



Lessons & Carols

Otterbein United Methodist Church

December 7, 2025

10:30 am

Second Sunday of Advent



THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

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As this is a service of worship, we respectfully ask that you hold any applause until after the final anthem.

Greeting

Rev. Adam Blagg

Prelude

The First Noel

arr. Nishimura

*Call to Worship

L: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

P: On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

L: The light that is the Word of God, God incarnate,

P: Let us worship as we praise the newborn king!

L: O come, let us adore Him,

P: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

No. 246, UMH

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Bidding Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Adam Blagg

Lessons & Carols

The term carol describes a song of praise and joy. The first carol to be heard on Earth was sung by the angels the night Jesus was born. Ever since, Christians have continued to sing glad tidings of Jesus' birth. As we hear and sing once again our favorite carols of Christmas, may the familiar words impress upon us anew the enormity of God's love for us. Through our experience of sacred word and music, the story of the coming of Christ unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's faithfulness and redemption. May this season be full of hope and joy as we celebrate the God we sing about, the God who sent the greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Savior of the world.

The First Lesson

THE FALL OF ADAM

Bill Pollard

Christmastime

arr. Martin



The Second Lesson







GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

Patsy Liskey

A Father's Love, A Perfect Rose

arr. Martin

Roman Leonard, soloist

The Third Lesson	THE BIRTH OF CHRIST FORETOLD <i>Let the Stable Still Astonish</i>	Mike Earman <i>Forrest</i>
		
The Fourth Lesson	THE PEACE OF CHRIST FORETOLD <i>Christmas Sanctus</i>	Diana Lambert <i>Dengler</i>
		
The Fifth Lesson	THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARS TO MARY <i>Love's Pure Light</i>	Kevin Andrade <i>Hagenberg</i>
		
The Sixth Lesson	ST. LUKE TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS <i>Wexford Carol</i>	Erin Wenger <i>Hagenberg</i>
		
The Seventh Lesson	THE SHEPHERDS' JOURNEY <i>A Call to Christmas</i>	Deb Brown <i>Leontovych</i>
		
The Eighth Lesson	THE WISE MEN ARE LED BY THE STAR <i>I Wonder as I Wonder</i> Sophia Scharlau, soloist	Susan Pollard <i>Pederson</i>
		
The Ninth Lesson	THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION <i>A Tribute of Carols</i>	Rev. Dan Brown <i>arr. Sorenson</i>
Closing Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	No. 240, UMH
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i>	arr. Shackley

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, December 7

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship—Cantata
11:30 am Family Christmas Brunch
6:00 pm Massanutten Brass Band Concert

Monday, December 8

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

Tuesday, December 9

10:00 am UWF—MH
6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204
7:00 pm Admin. Council—Rm. 204

Wednesday, December 10

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204
6:00 pm Bells
7:15 pm Choir

Thursday, December 11

Noon JOY Group—MH
3:45 pm New Horizons Band—MH

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Announcements

- **UMM Christmas Brunch**—Today following the Christmas Cantata. All donations will support the **College Chorale Scholarship Fund**.
- **Massanutten Brass Band**—Join the Massanutten Youth and Massanutten Brass Bands for their annual **"Christmas in Brass!"** concert **today, December 7, at 6 pm** at **OUMC**! All donations will go to the Salvation Army. Sean & Sarah Macomber and Micah Blagg perform with these groups and would love to see you there!
- **Christmas Concert**—Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley, a 38-member professional choir under the direction of artistic director Scott Zane Smith, presents their holiday concert, **"The Wonder of Christmas"** on **December 20-21, at Linville Creek Church of the Brethren** in Broadway. The one-hour concert consists of sacred and secular music, with many familiar tunes that celebrate the magic of the holiday season. **Concerts both days are at 3 pm**. For more information, find us on Facebook, @Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley.
- **New OUMM Project**—Beginning the first Sunday in each month in 2026, the men will be collecting canned food for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and any other needy area Food Pantries. Thank you in advance for your support of this monthly project of the OUMM which begins on **January 4th, 2026**.
- **Clothes Closet** is **NOT accepting donations** at this time **EXCEPT for the following**: winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, AND socks (especially white). Thanks and PLEASE tell your friends and neighbors that the Clothes Closet is OPEN with free clothes for all ages every Monday 4:30-6 pm.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

Participants

Rev. Adam Blagg, Senior Pastor
Ricky Goodwyn, Jr., Director of Music Ministries
Dan Curtis, Organist

Sanctuary Choir & Instrumentalists

Soprano

Kira Blagg
Kestina Carneal
Linda Conrad
Bev Earman
**Sophie Osmani*
**Christina Santiago*
***Paige Driver*

Alto

Christy Blagg
Cindy Cartee
Julie Clough
**Grace Hollowell*
***Elizabeth Kugel*
Lynda McConnell
Judy Richardson
**Sophia Scharlau*
Pat Wingert

Tenor

Drew Dodson
**Brian Garmendia*
***Garrett Gass*
Ricky Goodwyn, Jr.
Mary Griffith
**Thomas Stachelski*

Bass

Adam Blagg
Kent Carneal
Gary Edlind
**Roman Leonard*
Carter Ritchie
**Michael T'Sougranis*

Instrumentalists

Sonja Dillard, violin 1
Cynthia Lumme, violin 2
Diane Phoenix-Neal, viola
David Swanson, viola
Edward Gant, cello
Isaiah Ortiz, cello
Gabi Bieberich, bass
Joshua Brancalone, flute
Geneva Maldonado, clarinet
Micah Blagg, percussion

**Denotes College Chorale*

***Denotes Guest College Chorale Members*

TLC Person of the Week:

Ray Griffith
2163 Layman Trestle Road
Rockingham, VA 22802

Remember Ray this week with a note or a card.
Let's show him Otterbein's "tender, loving care"!

Otterbein in Prayer

David Angier	Tina Jolly
Rosalie Bailey	Deb Leap
Gary Billingsley	Steve Lily
Marilyn Blagg	Chuck Macklin
Whitney Bradley	Peggy Miller
Millie Bruce	Art & Mary Jo Mitchell
Earl Cannon	Maxine Perry
Rev. Louis Carson	Judy Pruett
Nissa D'Andrea	Dot Swartz
Cliff Davis	Carolyn Stroop
Diane Cline Davis	Juanita Taylor
Jo Ellen Dickenson	Michelle VanPelt
Mike Earman	John Walsh
Judi Espinoza	Hazel Willi
Ed Gaines	Baby Charlie Woods
Charles Glassick	Gina Wyse
Ray Griffith	Family of Karen
Fred Hopkins	Cannon
Emily Joiner	