

**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

**From:** News from FCCV (lists@firstchurchofvernon.org)

**To:**

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



We had an amazing service last Sunday with our youth performing the Christmas musical, "All About That Baby"! There was a buzz of excitement and feelings of joy as we heard the story of Jesus' birth. I do believe we have the "spirit of Christmas" at our church!

Let us continue that excitement and joy as we light the Advent Candle of Love this Sunday. Our scripture text will be from Luke's Gospel as he explains the foretelling of Jesus' birth to Mary through the angel, Gabriel. It is incredible news of this baby being the Son of the Most High who's Kingdom will never end! A Kingdom of hope, peace, joy, and everlasting love! Come and hear the Good News! Receive what God is saying to us today!

Join us in celebrating the baptism of Lawrence David Carr, son of Angel and Steven Carr. What a special day for Lawrence and his family!

Grace be to y'all,  
Robin

### **Prelude to the Preludes**

The advent candle of "love" will be lit this week so I'm beginning my preludes with "Of the Father's Love Begotten." It is about as old a tune as you can find, having originated as plainsong chant, surviving in manuscripts of the 13th century. The first setting is in a free rhythm, much like chant. Sometime over the centuries the melody was sung to a steady six-eight rhythm (though with irregular phrase-lengths) so I'll also play a version in that manner. I'll end with a couple medleys: one of gentler "Manger Carols" and then more exuberant "Angel Carols." Finally, the Bell Choir will bring us "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "There's a Song in the Air" and, as the anthem, "Go Tell it on the Mountain." ---James



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