

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



Christmas Day
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United Reformed Church of Nampa, ID
Rev. Nick Smith, Pastor

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CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM

Prelude

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, who has given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a woman; Grant that we, being regenerate, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Tom Simmonds

†Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-3

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.
Revelation 1:4-5

Amen!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Psalm 96:1-3, 13

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

†Psalm 98

Psalter Hymnal #190

†The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

†“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Psalter Hymnal #339

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Prayer for Christmas

Merciful Father, you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son. He who was rich became poor, the eternal Word made flesh, a great Light shining in the darkness. Only because of your Word and Spirit have we seen that Light and been drawn into its brightness. Give us the grace humbly and joyfully to receive your Son even as the shepherds and princes who welcomed him, and to look no further for our redemption than to this child lying in a manger. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen!

The Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

“What Child Is This?”

Rejoice in the Lord #217

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

Rejoice in the Lord #209, St. 1-3

The Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Rejoice in the Lord #225

The Sixth Lesson

John 1:1-14

†“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Rejoice in the Lord #188

The Seventh Lesson

Psalm 46

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PSALM 46

THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS:

GOD WITH US

†Psalm 46

Psalter Hymnal #84

Offering

Benevolence Fund

†Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen!

†“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Psalter Hymnal #341

Postlude