

Christmas Hymn Sing

December 29, 2024

Today you will choose the Hymns. You will choose the readings. After the first hymn, / *Heard The Bells on Christmas Day*, each song we sing will be by your request. You may choose any hymn you'd like; the hymns below are merely suggestions.

We will pray, and we will celebrate Holy Communion. There will be no sermon.

Suggested Hymns

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United Methodist Hymnal - Advent 195-216, Christmas 217-255, 179

The Faith We Sing - Promised Coming 2089-2094, Birth & Baptism 2095-2100

Worship & Song - Promised Coming 3044-3050, Birth & Baptism 3051-3067

Suggested Readings

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Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 - 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.

Genesis 22:15-18 - God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

Isaiah 9:2,6-7 - The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9 or **Micah 5:2-5a** - The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

Luke 1:26-35,38 - The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

Luke 2:1-7 - Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Luke 2:8-16 - The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

Matthew 2:1-11 - The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

John 1:1-14 - John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.