

# *St. John's Episcopal Church*

December 26, 2021

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Worship Leader: Becky Foster  
Music Director: Kitty Underwood

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## **Festival of Lessons and Carols**

Opening Hymn #87 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

**A Bidding Prayer** (kneeling)

### **Officiant:**

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make St. John's glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this village of Dryden.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Our Father....Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons:**

(Congregation may be seated during the reading of the lessons and should stand and join in the singing of all hymns.)

1. *Genesis 3:1-23* *Reader-Neil Hargrave*  
(Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden)  
*Hymn #107 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*
2. *Isaiah 40:1-11* *Reader-Becky Foster*  
(God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption)  
*Hymn #65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"*
3. *Isaiah 7:10-15* *Reader-Russ Underwood*  
(God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us")  
*Hymn #109 (vs 1,2) "The First Noel"*
4. *Luke 1:5-25* *Reader-Connie Ogg*  
(An angel announces to Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth, will bear a son)  
*Hymn #89 (vs 1,4) "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*
5. *Luke 1:26-56* *Reader-Becky Foster*  
(The Angel Gabriel Announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High)  
*Hymn #102 (vs 1,2,3) "Once in David's Royal City"*
6. *Luke 1:57-80* *Reader-Russ Underwood*  
(John the Baptist is born and his father rejoices that his son will prepare the way of the Lord)  
*Hymn #99 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"*
7. *Luke 2:1-20* *Reader-Connie Ogg*  
(Jesus is born in Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds)  
*Hymn #105 (vs 1,4) "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

8. *Luke 2:21-35*                      *Reader-Mary Cameron*  
(Jesus receives his name and is presented to Simeon in the temple)  
*Hymn #101 "Away in a Manger"*

9. *John 1:1-18*                      *Reader-Ina Dockham*  
(The Word was made flesh and we have seen His glory)  
*Hymn #93 vs 1,2 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

Offertory

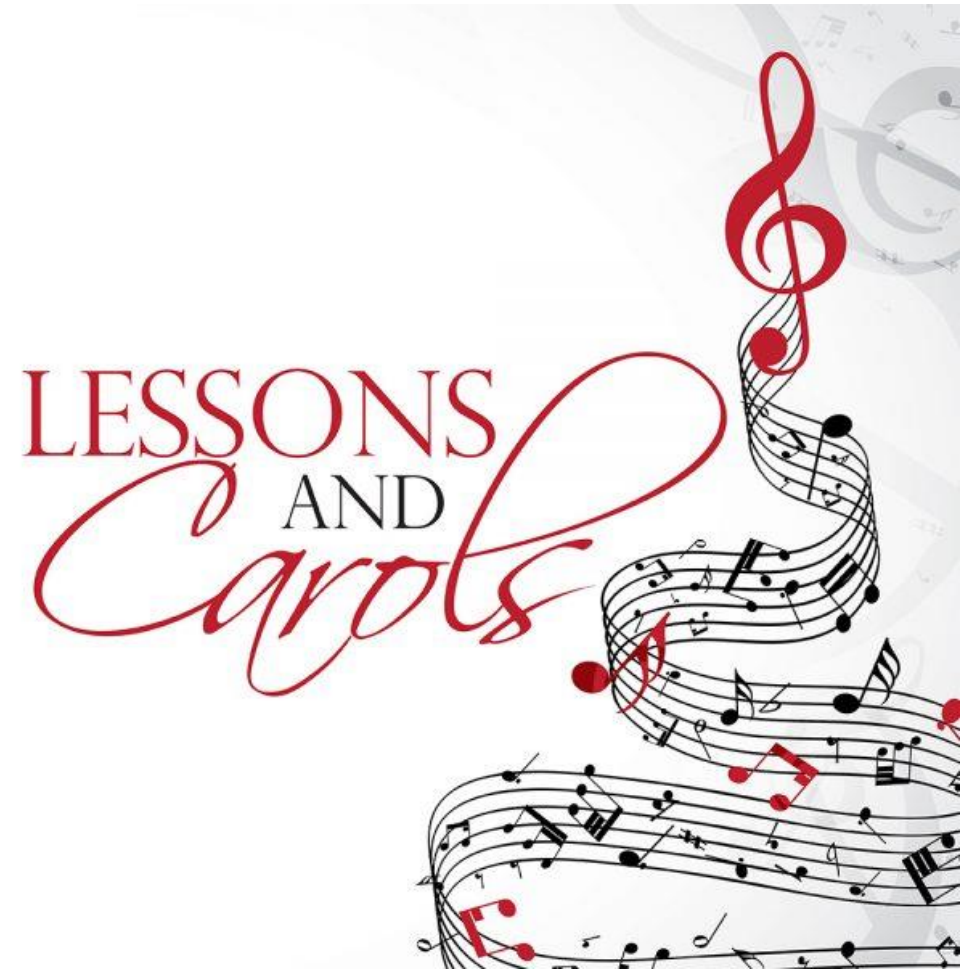
Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

**Officiant:** Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Closing Hymn #96 "Angels We Have Heard on High"



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**December 2021**  
**Prayer List: Family, Friends, and Members**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Tara Aldea-Friend of John & Yvonne Malinich-Recovering from brain Surgery  
Kyle Bishop - grandson of Dave Bishop - for healing  
Bruce Bronson-friend of Wes Wagester, for successful chemotherapy  
Kathleen and Richard Buszek – Recovering from a car accident.  
Marion Collum-Stage 1 Breast Cancer  
Mary Cameron-for greater mobility and diminished pain.  
Diane Cantu-Friend of Myron & Sherry Petrie; Surgery & Good recovery.  
Ray Cisco-recovering from pneumonia & recurrence of foot issues  
Connie-Friend of Linda Neros-for continued good health  
Robin Daugherty-Prayers for healing  
Jonah Debusk-Heart murmur  
Danny DeLiso-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Recovering from Brain Tumor  
Blake Ellen-from Wes Wagester; infant with cardiac problems  
Melissa Fettig - (Eleana's daughter), her lifetime partner Robert, and their daughter Harper - for peace.  
Shirley Forcall-Friend of Connie Jones as she recovers from a stroke  
Georgeann-Friend of Richard & Kathleen Buszek-For healing following surgery for ovarian cancer.  
Cathleen Gallagher-Friend of Roxanne Todd-Covid  
Judy Gray - for successful treatment of skin cancer.  
Mary Halfpenny - dear friend of the Miller's - cancer.  
Jane Harlow-Cancer  
Lois Hutchcraft-Cousin of Dianne Bishop-Broken Leg  
Karl Hoskey-Friend of Margaret Smith-In the hospital with Stomach issues.  
Rick Kerner-Friend of Wes- Recovering from Stroke  
Chris Landis-Nephew John& Yvonne Malinich-for healing  
Jamie and Wilma Martin-Roxanne Todd's sister and nephew-Covid  
Kevin McNeil-friend of Corinne Fry-Foot surgery  
Aiden Morris- Friend of Russ & Kitty-Successful Surgery to

replace cranial bone with metal plate  
Kathy Navarro - sister of Eleana Fettig - for peace & healing.  
Oxford Community-The tragic loss of 4 students and wounding of 7 Others. Pray for an end of gun violence.  
Helen Reebel-Kitty Underwood's step-mother;  
Cardiomyopathy  
Cindy Shimp-Becky Foster's sister-in-law-Healing of Cancer  
Kathy Shipp-for healing from cancer. Sherry Boyden's sister  
Margaret Smith-Low blood pressure  
Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.  
Sally Thiede-Friend of Sherry Boyden-for strength & healing  
Chris Velvero - nephew of the Millers - cancer is in remission.  
James Walker-PTSD from 2 tours in Iraq  
Melanie White-Liver transplant  
Bob Wolak-friend of Dianna Bishop-recovering from a Broken neck  
Michaela Wolford-friends of the Wagester family as she recovers from an accident  
For Educators and Students during Covid.

**Our home parishioners:** Eleana Fettig and Harvey Taylor, Evelyn Sunich, Helen Thiemkey,

**Those in Service to our country:** Dylan Anderson, John Hodgeman, John McNary, Jacquelyn Folcarelli, Michael Folcarelli, Jared Turnipseed, their families, and all military chaplains.

**Offerings for Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**-\$1588.40 including \$50 for Bazaar & Raffle, \$60 for Flowers, \$668.40 for Shed and \$350 for Flowers.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for:**

The Diocesan Staff of Eastern & Western Michigan  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan-Coriwn Stoppel, Priest Associate

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer**-The Diocese of Ilesa-The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)



*Flowers*

Ina Dockham-In Memory of loved ones

Mark & Sherry Wagner-  
In memory Of Donna Lou Haynes & John Wagner

