



FESTIVAL *of* CAROLS

December 12, 2021

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♠Indicates congregation standing

Welcome and Call to Worship Dan Burns

“Christmas Fantasy for Orchestra” Dan Goeller

James Ryan, conductor

♠“O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES

Words: John Francis Wade; tr. Frederick Oakeley / Music: John Francis Wade; arr. John Rutter / Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
 2. God of God, Light of Light; lo, he ab -
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing: Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him born the King of
 hors not the vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre -
 cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God in the
 thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -

Refrain

an - gels;
 at - ed;
 high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 pear - ing;

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

✦Invocation

“Gloria” John Rutter

Words: Trad. Latin / Music: arr. John Rutter / Luke 2:14

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory be to God on high,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>And on earth peace, good will towards men.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>We praise Thee. We bless Thee.</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>We worship Thee. We glorify Thee.</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.</i>
Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory be to God on high.</i>

Calvin Ellis, conductor

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

Words: Charles Wesley, Mark E. Hunt / Music: Rowland H. Prichard; arr. Fernando Ortega, James Ryan / Luke 2:25

Faithline Youth Choir:

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
 Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

✦Congregation stands and sings:

2. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and yet a
 King, born to reign in us for - e - ver, now thy gra - cious
 king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit,
 rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -
 fi - cient, mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

*Mary Abbott Elliott, guitar
 Matthew Lankford, cajon*

“Unto Us a Child Is Born” Pepper Choplin

Words and Music: Pepper Choplin / Isaiah 9:6-7

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.
His name is Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father,
He is Wonderful Counselor, the Almighty God.
The Prince of Peace.
And when His holy Kingdom shall descend,
Peace and justice shall not end.
Veiled in flesh, He comes to dwell, God with us, Emmanuel!
He shall reign forevermore: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

♠“A Christmas Carol Fantasy” Paul Campbell

Congregation:

**Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv’n with angel-singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!**

Spirit & Song Children’s Choir:

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring,
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News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King’s birth.

Congregation:

**When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place,
When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and saints with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.**

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

Women: **From God our heav’nly Father a blessed angel came**
Men: **And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,**
All: **How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

“Ukrainian Bell Carol” Mark Hayes

Words: Mark Hayes / Mykola Leontovych; arr. Mark Hayes / Luke 2

Hark! Hear the song, joyful and strong, music so fair, filling the air.
Radiant the sound, heard all around, shatt’ring the night, bringing the light.
Seraphs sing, joy-bells ring, news of a birth throughout the earth.
Promise fulfilled; heaven revealed. All is made right this Christmas night.
Hope is reborn this Christmas morn. Spread the good news, Jesus is born.
Suddenly angel voices are singing songs of good-will and peace to the earth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Hear angels sing on Christmas night, tidings they bring: peace, love, and light.

“See Amid the Winter's Snow” Dan Forrest

Words: Edward Caswall / Music: John Goss; arr. Dan Forrest / Philippians 2:5, 8

Alleluia. Alleluia.

See, amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail, redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail, redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

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“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” Marshall McDonald; Mack Wilberg

Words: James Montgomery / Music: Henry T. Smart; arr. Marshall McDonald, Mack Wilberg / Matthew 2:11

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

See Him in the manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

✦ *Congregation stands and sings:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria!

Phillip Bond and Marvin Holt, soloists

◆“The First Noel”..... Mack Wilberg

Words and Music: Trad. English Carol; arr. Mack Wilberg / Luke 2:8

Women: 1. The first Noel, the an-gels did say, was to
 Men: 2. They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing
 All: 5. Then let us all with one ac-cord sing

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in the east, be-yond them far, and to the
 prais-es to our heav-en-ly Lord; who hath made

they lay keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that
 earth it gave great light, and so it con-tin-ued both
 heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood hu-man-

Refrain

was so deep.
 day and night. No-el, no-el, no-el, no-
 kind hath bought.

el, born is the King of Is-ra-el!

Homily: Morning Star, *Revelation 22:16*.George Robertson

“Christmas Joy” Carol Cymbala

Here We Come A-Caroling

Here we come a-caroling with songs of Christmas cheer,
To celebrate the season when ev'ry-where you hear:
Love and joy come to you, and a merry Christmas, too.
And God bless you and send you a happy new year.
And God bless you, Christmas is here.

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come, see the Child in Bethlehem.
O come and behold Him, born the King of angels.
O come, see the Child; O come, see the Child in Bethlehem.
O come, see the Child, the Child on Christmas Day.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
Light and life to all He brings. It's Christmas!
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem! Peace on earth, goodwill to men.”
It's Christmas once again!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee. Joy to the world!
God of glory, Lord of love. Let heaven and nature sing.

Jesus Has Come

Jesus has come, come. Tell the world He's come.
Tell the world He's come. He's come. Jesus has come.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay.
Remember, Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Joy, joy, joy! For the Lord is come.
Joy, joy, joy! He has come! Jesus is born today!
Joy, joy, joy! Oh, I hear the bells.
Hark! How the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say: Joy, joy, joy!
And He shall reign forever! Joy, joy, joy!
Forever and ever! Joy, joy, joy!
Joy to the world, for He has come! Gloria!
O come, all ye faithful. Joy, joy, joy!

"Peace, Peace" Fred Bock

Words: Joseph Mohr; tr. John Freeman Young / Music: Franz Grüber / Luke 2:16

Spirit & Song Children's Choir:

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.

This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.

Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Congregation:

Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant so, ten - der and
 mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

Benediction

Postlude: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" Wilbur Held

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Festival of Carols Broadcast

A recording of Festival of Carols will be broadcast on WKNO television on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. and Midnight. Visit [youtube.com/2pcmusic](https://www.youtube.com/2pcmusic) to view the livestream of tonight's program.

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Spirit & Song Children's Choir Christy Young, *director*

Dominic Devine	Mae Mae Hibbard	Emory Poole	Corinne Uhlhorn
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Faithline Youth Choir James Ryan, *director*

Mary Abbott Elliott	Katie Frazer	Allie Marek	Elijah Wells
Caleb Ellis	Matthew Lankford	Truman Thomasmeyer	Harry Wilson

Sunday Night Worship Team Calvin Ellis, *director*

Phillip Bond	Emily Hale	Kristin Jones	Daija McNeil
Connor Curtis	Eric Hale	Greg Mason	Mandy Webb
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The Orchestra

Violin 1 Tim Shiu Jordan Musgrave Kate Ryan	Bass Andrew Palmer	Bassoon Hannah Dickerson	Bass Trombone Ed Morse
Violin 2 Julie Morrison Hannah Monk	Flute Jenny Davis Dee Walker	Horn Robert Fant Tyler Bjerke	Timpani Stan Head
Viola Lenny Schranze Mario Williams	Oboe Michelle Vigneau Nathan Nix	Trumpet David Spencer Alex Schuetrumppf Mark Franklin	Percussion Michael Karcz Stewart Plumlee
Cello Carrington Truehart Ash Best	Clarinet Michael Rowlett Jonathan Webber	Trombone John Mueller Nathan DuVall	Piano Mary Lawrence Flinn Brad Jones
			Organ Samuel Metzger

The Meaning of Christmas

The carols tonight focus on the unique identity, majestic divinity, and saving work of Jesus Christ. They basically tell the story of the gospel in three words:

Cradle: The cradle of Christmas proves that God is with us—Emmanuel. We are not alone in this world. We are not alone in our guilt, shame, and struggle. We are not alone when we walk through the valley of the shadowlands—even death itself. The little baby in the feeding trough in the cave in Bethlehem is the incarnate God. He came to live a life of perfection that we never could and to die a sacrificial death to free us from guilt, shame, sin, and death.

Cross: These carols remind us that the gospel story continues with another transforming event. The cross of Calvary proves that God is for us and not against us. We no longer have to work to earn His favor and acceptance; the cross serves as proof of God’s grace and love. Jesus endured our sin, our judgment, our hell, and our death on that cross so that, by believing in Him, we might enjoy forgiveness, acceptance, heaven, and eternal life.

Crown: The good news gets even better. These carols remind us that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to rule and reign. He is now crowned with glory and honor. The crown reminds us that God will ensure that we arrive safely home to His glorious kingdom. Jesus will triumph over all of His and our enemies. Our future is bright indeed. At Advent, we also celebrate that Jesus is coming again to make all things new.

Have you gazed upon that cradle, that cross, and that crown? Throughout this Advent season, let us worship our Savior, born in a cradle; the Son of God, slain on a cross; and the King of Glory, who has secured our way home to the Father’s house!

Advent

A Gospel Christmas

December 19, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Next Sunday evening, we will be led in worship by our Sunday Night musicians in a variety of gospel and contemporary settings of Christmas carols.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 19, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

PJ Story Time

December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

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Sunday Worship

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays in the Sanctuary. Morning worship meets at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Evening worship begins at 6:00 p.m. To find out how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson via email at todd.erickson@2pc.org or by calling (901) 531-8895.

January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 9, we will hear from guest pastors and some of our own team during morning and evening worship on the themes of biblical justice, sexuality, and wholistic health. Join us these Sundays for worship as we continue to develop our Christian worldview and seek to become the church Christ has redeemed us to be.

January 9: Walter Strickland, *Associate Research Fellow, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission*

January 16: Hans Medueme, *Associate Professor of Theological Studies, Covenant College*

January 23: Robert Kim, *Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Church Planting, Covenant Theological Seminary*

January 31: Todd Erickson, *Pastoral Executive, Second Presbyterian Church*



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