



# St Ives Uniting Church

21 December 2025

## Service of Lessons and Carols

### Advent 4

**Welcome and notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Carol:** 312 Once in royal David's city

**Bidding prayer**

**First Lesson:** Genesis 3: 8–15

*God tells Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

**Lighting the Advent candles**

**Carol:** 272 Come, thou long expected Jesus

**Second Lesson:** Genesis 22: 15–18

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

**Carol:** 265 O come, O come, Emmanuel!

**Third Lesson:** Isaiah 9: 2; 6–7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.*

**Carol:** 304 O Come all ye faithful (Verses 1,2,4,6)

**Fourth Lesson:** Micah 5:2-4

*The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem*

**Carol:** 316 O Little town of Bethlehem

**Fifth Lesson:** Luke 1: 26-35; 38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary.*

**Carol:** What child is this?

**Sixth Lesson:** Luke 2: 1; 3-7

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**Carol:** 299 While shepherds watched their flocks

**Seventh Lesson:** Luke 2: 8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

**Carol:** We three kings

**Eighth Lesson:** Matthew 2: 1-12

*The magi are led by the star to Jesus.*

**Offering**

**Carol:** Mary's boy child

**Sermon:** The nativity

**Ninth Lesson:** John 1:1-14

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

**Blessing**

**Carol:** 303 Hark the herald angels sing

**Postlude**

**Organist**

Jim Abraham



O come  
let us  
adore  
HIM

