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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### WESLEYAN MUSIC TELLS THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

The Department of Music at Texas Wesleyan University presents a Christmas service of “Lessons and Carols” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Polytechnic United Methodist Church, 1310 S. Collard St. The performance is free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

A Wesleyan tradition for decades, “Lessons & Carols” unites Wesleyan Chorale, Wesleyan Singers and the Chancel Choir of Polytechnic United Methodist Church in a liturgical, musical retelling of the Christmas story. Lessons and Carols originated at Truro Cathedral (England) on Christmas Eve 1880, when Bishop F. W. Benson Truro developed a service of scripture and supporting carols. Some 38 years later in 1918, this format was adapted for Christmas Eve at King’s College Chapel, Cambridge, England. The BBC’s broadcast from King’s College helped to popularize the service of Lessons and Carols which was quickly duplicated by cathedrals throughout the world. The heart of the service continues to this day: the retelling of the Christian’s story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate.

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