

## Christmas Eve Carol & Candlelight Service

Vorea Community Church  
December 24, 2020 – 6:30pm

Prelude

Carol # 100 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Invocation

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Genesis 3:8-

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Carol # 83 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Special Music – Lydia Rudd

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Genesis 22:15-18

Carol # 84 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol # 105 “That Beautiful Name”

Special Music – Gracie Levack

4<sup>th</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-

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Carol # 101 “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” (v. 1-2, 4-5)

5<sup>th</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Carol # 94 “What Child Is This?”

Special Music – Pastor Skip “God Said Farewell”

6<sup>th</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Carol # 86 “Away in a Manger

7<sup>th</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Luke 2:8-16

Carol # 95 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”

Special Music – Ava Levack

8<sup>th</sup> Lesson from Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Carol # 91 “The First Noel” (v. 3-6)

9<sup>th</sup> Lesson from Scripture: John 1:1-14

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: the JESUS Candle

Special Music – “O Holy Night”

Carols # 85 - “Silent Night”

87 - “Joy to the World”

Benediction

The format of our service tonight is taken from the “Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols” held at the King’s College in Cambridge, England every Christmas Eve since 1918. The Nine Lessons are the same every year, although the carols may vary. It was first broadcast on the radio in 1928, & is now heard by millions around the world each year. The city’s colleges & churches come together for this special celebration of our Savior’s birth.

**HOPE** - brightens each day with His promises

**PEACE** - opens the door for greater faith and trust

**LOVE** – shows us the way home to the Father’s house

**JOY** - lightens each heart with His presence

**JESUS** - is the ONE that is the greatest gift

May God bless you during this Christmas season and in the New Year ahead. May His special gifts of hope, peace, love and joy fill your hearts to overflowing, and constantly remind you that **nothing** can separate you from His presence made possible by the gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We rejoice that someday we will spend eternity together as His beloved and

forgiven people in the glorious home He is even now preparing for us. May 2021 possibly be the year that He comes for His Bride – Maranatha – even so come Lord Jesus!