

## Participants

Reverend Catherine Merrill  
Jocelyn Jones  
Daniel Tirnovéanu  
Members of Music Ministry  
Rob Dankert, Erin Sawicki,  
Anna & Miles Dankert

Minister  
(Exhausted) Pianist  
Chorister Reader  
Readers  
Advent Family

## Calendar

<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	10:00am	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday, December 24</b>	4:00pm & 7:00pm	Christmas Eve Services
<b>Friday, December 27</b>	7:00pm	Open Mic / Coffee House
<b>Sunday, December 29</b>	10:00am	Worship Service

Last week's attendance (12/8/18): 43 Adults, 7 Children

For your convenience: reading glasses are available to borrow. They are in a basket on the table at the entry to the sanctuary

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Rev. Cath will be on vacation 12/25-1/8. If you need assistance, please contact Candy Tiner ([secretary@bccnh.org](mailto:secretary@bccnh.org) or 603-801-5918) or Jill Aitken ([jgoodstuff@gmail.com](mailto:jgoodstuff@gmail.com) or 973-713-7832) and they will direct you to the right resources, including the folks covering in case of pastoral emergencies.



## Service of Lessons & Carols

### *Brookline Community Church*

2 Main Street, PO Box 507

Brookline, NH 03033

Reverend Catherine Merrill

603-673-7511

**December 15, 2019**

**10:00 am**

The Festival of **Nine Lessons and Carols** tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

Traditionally, the first reading is offered by a chorister, a member of the children's choir. This year we are blessed to have Daniel Tirnoveanu offer the reading from Genesis.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope

Light the Advent candle three

Think of heavenly harmony

Angels singing "Peace on Earth"

At the Blessed Savior's birth.

Candle, candle burning bright

Shining in the cold winter night

Candle, candle burning bright

Fill our hearts with Christmas light

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE LORD'S 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 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

**\*Response: #135 "O Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

THE SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

**\*Response: #152 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**\*Response: #170 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

**\*Response: #151 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

**\*Response: #171 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

THE SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23

**\*Response: #133 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

**\*DOXOLOGY: # 809 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

**\*Response: #147 "Away in a Manger"**

THE EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

**\*Response: #185 "We Three Kings"**

THE NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

**\*Response: #146 "Joy to the World"**

COLLECT AND BENEDICTION

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 839 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again."**

*Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.*

**\* Please stand in body or Spirit**