

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

## A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2019, 7 pm

Prelude: Mike Bratt

Gathering Carol: Once in Royal David's City (see insert)

Soloists sing verses 1 and 2, congregation sings verses 4 and 5.

Soloist Brian Charles

Greeting and opening prayer – Kate Heinzl

### First Lesson

Genesis 1: 1-5 God creates the world out of nothing, proclaiming that the light was good.

Reader: Esther Prins

First carol: HWB 174 Bless'd be the God of Israel

### Second lesson

Genesis 22:1,2, 9-18 God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Reader: Marvin Hall

Second carol: HWB 176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

### Third Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7 Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Reader: Luke Charles

Third carol: special music: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Sally and Mark Minnich

### Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9 Isaiah portrays the peaceful kingdom that Christ will bring.

Reader: Elaine Mercer

Fourth carol: HWB 178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

### Fifth Lesson

Luke 1: 26–35; 38 The angel Gabriel visits Mary, announcing God's plan for her to birth the Savior of the world.

Reader: Joel Weidner

Fifth carol: Special music: The first Noel - Caroline Hall

### Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 1–7 Jesus is born and laid in a manger.

Reader and lighter of Christ Candle: Della Chuderewicz

Sixth carol: HWB 202 The virgin Mary had a baby boy

### Seventh Lesson

Luke 2: 8-16 The shepherds go to the manger.

Reader: Carl Keener

Seventh carol: HWB #197 (vs 1-3) Angels we have heard on high

Music interlude: *Christmas Bells*, based on Longfellow poem

Mike Bratt

### Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11 The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader: Jesse Weidner

Eighth carol: HWB 212 O come, all ye faithful (vs 1-3)

### Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14 The great mystery of the Incarnation is unfolded.

Reader: Rick Stehouwer

Closing prayer and blessing: Kate Heinzl

Ninth carol: HWB 193 Silent night, holy night (vs 1-3)

Guitar introduction – Jesse Weidner

## Blessed Christmas to you all!

Carols led by Mark King

Accompanist Becky Kephart

# ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY 466

IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Henry John Gauntlett, 1849

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 2 He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and  
 3 And, through all His won - drous child - hood, He would hon - or  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -  
 5 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en

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 and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly maid - en  
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 And His cra - dle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and  
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