

Blurb for 12-2-18

News and Notes

This week, the first Sunday of Advent, at the 10:30 service we will have a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Our bells will perform "Lo! How a Rose E're Blooming" and choir anthems will include "Gabriel to Mary Came." We will sing "O come, O come Emmanuel," "Comfort, comfort ye my people," and "People, look east."

Sunday Bulletin

The text for today's opening hymn, "People, look East," was written by Eleanor Farjeon. She is most well known as author of "Morning has broken" (#8 in our hymnal) which became widely known when it was recorded by Cat Stevens in 1971. In England she is most known as a writer of children's books. "People, look East," first appeared in the 1928 Oxford Book of Carols. The text was set to a French carol called BECANÇON. In the last forty years it has increased in popularity and appeared in many hymnals. It is in our hymnal supplement, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. The hymn has the joyful bounce of a Christmas carol with a text filled with Advent imagery. For example, we look east to the rising sun, as with Christians throughout the ages who have looked to the east as the direction of the coming Messiah.