	Dwight Edmonds and Amy Davis
Lector:	Ron Hewett
Acolytes:	Jonathan Hanna and Matt Kerley
Coffee Hour:	The Oberkirsch family
Music Director:	Leslie Hanna
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Jean Dabbs, Lisa Meadows, Mary Ann Dusenbury and Edie Makepeace

Vestry

Through 2018: Lew Andersen, Sr. Warden, Oliver Crawley, Jr. Warden, Gordy Reese, Clerk

Through 2019: Ron Brown, Sue Comstock, Jean Dabbs

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Marty Pate

Announcements

Sunday School - Classes will not be held today.

Music Meditation - Today at 8:45 around the piano.

St. Francis Choir Rehearsal - Will resume next Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Epiphany Party - Sunday, January 7, 2018.

COMING SOON! Watch for a new prayer bookmark to draw our whole congregation into prayer, with a suggested prayer focus for each day of the month.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

"THE HAPPINESS DARE" CLASS

Wednesday mornings, January 10-31, 10-11:30 am

All those who have signed up for this class should have received an email providing information about reading assignments and questions for the first class. If you have questions, please see Phyllis Stone, Juli Anne Lawrence or Judith Edmonds.

New Church Mailing Address: 1089 Wilkins Drive
Sanford, NC 27330