

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



**CHRIST-CENTERED
MULTI-CULTURAL, ECUMENICAL, INCLUSIVE**

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021

7:00 PM

Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;
tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.

Let the whole creation sing for joy
at the presence of God, who is coming.
God is coming indeed,
to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

First Lesson from Genesis 3: 8–15; 17–19

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

Carol - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Second Lesson from Genesis 22: 15–18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Carol - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Third Lesson from Isaiah 9: 2; 6–7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Carol – O Holy Night

Fourth Lesson from Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Carol - O Little Town of Bethlehem

Fifth Lesson from the Gospel of Luke 1: 26–35; 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Carol - Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Sixth Lesson from Luke 2: 1; 3–7

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol - Silent Night

Seventh Lesson from Luke 2: 8–16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Eighth Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew 2: 1–12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Carol - We Three Kings

Ninth Lesson from the Gospel of John 1: 1–14

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol – Joy to the World

Parting Prayer

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT. PEACE AND JOY TO YOU THIS
CHRISTMAS.

