

A Festival Of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 28, 2025

10:00 am

The Prelude: In The Bleak Midwinter

Holst/Whitworth

The Processional Hymn #102 – Once In Royal David's City

Tune: Irby

vs. 1 & 2 – all, vs. 3 – women; vs. 4 – men; vs. 5 – choir; vs. 6 - all

1 Once in royal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmas-tide it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore, let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise. But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us.

Our Father

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Priest The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

The congregation shall sit

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Don Marsh

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike 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 Carol #111 – Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

 all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

 Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

 peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

Liam Harris

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

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 Carol #79 – O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Tune: St. Louis

vs. 1- all; vs. 2 – men; vs. 3 – women; vs. 5 – all

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, 4/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The first staff begins with a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note. The third staff begins with a quarter note. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas, each corresponding to a staff. The first stanza (top staff) has five lines of lyrics numbered 1 through 5. The second stanza (middle staff) has five lines of lyrics numbered 1 through 5. The third stanza (bottom staff) has five lines of lyrics numbered 1 through 5.

Stanza 1 (Top Staff):

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath-ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won-drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless-ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

Stanza 2 (Middle Staff):

1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless-ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Stanza 3 (Bottom Staff):

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch-ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.
 2 and prais-es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re-ceive him, still the dear Christ en-ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo-ry breaks, and Christ-mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a-bide with us, our Lord Em-man-u-el!

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

Tricia Kohlbeck

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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Carol: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. by David Willcocks

Manakin Chancel Choir

The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Phil DiStanislao

A shoot shall come out from the stock 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 Carol #89 – It Came Upon A Midnight Clear vs. 1 & 2

Carol

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad hu - man - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - ly hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Ginger Marsh

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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, favoured 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 favour 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 for ever, 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 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 Carol #96 – Angels We Have Herard On High vs. 1-2

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Glo - - - - -

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Marion Sykes

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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 Carol #101 – Away In A Manger

Cradle Song

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 *3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Gunnar Kohlbeck

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 Saviour, 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 favours!’ 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 Carol – In The Bleak Midwinter

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Manakin Chancel Choir

The Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

Jeff Lighthiser

The wise men are led by the star of Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Carol #115 – What Child Is This

Greensleeves

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this,
2 Why lies he in
3 So bring him in -

who, such cense, laid mean gold, to es - and myrrh, rest, tate, on where come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king. to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The congregation shall stand for the ninth lesson.

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

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 Carol #83 – O Come, All Ye Faithful

vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6

Adeste Fideles

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first three staves are for the Carol #83 (verses 1, 2, 3, & 6) and the fourth staff is for 'Adeste Fideles' (Refrain).

Staff 1 (Top): Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6 of the Carol. The lyrics are:

1	O	come,	all	ye	faith	-	ful,	joy	-	ful	and	tri	-	um	-	phant,	O
2	God	from	_____	God,	_____	Light	from	Light	e	-	ter	-	nal,	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	Sing,	choirs	of	an	-	gels,	sing	in	ex	-	ul	-	ta	-	tion,	_____	_____
*4	See	how	the	shep	-	herds,	sum	-	moned	to	his	cra	-	dle,	_____	_____	_____
*5	Child,	for	us	sin	-	ners	poor	and	in	the	man	-	ger,	_____	_____	_____	_____

Staff 2 (Second from Top): Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6 of the Carol. The lyrics are:

1	come	ye,	O	come	ye	to	Beth	-	le	-	hem;	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
2	lo!	he	ab	-	hors	not	the	Vir	-	gin	's	womb;	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	sing,	all	ye	ci	-	ti	-	zens	of	heaven	a	-	bove;	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	leav	-	ing	their	flocks,	draw	_____	nigh	to	gaze;	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	we	would	em	-	brace	thee,	with	love	and	awe;	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Staff 3 (Third from Top): Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6 of the Carol. The lyrics are:

1	come,	and	be	-	hold	him,	born	the	King	of	an	-	gels;	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	on	-	ly	-	be	-	got	-	ten	Son	of	the	Fa	-	ther;	_____	_____	_____
3	glo	-	ry	to	God,	_____	glo	-	ry	in	the	high	-	est;	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	we	too	will	thith	-	er	bend	our	joy	-	ful	foot	-	steps;	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	who	would	not	love	thee,	_____	lov	-	ing	us	so	dear	-	ly?	_____	_____	_____	_____

Staff 4 (Bottom): Refrain for 'Adeste Fideles'. The lyrics are:

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

The Collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily renewed by the Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Closing Hymn #87 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

The Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo

J. S Bach

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We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.

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When you pray, please remember the following church members:

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Pat & Rhett DuPont, Trey Harrington and Tom Connor.

When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Paul Bubenshik, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson and Bobby Perkins.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Beth Norton	12/28	Randy Blunt	12/30
Liza Moore	12/29	Emily Martin	1/1

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Emily & John Moore	12/31
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Announcements

- ❖ **No Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM.**
- ❖ **The church office will be closed from December 24 until January 5.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Gini+. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- ❖ The Burial Service for Bob Pinkham will be held on **Monday, December 29, at 11 AM.** Reception following in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Sit & Stitch: Monday, January 5, at 5 PM.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Will resume January 6, at 9:30 AM.**
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study: Will resume Wednesday, January 7, at 9:15 AM.**
- ❖ **Men of the Church: Saturday, January 10, at 8 AM.** The speaker will be Mr. Bryan Truzzie, [Historic Sites Supervisor of the Chesterfield Parks & Recreation](#). Mr. Truzzie will present "Chesterfield: A Historical Perspective," which will focus on the history of Chesterfield, its community events and programming opportunities for older adults. Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **Family Forum: Sunday, January 11, at 9 AM** – Please join us for a hands-on family focused activity of making Vision Boards. If you have not done this before, it is a great way to look and plan for the year ahead with vision and dreams. Please bring magazines to use for cutting out pictures, if you have some.

- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 13, at 7 PM** to discuss Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. The book is described as "a wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything." Please be sure to have the Zoom application downloaded onto the electronic device of your choice if you'd like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or via email at thhood@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **Nursery Help Needed:** We're looking for volunteers to help in the church nursery! We need people to assist our full-time nursery provider. If you enjoy spending time with little ones and want to support the families in our congregation, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please reach out to Marion about being added to the nursery rotation.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. **Current needs are: canned lima and butter beans, instant grits, beef and chicken broth and Vienna Sausages.** If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Mary Kay an email at marykatherinegates@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult "Kongs"), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note "Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund" to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

Plastic Bag Recycle Program

We have joined The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! Drop off at church can be in the bin located in room number 5 in Denny Hall. Any questions? Please contact Jean Hillsman at jmhillsman56@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench for an organization in need.

What can be recycled? Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags. **No plastic bottles please.**