



FESTIVAL of CAROLS

DECEMBER 11, 2022 • 6:00 PM

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♣ Indicates congregation standing

Organ Prelude: Toccata on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Christopher Pardini

Leo Davis, organ

Welcome Brad Morrow

"The Spirit of Christmas" Michael W. Smith

Music: arr. Michael W. Smith, David Hamilton; orch. David Hamilton

James Ryan, conductor

Call to Worship

♣ Congregational Carol: "Joy to the World" Mack Wilberg

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: George Frederick Handel; arr. Mack Wilberg / Psalm 98:4



All 1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
Women 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em - ploy;
Men 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground;
All 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove



let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 the glo - ries of His right - eous - ness



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy,
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
 and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His love,



and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 far as, far as the curse is found.
 and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

♣ Invocation

“We Three Kings” Craig Courtney

Words and Music: John Henry Hopkins; arr. Craig Courtney / Matthew 2:1

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Congregation joins on refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worship Him, God on high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, alleuia, sounds through the earth and skies.

*Jerry Bowman, Ramon Moses, and William Compton, soloists
Calvin Ellis, conductor*

“Gloria in Excelsis” Dan Forrest

Words: Trad. Latin / Music: arr. Dan Forrest / Luke 2:14

Gloria in excelsis Deo. *Glory be to God on high,
Et in terra pax. And on earth peace.*

Congregational Carols: “Sing the Carols of Christmas” Gary Fry

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (*Please remain seated*)

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
Refrain
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.

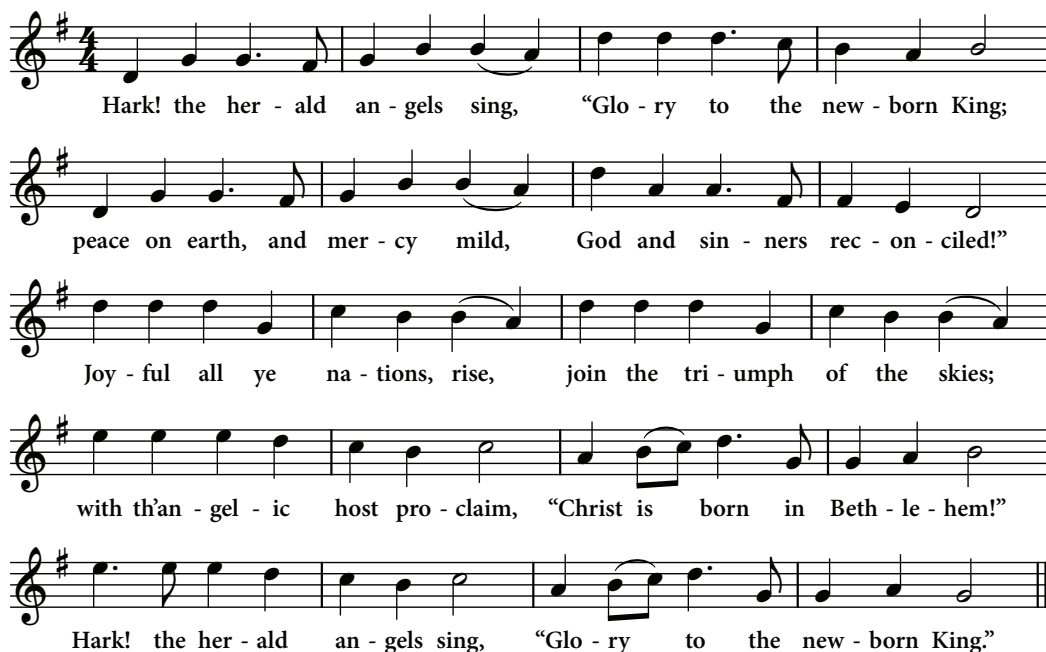
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the e - ver - last - ing light;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

"What Child Is This?" (*Spirit and Song Children's Choir*)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

♣ "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (*Congregation stands and sings*)



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"

Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

✦ Greetings and Announcements

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Mack Wilberg

Words and Music: Polish Carol; arr. Mack Wilberg / Revelation 17:14

Infant Holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.

✦ Carols for Congregation and Orchestra arr. Paul Roberts

“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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav’nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.**

**Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

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Offertory Anthem: "Sussex Carol" Elaine Hagenberg

Words and Music: Traditional English Carol; arr. Elaine Hagenberg / Luke 2:10

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

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

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

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" Getty Music

Words: Traditional English Carol; arr. Keith Getty, Fionan de Barra / Luke 2:10

Faithline Youth Choir:

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day.

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!*

The Chancel Choir Joins:

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn,
The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.

From God our Heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm, and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.

♠ *Congregation stands and sings:*

**Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

♣ Congregational Carol: "Festival First Nowell" Dan Forrest

Words and Music: Trad. English Carol; arr. Dan Forrest / Luke 2:8

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
Women 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their
 East be - yond them far, *Men* and to the earth it gave great
 to our heav - en - ly Lord that hath made heav'n and earth of

Refrain
 sheep on a cold, win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - well, No
 naught, and with His blood man - kind hath bought.

well, No - well, No - well! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Homily: Peace, *Romans 15:13*.....George Robertson

"Joy to the World" Whitney Houston

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: Chris Hansen / Psalm 98:4

♣ Congregation stands as directed

Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King.
 Let every heart prepare Him room; let heaven, let heaven,
 Heaven and nature, heaven and nature sing.

Everybody, sing! Joy to the world, for the Lord, the Lord is come.
 Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.
 Go tell of His glory; go shout the new story, that the Savior is born.
 Let heaven, heaven, let heaven and nature sing.

For the Lord, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.
 Let fields and flocks, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
 Go tell of His glory; go shout the new story, that the Savior is born.
 Let heaven, heaven, let heaven and nature...

Sing joy to the world, for the Savior reigns and makes His blessings flow.
 Joyful all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.
 With angelic hosts proclaim, "Glory to the King!" while the angels sing.

Everybody, sing joy to the world, for the Lord, the Lord is come.
 Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room.
 Go tell of His glory; go shout the new story, that the Savior is born.

Let heaven, heaven, let heaven and nature sing.
 Joy, joy, sing joy to the world. Everybody, sing joy,
 Sing joy to the world, joy to the world, all over the world.
 Joy to the world!

Carla Tolbert Taylor, soloist
Members of the Sunday Night Worship Team

Congregational Carol: "Away in a Manger" CRADLE SONG

Words: Anon.; John Thomas McFarland / Music: arr. Mack Wilberg / Luke 2:7

Congregation remains seated

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for Hea - ven to live with Thee there.

Benediction

Organ Postlude: Grand Fantasia on "Joy to the World" (*abb.*) . . . Marc Cheban; arr. Joseph Joubert

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Calvin Ellis, *Director of Choirs & Sunday Night Worship Leader*

James Ryan, *Director of Music Outreach*

Leo Davis, *Organist*

Christy Young, *Director of Children's Choirs & Second Conservatory of Music*

Ginny Atkinson, *Administrative Assistant*

Barton Kimbro, *Pastor & Director of Worship*

The Chancel Choir

Becki Albert	Sarah Froncek	Katie Hutcheson	Laurie Niederbrach
Phillip Bond	Hannah Gibson	Susan Irvin	Haley Overcast
Jerry Bowman	Eric Hale	Nick Keeling	Carol Overcast
Marjorie Bowman	John Hammond	Julie Johnson	Chris Pruett
Kane Bradley	Alan Hammond	Betty Lu Jones	Lindsey Reeves
Valetta Brinson	Kathy Hammond	Warren Jones	Gay Rhodes
Suzanne Bugar	Alex Happ	Dominique Jones	Jackie Robertson
Shawn Campbell	Katie Harris	Harold Knight	Dennis Rogers
Anna Carpenter	Alissa Heirigs	Karoline Larsen	Stephanie Rolfe
Pat Corbitt	Mike Hillard	Rob Liddon	Leslie Shaw
Charles Dove	Mary Helen Holman	Mark Loving	Sam Shaw
Mary Edwards	Ed Holt	Freda Loving	Peggy Stephens
Allie Eick	Donavon Hughes	Greg Mason	Steve Tackett
Beth Fischer	Lorraine Hughes	Daija McNeil	Susan Warner
Fred Flinn	Ben Hughes	Lizzie Miller	Lizzy Wesson
Becky Forrester	Drew Hursey	Ramon Moses	<i>Calvin Ellis, director</i>

Spirit & Song Children's Choir

James Devine	Suzanne Lankford	Katie Thompson	Caden Wynne
Mary Abbay Galbreath	Samuel Poole	Wynn timer Uhlhorn	Avery Wynne
Sophie Jane Joy	Emory Poole	Liza Weller	<i>Christy Young, director</i>
Mary Knight	Silvanus Sisuse	Abigail Wingo	
Ronshel Kurusanthony	Eden Thomasmeyer	Julia Wingo	

Faithline Youth Choir

Coco Davis	Allie Marek	Elijah Wells	Rainer Witherington
Caleb Ellis	Truman Thomasmeyer	Harry Wilson	<i>James Ryan, director</i>
Carrington Ellis	Mary Abbott Elliott	Kate Witherington	
Matthew Lankford	Alex Wallace		

Sunday Night Worship Team

Phillip Bond	Brenae Johnson	Chris Pruett	Tamika Walker
Jauna Ellis	Daija McNeil	Dennis Rogers	<i>Calvin Ellis, director</i>
Eric Hale	Randi Meyer	Stephanie Rolfe	

The Orchestra

Violin 1 Tim Shiu Daniel Gilbert Jamie Weaver Lori Gilbert	Cello Alisha Rufty Carrington Truehart	Bassoon Christian Hazell	Tuba Joe Sellmansberger
Violin 2 Hannah Monk Julie Morrison Libby Armour	Bass Andrew Palmer	Horn Ashley Cummings Wilker Augusto Eric Sorensen	Timpani Michael Karcz
Viola Lenny Schranze Jane Schranze Mario Williams	Flute Karen Busler Dee Walker	Trumpet Mark Woodring Ben Lewis Marc Franklin	Percussion Stan Head Stewart Plumlee
	Oboe Nathan Nix Courtenay Harter	Trombone John Mueller Paul Harris	Electric Bass Joe Mariencheck
	Clarinet Robyn Jones Gary Buss		Organ/Keyboards Leo Davis Tammy Holt

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 18, 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 18, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

A Gospel Christmas

December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas PJ Party

December 20, 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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January 8: Sirgregory Thornton,
Youth Pastor, Downtown Church

January 22: Darryl Williamson,
Lead Pastor, Living Faith Bible Fellowship

January 15: Jonathon Seda, *Retired*
Senior Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church

January 31: Steven Chin, *Retired Senior*
Pastor, Boston Chinese Evangelical Church

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