

Lessons and Carols for the Twelve Days of Christmas

Prelude

Welcome and Explanation of the Service

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God, all angels, sun and moon, and shining stars!

All: I rejoice in the Lord, for God is my salvation!

One: Praise God from the earth! Young and old, men and women –
let everyone praise God's name!

**All: As the earth brings forth new life, God will cause righteousness and
praise to spring up before all the nations.**

One: We continue to celebrate the birth of Christ,

All: for God is faithful and worthy of praise for ever and ever.

*Opening Hymn “The Twelve Days of Christmas”

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me:

12 Drummers Drumming, 11 Pipers Piping

10 Lords a Leaping, 9 Ladies Dancing

8 Maids a Milking, 7 Swans a Swimming

6 Geese a Laying, 5 Golden Rings

4 Calling Birds, 3 French Hens

2 Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree!

The First Day of Christmas: A partridge in a pear tree...

Scripture: *Matthew 23:37* **Pew Bible, NT, p. 26**

Lesson: Jesus Christ

Carol: #145 “What Child is This” v. 1 *Greensleeves*

The Second Day of Christmas: Two turtle doves...

Lesson: Old and New Testaments

Carol: #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” v. 1 *Carol*

The Third Day of Christmas: Three French hens...

Lesson: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

Carol: #151 “We Three Kings” v. 1 *Kings of Orient*

Time of Prayer / Joys and Concerns

The Fourth Day of Christmas: Four calling birds...

Lesson: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Carol: #136 “Go Tell It On the Mountain” refrain, v. 3, refrain *Go Tell It*

The Fifth Day of Christmas: Five golden rings..

Lesson: The Pentateuch

Carol: #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” v.2 *In Dulci Jubilo*

The Sixth Day of Christmas: Six geese a laying...

Lesson: 6 Days of creation

Carol: #108 “Of the Father's Love” v. 1, 2 *Divinum Mysterium*

The Seventh Day of Christmas: Seven swans a-swimming...

Lesson: Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Carol: #288 “Spirit of the Living God” *Living God*

Offertory/Collection of Our Gifts and Tithes

The Eighth Day of Christmas: Eight Maids a Milking...

Lesson: Eight Beatitudes

Carol: #142 “'Twas the Moon of Wintertime” v. 1, 4 *Huron Carol*

The Ninth Day of Christmas: Nine ladies dancing...

Lesson: Choirs of Angels or Fruit of the Spirit

Carol: #157 “I Danced in the Morning” chorus only *Lord of the Dance*

The Tenth Day of Christmas: Ten lords a leaping...

Lesson: 10 Commandments

Carol: #121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” v. 3 *St. Louis*

The Eleventh Day of Christmas: Eleven pipers piping...

Lesson: first eleven faithful apostles

Carol: #144 “In the Bleak Midwinter” v. 4 *Cranham*

The Twelfth Day of Christmas: Twelve Drummers drumming...

Lesson: The twelve points of the Apostles' Creed

Carol: #747 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” *Enviado*

*Benediction and Sending Forth

** You are invited to rise in body or spirit*

A Note on Worship at Faith:

We embrace inter-generational worship and welcome the giggles, questions, tears, and even shouts that enliven our oh-so-orderly service. We do have a **professionally staffed nursery** available for babies and toddlers, but we encourage our youngest members to learn with and from us throughout the worship service.

A **“PrayGround”** is available for children and adults at the front of the sanctuary. Feel free to join our young people in their interactive worship activities!

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

December Elders of the Month: Lois Bazhaw & Lorraine Holman

Calendar for December 31 – January 7

Today:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	9:00 P.M.	El Shaddai Prayer Vigil
Wednesday:	6:30 P.M.	Faith's Choir Practice
Thursday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday:	8:00 P.M.	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday:	9:00 A.M.	El Shaddai Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship, Communion
	3:00 P.M.	El Shaddai Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we are holding a **special collection for the Joy Gift**, please use the designated envelopes if you would like for your offering to go to that fund.
- Don't miss our Epiphany worship on Sunday, January 7 at 11am. Get your “Star Word” – a gift or challenge to focus your spiritual life in 2018.
- There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, January 7th to elect elders and approve pastoral terms of call.
- Applications for the **Chic Lutz Memorial Scholarship** are available outside the church office. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 2018.

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Vicki Duncan	Georgia Renfrow
The Family of Bonnie Evans	The Sharon Family
Kem Gomo	Patricia Shoffner (René's mother)
Pat Greeson	Bill Summerlin (René's father-in-law)
Helen Hall	Karen Thomas (Helen Hall's daughter)
Harold Henderson and Family	Michelle Watkins
Judy Herron and Family	Gary Williams
	Stuart Witt (Lois Bazhaw's cousin)
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Faith Presbyterian Church



December 31, 2017
11:00 A.M.

Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday after Christmas

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