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Hillsdale College Hosts Annual Lessons and Carols Christmas Service

The service featured Scripture readings, choral masterworks, and Christmas carols.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College Choral Scholars, directed by Timothy McDonnell, director of sacred music, presented their annual Advent Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 7 in Christ Chapel. The service featured readings from Scripture, choral masterworks performed by the Choral Scholars, and congregational Christmas carols. Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community attended.

“This service is a beautiful way to remember the gift of our Savior each Christmas,” said Chaplain Adam Rick. “We are grateful to share this special time of worship and reflection with the community as we celebrate together.”

The service “Nine Lessons & Carols” was drafted at the end of the nineteenth century. It tells the story of salvation, from creation to the birth of Christ, in nine short readings from Scripture. Each reading is followed by a praise response in the form of a choral or congregational carol. The service has become popular around the world, thanks largely to King’s College Cambridge, which has broadcasted its service live every Christmas Eve since 1928.

Between Scripture readings by faculty, staff, and students, the Chapel Choir performed several songs and led the congregation in singing familiar carols including “Once in Royal David’s City” and “Angels We Have Heard on High.” The service began and ended with prayers.

For photos from the service, click [here](#). To learn more about the Choral Scholars Program at Hillsdale College, click [here](#). For photos of Christ Chapel, click [here](#). For photos of Hillsdale College, click [here](#). For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 7.3 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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