



# Lessons &



**Reverend Kathleene Card**

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday December 16, 2018**

**Peterborough United Methodist Church**

**If you are a first time visitor** please see the welcome card in your pew for more details and tips. Welcome!

 [www.PeterboroughUMC.org](http://www.PeterboroughUMC.org)

# Peterborough United Methodist Church

~Wiggling is appropriate & welcome.

\*Those able are invited to stand in praise.

## GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL The Snow Lay on the Ground FWS 2093 Choir

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Pastor

Rev Card will light the Third Advent candle and lead the responsive reading.

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Pew Bible OT p 3*

Matt Keenan

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock  
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust  
all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,

'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

~\*CAROL      **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**      **UMH 196**

SECOND LESSON *Genesis 22:15-18 Pew Bible OT p 17*

Bruce Batten

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations  
of the earth will obtain blessings.

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

~\*CAROL

**Joseph Dearest FWS 2099**

THIRD LESSON *Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Pew Bible OT p 600*

Pam Welty

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

FOURTH LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9 Pew Bible OT p 815*

Richard Clason Sr

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
 the spirit of counsel and might,  
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
 or decide by what his ears hear;  
 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
 he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
 and a little child shall lead them.  
 The cow and the bear shall graze,  
 their young shall lie down together;  
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
 They will not hurt or destroy  
 on all my holy mountain;  
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
 as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

FIFTH LESSON *Luke 1:26-35,38 Pew Bible NT p 53*

Susan Campbell-Halley

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to Gods promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

~\*CAROL

**One Holy Night in Bethlehem FWS 2097**

SIXTH LESSON *Luke 2:1-7 Pew Bible NT p 54*

Karen Keenan

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the

town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

~\*CAROL

**The First Noel UMH 245**

SEVENTH LESSON *Luke 2:8-16 Pew Bible NT p 54*

Mark Welty

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



\*DOXOLOGY “Traditional Old 100th”

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God (or him) all creatures here below;  
Praise God (or him) above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
(Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.)

NINTH LESSON *John 1:1-14 Pew Bible NT p 86*

Jim Poplin

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Silent Night UMH 239

Choir

COLLECT

Pastor

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**  
**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AT PUMC TODAY:**

Pastor: Reverend Kathleene Card  
Organist: Gene Brochu  
Choir Director: Wendy Dunning

**EVENTS:**

**Events this week:**

Sun 16 Sunday Worship Service 10a  
Sun 16 Advent class Sun – The Journey 11:15a  
Mon 17 Confidential Meeting 6-8p  
Tue 18 Newsletter submissions due \*a week early!  
Wed 19 Office Hours 9-12  
Wed 19 Advent class Wed – The Journey 9:45a  
Wed 19 Choir rehearsal 11a  
Wed 19 Covenant Discipleship Group 6:30p  
Thu 20 Office Hours 9-12  
Fri 21 Meet for vigil processional @PUMC, park at PUMC,  
UCC or All Saints 4:45 p  
Fri 21 Candlelight Vigil w/MATS @Town House 5p  
Fri 21 Stone Soup Night immediately following vigil @PUMC  
Fri 21 Open Mic Night 7p

**Announcements & Upcoming:**

Dec 23 Free Community Breakfast 8a  
Dec 23 Christmas worship service 10a  
Dec 23 Ecumenical Peace Light Service 6p  
@Monadnock Quaker Meeting in Jaffrey  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7p



## WHAT IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT

*Unwrap the true meaning with us this Christmas*

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT PUMC

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Sun Dec 2 -   | Advent begins  |
| Sun Dec 16 -  | 10 am Service of Nine Lessons and Carols                                 |
| Fri Dec 21 -  | 5 pm Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless w/ MATS @Peterborough Town House |
|               | 6 pm Stone Soup Night  |
| Sun Dec 23 -  | 10 am Christmas Service  |
| Mon Dec 24 -  | 7 pm Candlelight Service   |
| *Tue Dec 25 - | no service - Merry Christmas!  |
| Sun Jan 6 -   | 10am Epiphany/Three Kings Day  |



## Welcome!

### We are delighted to welcome you to our service.

If this is your first time worshiping with us, please fill out the information card in your pew and place in the offering basket or hand it to an usher.

If you are interested in becoming part of the church family or wish to give a message to the pastor please check the appropriate box on the card.

We have a weekly email and a monthly newsletter. You can sign up for our mailing list on the web site.

### We seek to make worship accessible and inclusive!

- Our nursery room is in the hallway past the fellowship hall, an attendant is present.
- During service children are invited to use Busy Bags, available in the front pew.
- Children's Sunday School begins during worship after Children's Message.
- A changing table is available in the hall/ADA bathroom.
- Large print books and magnifiers are in the front pew.
- Speakers amplify worship throughout the building.

Rev Card can be contacted at  
[pumcpastor@peterboroughumc.org](mailto:pumcpastor@peterboroughumc.org) or (703) 309-5221.

### Please join us for Christian fellowship in the Marion Bagley Memorial Fellowship Hall following worship.

Peterborough United Methodist Church  
[www.PeterboroughUMC.org](http://www.PeterboroughUMC.org)

Facebook: [pumcnh](https://www.facebook.com/pumcnh)



43 Concord St

Peterborough NH 03458

(603) 924-4294

[info@peterboroughumc.org](mailto:info@peterboroughumc.org)



Office hours: Wednesdays 9am-noon, Thursdays 9am-noon  
Sunday service: 10am