

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

offered by the congregations of
**Parkway, Lakeview and John Calvin
Presbyterian Churches**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2025 10:30am

Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 5814 Canal Blvd, NOLA



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

PRELUDE

Christmas Collage
The Handchime Choir

Valerie Stephenson

*CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

No. 140

*THE BIDDING PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful stanzas 1 & 3

No. 133

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3: 8-15; 17-19

Martha Bauman

God tells sinful Adam and Eve that they have lost the life of Paradise and that their descendents will bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 88

stanza 1: soloists stanzas 2, 6 & 7: all

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22: 15-18

Mary Antill

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

CAROL

Air for Advent
The Choir

Air on the G String
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
arr. Tom Fettke

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

Meg Brown

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

*CAROL

The People Who Walked in Darkness stanzas 1, 3, 4 & 5

No. 86

*CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear stanzas 1, 3 & 5

No. 123

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

No. 129

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35; 38

Joan Albright

The angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary.

*CAROL

To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

No. 98

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Men

Stanza 3: Women, Children

Stanza 4: Men

Stanza 5: Women, Children

Stanza 6: All

REFLECTION		Rev. Michael Ball
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2: 1; 3-7 <i>Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.</i>	John and Samantha Guidry
CAROL	<i>Night of Silence</i> <i>During the last stanza and cued by the leader</i> <i>the congregation will join in singing Silent Night (no. 122)</i>	Daniel Kantor
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2: 8-14 <i>The shepherds go to the manger.</i>	Sandy McGeehan
*CAROL	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	No. 113
<i>Seventh lesson continues</i>	Luke 2: 15-16	
CAROL	<i>Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly</i> The Choir	<i>Suo Gan</i> (Welsh) arr. Matthew Armstrong
⚦ OFFERTORY	<i>Away in a Manger</i> The Handchime Choir	James R. Murray
EIGHTH LESSON	Matthew 2: 1-12 <i>The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.</i>	Sharon Fortin
CAROL	<i>The First Noel/Canon</i> The Choir	Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) arr. Michael Clawson
NINTH LESSON	John 1: 1-14 <i>John the Evangelist unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.</i>	Andy Chrestman
*CAROL	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	No. 119
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		
*BENEDICTION		
*PARTING CAROL	<i>Joy to the World</i> stanzas 1, 2 & 4	No. 134
*POSTLUDE	<i>People, Look East</i>	Traditional French arr. John Leavitt

*You are invited to stand.

Carol/song numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal* book in the pew rack in front of you. Music used with permission. CCLI # 21252663; One License # A-740905.

⚦ For this morning's offering, you may write a check designated for one of our congregations by writing "Parkway," "Lakeview," or "John Calvin" in the memo line. Any loose cash or undesignated checks will benefit the Presbytery of South Louisiana's New Orleans area church development fund.

Pastors:

Alex Lee-Cornell (Lakeview)
Michael Ball (Parkway)

Choir Directors:

Dale Norris (Parkway),
Randy Martono-Chai (John Calvin),
Tom Brown (Lakeview)

Handchime Director: Kelly Couch (Lakeview)

Flutists: Cindy Freudenthal (John Calvin), Randy Martono-Chai

Liturgists:

Martha Bauman (Parkway)
Mary Antill (John Calvin)
Meg Brown (Lakeview)
Joan Albright (John Calvin)
John and Samantha Guidry (Lakeview)
Sandy McGeehan (Parkway)
Sharon Fortin (John Calvin)
Andy Chrestman (Lakeview)

*Thank you for joining us for this special worship service!
Please consider worshipping with one of our congregations other Sunday mornings
and on Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24.*

WORSHIP TIMES:

Parkway Presbyterian Church 6200 Camphor St, Metairie, LA 70003:

10:30am every Sunday; 6:00pm on Christmas Eve

John Calvin Presbyterian Church 4201 Transcontinental Dr, Metairie, LA 70006:

10:30am every Sunday; 6:30pm on Christmas Eve

Lakeview Presbyterian Church 5914 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70124:

10:30am every Sunday; 4:30pm on Christmas Eve

***Join our combined congregations again for a joint worship service of healing and lament on the Longest Night:
6:00pm on Sunday December 21 at Parkway Presbyterian Church. (6200 Camphor St in Metairie)***

About the cover art:

The art on the bulletin cover is the work of Dom Georges Saget OSB (1915–1993) and is one of his many frescoes that adorn a mural at Keur Moussa Abbey in Senegal. Saget's frescoes are more than decoration. They are a confession of faith in images. Using geometric motifs drawn from African visual languages — circles, diamonds, triangles and rhythmic patterns — Saget created a visual rhythm that speaks to both the biblical story and the cultural memory of West Africa. The effect is at once monastic and local: an invitation to prayer shaped by the resonance of African symbols transfigured into Christian meaning.

The Virgin Mary appears throughout the frescoes, reflecting the abbey's dedication to the Immaculate Heart. She is depicted as the one who first received the mystery of Christ, her garments enriched with circular designs that signify eternity and covenant. This visual presence underscores her role as guide and intercessor, accompanying the faithful towards the mystery celebrated in the liturgy. This commentary comes from <https://osb.org/2025/10/09/dom-georges-saget-osb-the-artist-behind-keur-moussas-abbey-frescoes/>