



Merry Christmas from the CCD Staff

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The Festival of the Nativity
Service of Lessons and Carols



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Welcome! *It is a joy to celebrate the gift of God's love in the birth of Jesus the Christ.*

Please silence all electronic devices and refrain from flash photography during the service. Should your little one need a break, you're welcome use the Mezzanine, where you can still hear the service. Use the door beside the pulpit to get to the Mezzanine or restrooms.

*** You're invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

Prelude "Seasonal Selections"

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles Katie Ellis & Chuck Hotchkiss

One: We relight the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. They remind us of God's promises made real through the miracle of life and the blessing of faith.

ALL: We gather to share a sacred story and to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the child of Mary and Joseph, the child of God.

One: We light the Christ candle and we rejoice that the Light of the World is kindled in our hearts once again.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to all people of good will!

Carol (all) Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for a bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Jesus came from earth to heaven, who is God and Head of all,
Sheltered in a rustic stable, cradled in a common stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

We at last shall meet our Savior, fount of God's redeeming grace,
For that Child so dear and gentle reigns within a glorious place;
Leading all God's children on, to the heaven where saints have gone.

*Community Church of Durham, United Church of Christ
is an Open and Affirming congregation.*

*We embrace, affirm, and celebrate the diversity of the human family.
Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

Please join us at 10 a.m. for worship and Sunday School.

Nursery care is offered at the same time.

The service lasts about an hour.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month.

*After worship, we gather for light refreshments
and friendly conversation in Fellowship Hall.*

Many thanks to the participants in tonight's service

The Community Church of Durham Choir

Martha Andersen, Carol Atwood-Lyon, Dwight Baldwin, Nat Balch, Mark Chutter, Gwyneth Crossman, Ti Crossman, John Duffy, Lorna Ellis, Diana Frost, Eliza Gould, Carol Hallett, Kitty Hicks, Ann Hotchkiss, Chuck Hotchkiss, Judith Moyer, Maria Niswonger, Monika Parker, John Puffer, Mary Jane Tyler, Doug Wheeler, Katherine Wells Wheeler, and Vohnny Weyrick

David Ervin, Director of Music Catherine York, Organist
Don Mineron, Guitarist

Advent and Christ Candle Lighters

Katie Ellis and Chuck Hotchkiss

Readers

Steve Holmgren, Mandy Armstrong, Bill Gilvary, Henry Smith, Maggie Morrison, Coleman Moore,
Lisa Taylor, Mark Chutter, and Jill Small

Greeters

Don Smith, Hugh Tyler, and Rose Ahrens-Mince

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Mark Chutter

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9

Henry Smith

Carol (all)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender shoot hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came a flower bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to man a savior,
When half-spent was the night.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35; 38

Maggie Morrison

Carol (choir)

"Blessed Be That Maid Mary"

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Coleman Moore

*** Carol (all)**

Away in a Manger

Away in manger, no crib for his bed,
the little lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where he lay,
the little lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Lisa Taylor

Carol (choir)

"O Men from the Fields"

solo by Ann Hotchkiss, alto

*** Carol (all)**

The First Nowell

The first Nowell, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.

Invitation to offering

Tonight's offering will be sent to Goodwin Community Health in Somersworth.

Its mission "to deliver innovative, compassionate, integrated health services and support that are accessible to all people in the community, regardless of ability to pay" was recognized by the Dover Chamber of Commerce 2018 Non-Profit of the Year award.

GHS especially addresses mental health issues, the opioid crisis, and provides peer-led support for persons in recovery.

On this night full of hope, we encourage you to support Goodwin's mission. Thank you.

Offertory

"In a Manger Lowly"

by Mabel W. Daniels

Catherine York, organist

solo by Lorna Ellis, soprano

Ailla Crossman & Maggie Chutter, violin

Meditation

The Rev. Jill H. Small