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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### ADVENT IV, December 18

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist

7 p.m., Festival Service of  
Nine Lessons and Carols

*Reception follows in parish hall*

### CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24

4 p.m. Christmas Eucharist  
with the Christmas Story  
10 p.m., Christmas Choral  
Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY,  
Sunday, December 25  
10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist

### THE HOLY NAME, January 1

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist

*No Church School this Sunday*

8 p.m., Compline

Our celebration begins on December 18

## Join us for Lessons and Carols

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday evening, December 18, at 7 p.m. in the church, and Bishop Frank Brookhart will again be the officiant at the service. The choir and organ will be in splendid voice, and the beautiful Advent and Christmas music will be the perfect introduction to the last days before Christmas.

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which began in England in the early 1900's, is now a part of Anglican and Episcopal worship throughout the world. The service is made up of lessons alternating with the singing of congregational and choral

carols. Beginning with the story of Adam and Eve, the lessons trace the prophecies of the Nativity, and end with the beautiful passage from John: "In the Beginning was the Word...."

I invite all of you to join the choir on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and in the words of the beautiful opening prayer,

*to hear again the message of the  
angels, and in heart and mind to  
go even unto Bethlehem and see  
this thing which is come to pass,  
and the Babe, lying in a  
manger....*

—DR. NANCY COOPER

ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

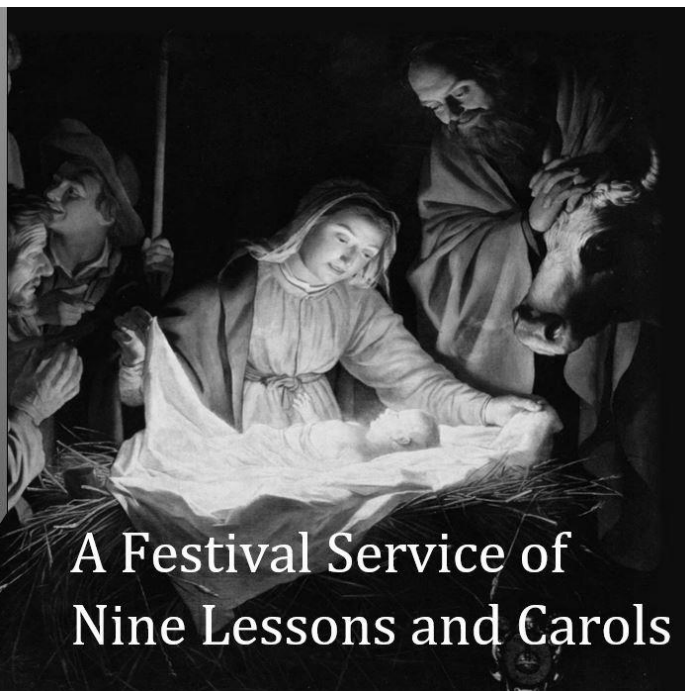
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Story in Word  
and Song*

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## A Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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## NEWSLETTER

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From the Rector:

## Renew hope for your Advent journey

Advent: the season of darkness bearing hope. The Gospel of Luke tells us of Mary, the mother of Jesus, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her" (Luke 1:45). Mary was fixed on hope that God's promises would be kept in spite of any other words to the contrary. Hope: that which at times seems as one flickering star in a dark night sky but in time revealing a dazzling array of brightness in stars beyond counting. I offer two poems taken from Jan L. Richardson's book entitled *Night Visions* to renew hope for your Advent journey.

— REV. TERRI+

*When I scan other skies  
for signs of hope,  
and when I walk other paths  
with a longing for home,  
God of the exile,  
lead me back  
through my own door.  
Tell me  
my forgotten stories,  
feed me  
the words I have given away,  
and draw my gaze  
from the far horizon  
that I may see the lights  
in my own sky.*

*We see the signs  
but cannot always divine their  
meanings.  
You call us to move forward  
not always knowing  
whether what we grasp  
in our hands  
will prove to be  
a seed of hope  
or a thorn in our flesh.  
Train our fingers  
that what brings life  
we may with persistence hold,  
and that which wastes  
our souls  
we may with grace release.*



*Remember a loved one with  
Christmas Flowers*

## Flower donors needed for Christmas

We are now in the season of Advent, and we would like to remind everyone that although there are no flowers on the altar during this season, your special prayers and memorials are still read. Your contributions for flowers during Advent are used for the special flowers at the Christmas celebration, and at that time, your prayers and memorials are noted once again in the Christmas bulletin. **Please let us know by noon on Monday, December 5, if you would like to have flowers listed in the Christmas bulletin.** Extra help with flower gifts is always appreciated at this time of year.

## Hear the Christmas Story at the early Christmas Eve service

Enjoy an early service on Christmas Eve, starting at 4 p.m. You are in for a special visual treat as children narrate and Kaye Harberd uses a shadow box to tell the Christmas story. Watch as this Holy story unfolds in black and white and don't be surprised if the joy, scandal, and astonishment of the incarnation touches you in new ways.

— GRETCHEN STROHMAIER  
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## Yuletide Stroll set for December 26

The third annual Yuletide Stroll will take place on December 26, 2-5 p.m., in the University neighborhood, with caroling at Holy Spirit at the end of the event. Watch for more information in the *Spirited Times*! Write Nancy Cooper if you'd like to help: [nancy.cooper@umontana.edu](mailto:nancy.cooper@umontana.edu).

## Learn about Centering Prayer in Advent

Advent is a time for inner reflection and prayer as we prepare for the Joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus! It is also one of the busiest and most stressful four weeks of the year that keeps our minds and bodies on the move!

Centering Prayer is a meditation process that invites us to enter an inner sacred space to quiet our minds, open

our hearts and take rest in the Love of God. You will be gently led into the silence. No experience needed!

We will gather for this ancient form of silent prayer in the Guild Room at Holy Spirit Tuesdays, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, please call Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

## CENTERING PRAYER

With Willie Hoffer

Effortless Contemplation  
to Deepen Your  
Experience of God

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Guild Room  
Tuesdays, December 6, 13 & 20



### Here's what's happening in Church School

Check out what's happening in Church School this month. You don't want your children to miss a single Sunday!

#### Sunday, December 4

Regular children's worship and no activity stations. Children join the end of adult worship for Eucharist. Scripture focus: Matthew 2:1-12

#### Sunday, December 11

Regular children's worship and activity stations. Scripture focus: Luke 1:26- 58

#### Sunday, December 18

Regular children's worship and activity stations. Scripture focus: Luke 2:1-20

#### Sunday, December 25

No Church School or nursery care. Worship with your whole church family.

#### Sunday, January 1

No Church School. Worship with your whole church family.

#### Sunday, January 8

Church School & QUEST resume.



## Explorations:

Opportunities  
to cultivate,  
challenge  
and live our  
faith

## A new Sunday morning class begins in Advent

### Interrupted by Hope: Turning Towards Advent (a film series by The Work of the People)

Join your church family on Sunday mornings in Advent at 9 a.m. (after the early worship service) in the Guild Room for a series of short films, interviewing popular Christian thinkers like Richard Rohr and Barbara Brown Taylor as they reflect on the season of Advent, how it “interrupts our schedule and points us toward a new hope.” Each film will be followed by a series of discussion questions facilitated by Gretchen Strohmaier.

#### Series is scheduled for:

November 27, December 4, 11, and 18, and January 1.

**Week 1:** Hear Brian Zahnd discuss *Learning How to Hope* and Richard Rohr talk about *The Welcoming of a Bigger Mind*.

**Week 2:** Richard Rohr discusses the scandal of Advent in *Going to the Depth of the Manger* and Glennon Doyle Melton shares *Be Still and Look*.

**Week 3:** Hear from Wm. Paul Young as he discusses, *Coming to Find Us*; Marlon Hall who talks about *Fully Human*, and Malcolm Guite who shares his poetic imagination in *A Womb for the Wounded World*.

**Week 4:** Listen to Richard Rohr share *Bearing the Divine Through the Ordinary* and Rudy Rasmus on *A Resurrected Christmas*.

**Week 5 (Sunday after Christmas):** Hear from Parker Palmer about *The Risk of Incarnation* and Barbara Brown Taylor shares *Matter Matters*.

Sunday Morning Study Group:

### *Interrupted by Hope* TURNING TOWARDS ADVENT

A FILM SERIES BY THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE



Sunday Mornings  
9 am  
In the Guild Room

Facilitated by  
Gretchen Strohmaier

### An Advent Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Saturday, December 3  
9:30 am – 2 pm

Join others as we intentionally enter the season of Advent in quiet reflection. This day-long retreat is hosted by Willie Hoffer and Gretchen Strohmaier. The day will be divided into three segments, each starting with a short reflection followed by periods of silence. A simple lunch of soup and bread will be provided.

The retreat will take place at Holy Spirit. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required by November 20. To register or for more information, please contact Gretchen Strohmaier at 542-2167 or by email at [Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net](mailto:Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net).

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## Join us for an Advent Retreat of Quiet Reflection

Mark your calendar now for our annual day of quiet on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. here at the church. Set the tone for the season of Advent. Allow yourself to exhale and decompress from the pace of daily life. We'll use our fall kick-off theme, *Rooted in Faith*, to explore security, balance and hope in this season of Advent. The day will be divided into three segments each starting with a short reflection followed by periods of silence. Experience Centering Prayer, led by Willie Hoffer. Spend time on your own around the church or the grounds. Light a candle. Pray. Meditate. And listen for God's voice as we enter a new church season. Silence will be kept throughout the day, including during our noontime soup and bread lunch. Call 542-2167 or email the church office [Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net](mailto:Gretchen.hsp@qwestoffice.net) or sign up in the parish hall. Childcare can be available as needed. Please indicate your interest when you register.

*Is there enough Silence for the Word to be heard?*

— Friends of Silence Newsletter

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## Bible Basics:

## The written word: a very short history

Last month I wrote about Bible codices—those rare, expensive tomes available to only a few. It would be easy to assume that the invention of the printing press about 1439 would have changed things significantly, and it did, eventually, but the first printed Bibles were not that different from the old codices. Using the same Gothic lettering style and leaving spaces for hand-painted pictures and letters, the earliest printed Bibles, consisting of two large books, imitated the hand-copied manuscripts of the codices, and were just as unavailable.

By the time of the Reformation, beginning in 1517, new advances in printing had resulted in smaller, portable books with a simpler font style for easier reading. The leaders of the Reformation insisted the Bible be made available to everyone, resulting in its translation into the spoken language of the everyday people just as they were beginning to become more literate. Mass production greatly reduced the price of books in general, including the Bible, so that by the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Bible could be available to just about anyone who wanted one.

Not everyone was happy with these new developments, however. In England, especially, these new translations were frowned upon, and two of the earliest translators of the Bible into the English language, John Wycliffe and William Tyndale, were executed for their efforts.

(Resource: *Opening the Bible* by Roger Ferlo)  
— THE REV. ANITA ROGNAS

## New to the parish?

### Join us for an Adult Inquirer's Class in January

New to the parish? Want to know more about The Episcopal Church and the Parish? Have questions about how to become a member? Mark your calendars and plan to come join me in an Inquirer's Class to be held in the parish office from 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. on the Sundays of January 22, 29, February

5 and 12. Members of the parish are always invited as well! Please let me know if you plan to participate by calling the office, 542-2167, or emailing me at [rector.hsp@qwestoffice.net](mailto:rector.hsp@qwestoffice.net). I look forward to being with you!

— REV. TERRI+

## Adult Education coming in Epiphany....

- Watch for a book study of Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark: Because Sometimes God Shows up at Night*.
- A two-part worship on Spiritual Gifts and Discernment led by Reverend Terri and Gretchen Strohmaier, Director of Spiritual Formation.



### The Service of COMPLINE

The ancient service of plainchant and contemplative prayer

First Sunday of Each Month  
(October – May)

8 p.m. ~ All are welcome!

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### Join us for Compline on December 4

Our regular church service is clearly about communal prayer and celebration. Compline, still communal, is, at the same time, contemplative—private. It is a return to the deep chambers of the heart, to the darkness and stillness so essential for healing, renewal, and the appearance of new life. Here we drink from underground, sacred waters, to resolve the day in preparation for restful sleep, which, in the end, is in God's hands.

December Compline ushers us into the Advent season, also a time to withdraw from the noise and distractions of the market place—a time to gather inward in preparation for the appearance of the ancient promise of rebirth, restoration, redemption. The hope is to come before our naked and secret truth—the only perfect offering—and there find our deepest blessing.

Compline service begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. to allow for personal contemplation.

## And the winner is...

Here are the winners from the Holiday Market Raffle:

### Designer Plunger:

Elaine Brown

### Original Art Quilt—The

**Christmas Boot:** Molly Bowler

**Mountain Bike:** Glenn Hladek

**Christmas Quilt:** Barb Hosier

### Hand-crafted Jewelry:

Molly Bowler

**Stuffed Bear:** Mary Lou Cordis

**Book Exchange Gift**

### Certificates (3):

Lani Brewer

Barb Hosier

Mary Lou Cordis

**Dinner at Pearl and MCT**

**Tickets:** Lucy Deaton

**Massage Spa Package (3):**

Bonnie Tyro (2)

Scott Jourdonnais

**Griz Quilt:** Lani Brewer

**Lava Lamp:** Catherine Durand

**Stained Glass Kaleidoscope:**

Jodi Teeple Christophé



## Holiday Bake Sale – let's make it another great fundraiser this year!

Parishioners at Holy Spirit are not only known for their baking expertise, they're also pretty good at enjoying the fruits of that baking! December 4<sup>th</sup> is the day for this year's Holiday Bake Sale, and as usual it will be held after both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. It's a good time to do some of your Christmas baking, putting a couple of plates aside for the Sale, not to mention buying some goodies to add to your inventory!

If you have a specialty, we hope that you will contribute it to the sale. Some annual favorites are mini-pies, cakes, rolls, whole pies, muffins, jams or jellies. There is a rumor that rich fruitcakes may be offered, as well as tart lemon curd. The famous cookie table is always a mouth-watering sight to behold – irresistible! This enables you to make up your own assortments.

Your donations for the Sale may be made in the church kitchen:

- Friday, December 2, before 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 3, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon
- Sunday, December 4, before either service

Mark your calendars! You and your sweet tooth won't want to miss it! We will also be looking for helpers for both Sunday services. Please SIGN UP to help!

– LAURA TAYLOR AND THE HOLIDAY MARKET BAKE SALE COMMITTEE



The winners of the Silent Auction are:

### Hand-crafted Noah's Ark:

Lauren Hummel

### Oregon Beach Condo:

Carla Mettling

### Jane Wooster Scott Limited

**Edition Lithograph:**

Phil Mediate

### Barb Morrison Original

**Sculpture:**

Vicki Willms

Congratulations to all the winners and a HUGE thank you to the donors for the great prizes!

## It was a magical Holiday Market!

More than 600 folks visited and volunteered at this year's hugely successful Holiday Market. Yet, numbers don't begin to tell the story. Holy Spirit's Parish Hall and Guild Room were transformed into a sparkling gift mall and art gallery. Christmas crafts and decorations greeted all who entered. Rows of gorgeous glassware, antiques, vintage and gift items, wooden toys,

quilts, wreaths, handcrafted and costume jewelry, yummy mustards, and sewn and knitted specialties led to "The Gallery" (Guild Room) filled with paintings and prints. On Friday, a delicious luncheon was held in The Gallery, served up by Eleanor Serviss, Liezel Strohmaier and friends. On both days shoppers' children received free

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## Here are two opportunities for you to get involved

I am walking into the Advent stories this year in the light of our Holy Spirit focus on children, youth and families at-risk. The vulnerability of Joseph and an expectant Mary, the need to call upon the hospitality of strangers, the value of relationships for comfort and for moving forward...so ancient and yet so applicable to what many in our community face. As our teams begin to reach out to learn more from the stories of needs and opportunities for The Parenting Place and Hellgate High School, I'd offer up these two opportunities for your prayers and engagement:

- Missoula Interfaith Collaborative Leadership Training, with a focus on community organizing around family housing issues. December 5-6, 4:30-8:30PM each day, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The session costs \$35 and scholarships are available. Email Casey Dunning at [casey@micmt.org](mailto:casey@micmt.org) to register.
- Montana Association of Christians has set January 23, 2017 as MAC Day at the State Legislature. Children and families are one of four priority areas for the upcoming legislative session and beyond. Learn more about how you can be involved at [MACMT.org](http://MACMT.org). Contact me for more information at [dorcied@gmail.com](mailto:dorcied@gmail.com) or 239-7655.

More opportunities will be unfolding in the weeks and months to come. To lend yourself to this effort, please reach out to me by the phone or email noted below. Thank you.

— THE REV. DORCIE DVARISHKIS  
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## It was a magical Holiday Market!

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Beanie Babies for their good behavior. For the entire week laughter and conversation mingled with Christmas carols as workers and shoppers shared in the market's many delights.

Special thank you's to the Holiday Market co-chairs Diane Rasmuson and Tracey Gage, whose enthusiasm, energy and artistic talents set the stage. To market committee members Sue Lowery, Bob and Lani Brewer, Betsy Holmquist, Jeanne Clark, Marva Gallegos, Anne Cohen, Mary Tromly, Barb Hosier, Catherine Durand, Bonnie Tyro, Elaine Brown, Mary Porter and Bob Wattenberg. To the HSP families whose estate treasures helped fill the tables. To our soup lunch preparers and to every single one of you who gave your time and your donations, who helped set up the

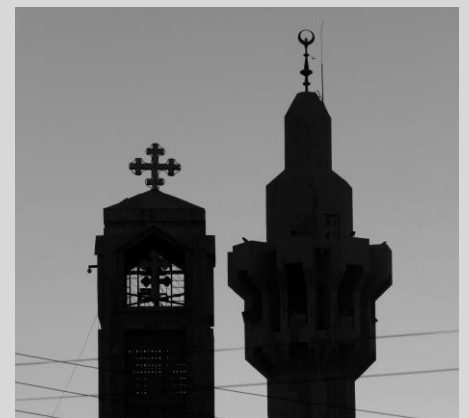
market, who worked and shopped and cleaned up on Saturday. To Judy and Elizabeth for all their behind-the-scenes help. To the shoppers at the pre-sale of crèches, china, and statuary. To all who donated to the raffle and the auction and who bought tickets and bid on auction items. (Raffle ticket sales hit a record number this year, too.) And to all who offered prayers for the market's success. They were heard.

We're already looking ahead to Holiday Market 2017. As you prepare for this year's holidays—unpacking and packing up boxes and gifts—think about what you could contribute to next year's event. Your donations are welcome at any time.

— BESTY HOLMQUIST

## The Wider Church: The Fourth Christian-Muslim Summit

A delegation of Anglican/Episcopal leaders met with Shia and Sunni Islam and Roman Catholic Church leaders in November in the Iranian capital of Tehran for the fourth Christian-Muslim Summit of religious leaders. They originated in 2007 when former Iranian President Muhammad Khatami spoke at Washington National Cathedral and called for a gathering of religious and cultural leaders from eastern and western perspectives. The first summit was held at Washington National Cathedral in 2010 and subsequently delegates met in Beirut in 2012 and in Rome in 2014. Reflecting upon the theme of *Respect for human dignity: the foundation for peace and security*, delegates are creating a call to action. The Rev. Canon John Peterson, director of the Centre for Global Justice and Reconciliation at



Washington National Cathedral, serves as co-coordinator for the Christian-Muslim Summits, and other members of our delegation include former Bishop of Washington, John Chane, the Rev. Chloe Breyer, executive director of the Interfaith Centre of New York, and Ms. Ruth Frey, senior program officer for Justice and Reconciliation at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York.

— PRU RANDALL



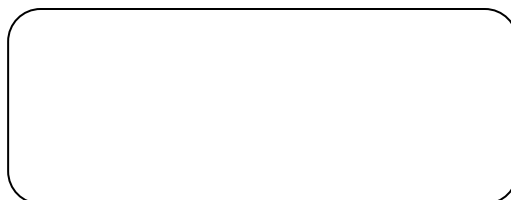
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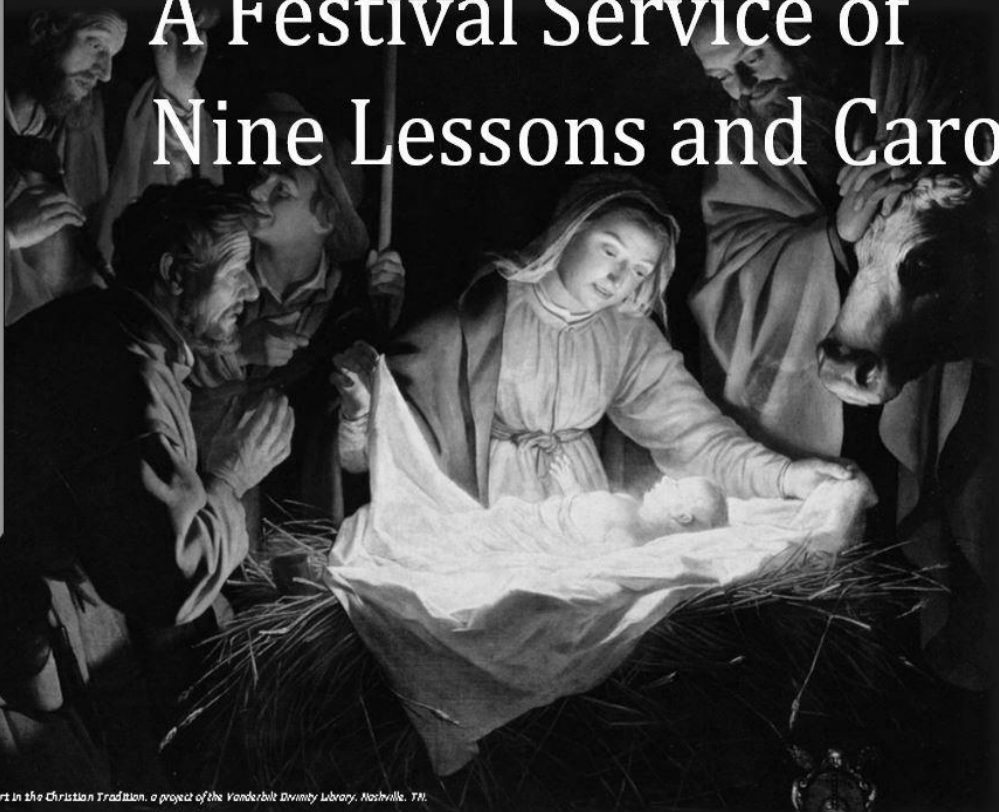
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