

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.

### Participants

Reverend Catherine Merrill	Minister
Musicians:	
Kristine Brock	Vocals, Flute, Acoustic guitar
Sanjay Cherian	Vocals, Percussion
Chris Jones	Vocals
Jocelyn Jones	Vocals
Yifan Kang	Vocals
Jon King	Bass, Trombone
Dave Larkin	Vocals, Trumpet
Charlene LeDoux	Cello
Melanie Levesque	Vocals
Gary Simmerman	Keyboard
Derek Smith	Bass
Colleen Walker	Vocals, Guitar



### Calendar

<b>Saturday, Dec. 24</b>	4:00 & 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Services
<b>Sunday, Dec. 25</b>	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service
<b>Sunday, Jan. 1</b>	10:00 am	New Year's Day Service
<b>Sunday, Jan. 8</b>	8:30 am	Cabinet Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Last week's attendance (12/11): 38 Adults, 2 Children

<i>BCC Financial Summary</i>	Actual Income	Planned Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Plan	Income vs Spending
Monthly	\$5,599.60	\$7,829.30	\$2,469.67	✗ -\$2,229.70	✓ \$3,129.93
Year to Date	\$84,556.40	\$95,292.70	\$73,493.83	✗ -\$10,736.30	✓ \$11,062.57

December 18, 2016

## Service of Lessons and Carols

*Brookline Community Church*

2 Main Street, PO Box 507

Brookline, NH 03033

Reverend Catherine Merrill

603-673-7511

**December 18, 2016**

**10:00 am**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

The King Family

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

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

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

Response: "*Mary Did You Know*" by New Beginnings

THE SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23

**\*Response: #172 "As Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"**

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)  
"*Offering Song*" by New Beginnings

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

THE EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

Response: "*Christmas with You*" by New Beginnings

THE NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

**\*Response: #173 "O Come All Ye Faithful"**

COLLECT AND BENEDICTION

**\* CLOSING HYMN: #146 "Joy to the World"**

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

**\* Please stand if you are able**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

> **Take-home meals available - on sale - 3/\$20!** Italian Sausage Minestrone, Chicken Florentine, Mexican Lasagna.

> **SHARE** is collecting Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil

> **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:** will be held at 4:00pm and 7:00pm this year on Saturday, Dec. 24th.

