

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 27, 2009

11 a.m.

PRELUDE "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" &
"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella" Recorder Ensemble

WELCOME & OPENING HYMN #49 "Once In Royal David's City"

OPENING PRAYER

And now, it's almost Christmas. And the One long-awaited is coming here to save us & to be our companion as we seek to follow him. He is the Word-made-flesh that dwells among us, full of grace & truth. He is the One, who is made out of the same stuff we are & who is made out of the same stuff God is & who will not let either of us go. He brings Good News which, by the grace of God & to the glory of God, we can forever applaud & believe & (maybe most importantly) sing! Let us worship! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST LESSON.....Psalm 96

The Psalmist speaks of singing & rejoicing, of the light to come from heav'n.

Reader: Pat Hudson

Recorder Ensemble: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light"

SECOND LESSON.....Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord"

Reader: Ted Merrill

Carol: #13 "Prepare the Way"

THIRD LESSON.....Isaiah 9: 2 - 7

God promises a Prince of Peace

Reader: Donna Rauch (reading in English & Spanish)

Recorder Ensemble "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

FOURTH LESSON.....Philippians 4: 4 - 9

Let your gentleness be known to everyone, the Lord is near.

Reader: Eddie Simpson

Carol: #53 "What Child Is This?"

FIFTH LESSON.....Luke 1: 46 - 55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord."

Reader: Krista d'Eustachio

Duet: "So Gentle the Donkey" Gwen Skeens & Ken Thom

SIXTH LESSON.....Luke 2: 1 - 7

Reader: Pat Cottingham

Recorder Ensemble: "On Christmas Night"

SEVENTH LESSON.....Luke 2: 8 - 20

The Shepherds go to the manger

Reader: Karen Cottingham

Recorder Ensemble: "Shepherds Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep"

Carol #24 "Away in a Manger"

EIGHTH LESSON.....Matthew 2: 1- 11

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus

Reader: Carol Hoffman

Recorder Ensemble: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

NINTH LESSON.....John 1: 1-14

St John unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation

Reader: Jim Skeens

Carol #41 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: JOYS & CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "In Peace & Joy I Now Depart" J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: We dedicate this offering to God & are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world.

P: **May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of your children everywhere. Amen.**

***HYMN #31** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*CHARGE & BLESSING

***POSTLUDE** "Go Tell It On the Mountain" "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

**Those who wish and are able, may stand.*

Piper's Fancy Recorder Ensemble players are Amy Figgs, Jane Carmean, Janice Boettger, Marti Burns, Linda Hartsock, Ken Thom, Director-Gwen Skeens.

December Ushers: Dianne & Gere Wilson. **Acolyte:** Zachary d'Eustachio
Window lights for December are given by Dee & Joe Welsh in loving memory of Carson & Dorothy Chandler.

Flowers this morning are given by Carolyn & Allen Stallings in memory of her mother, Flora.

Birthdays: December 27 – January 2:

Dec 30 – Zach Geesaman; **January 1** – Jon Myers

Anniversaries: December 30 – Carol & Barry Hoffman

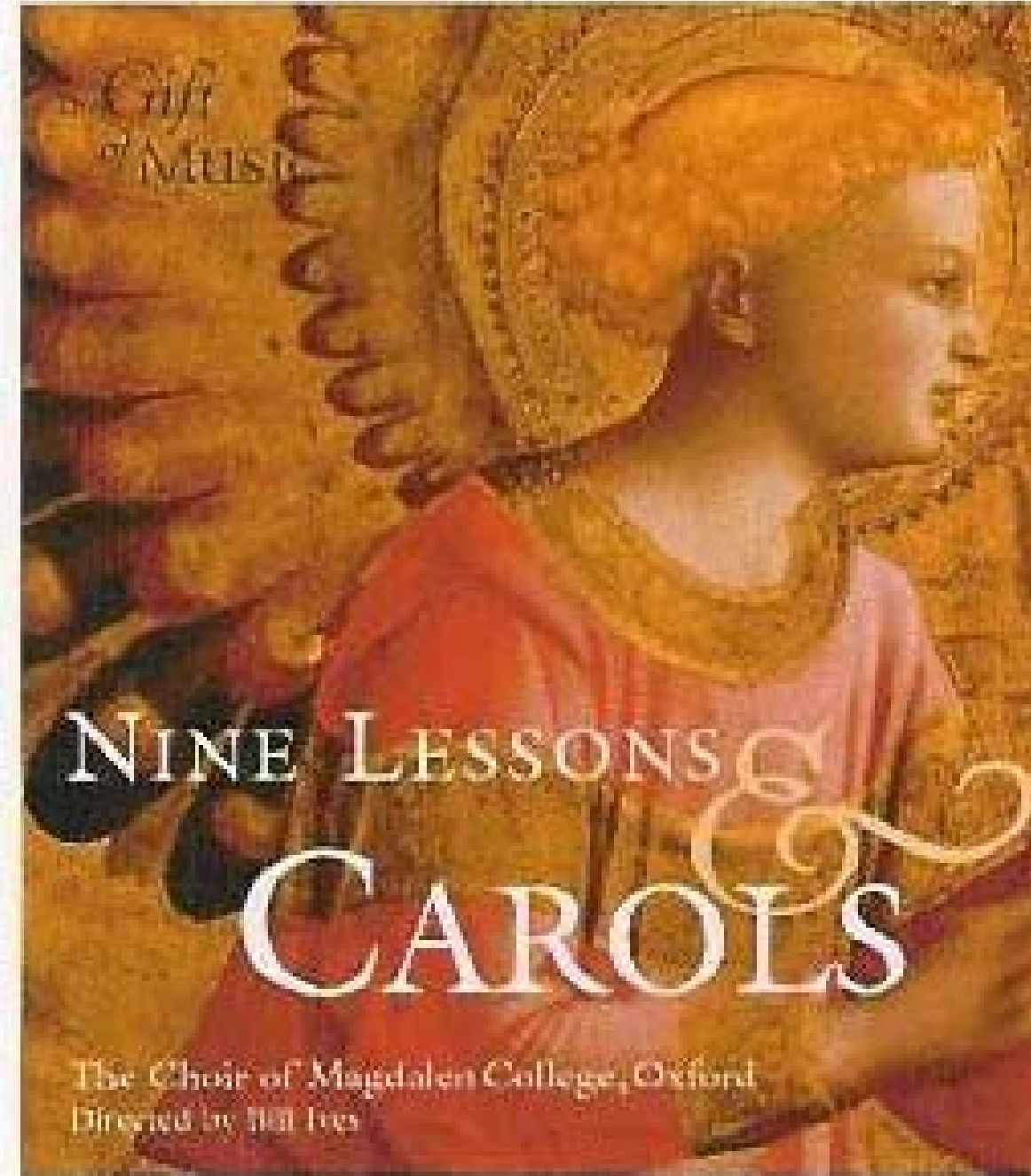
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Happy New Year



*Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church
Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45
Please join us!*