Festival of CAROLS

DECEMBER 12, 2010

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The Second Presbyterian Chancel Choir and Orchestra Dr. Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

| ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Rejoice!" | | | | |
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| CHORAL INTROIT: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" arr. Mack Wilberg | | | | |
| Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing. | | | | |
| Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy. | | | | |
| No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found. | | | | |
| He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love. | | | | |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | | | |
| CAROL: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" | | | | |
| 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; Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King. | | | | |
| Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King. | | | | |
| Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear; Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King. | | | | |
| Though an infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father's throne, Gather all the nations to Him; ev'ry knee shall then bow down: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King. | | | | |
| PRAYER OF PRAISE | | | | |
| †GREETINGS | | | | |
| FIRST GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-7 | | | | |
| This is the Word of the Lord. | | | | |
| Thanks be to God. | | | | |
| CAROL: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" | | | | |
| It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold; "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King:" The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing. | | | | |
| Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled; And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world: Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing: And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing. | | | | |
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For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold, When, with the ever-circling years, comes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Mack Wilberg

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are 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.

SECOND GOSPEL READING.....Luke 2:8-14
(page 857 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Good Christian Men, Rejoice".....arr. John Rutter

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM: "The Shepherds' Farewell" Hector Berlioz Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare. Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, loving mother, shelter Thee with tender care. Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee with humble love and holy fear, In the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here. May the shepherd's lowly calling ever to Thy heart be dear. Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild. Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child. God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth; For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above. While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. Choir only: How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in. O holy Child of Bethlehem; descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! FOURTH GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-6 (page 807 in pew Bible) This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. CHORAL ANTHEM: "We Three Kings" arr. John Rutter Geordy Wells, soloist We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. 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, all men raising, worship Him God most high. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. Glorious now behold Him arise, King, and God, and sacrifice! Heav'n sings Alleluia: Alleluia the earth replies. Sanders L. Willson HOMILY Joyful, All Ye Nations Rise

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Joy Has Dawned" Keith Getty/Stuart Townend Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation: God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, But a humble gift of love: Jesus, born of Mary. Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels, As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness, Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'rable and helpless. Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory; Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy a story. Gold, a King is born today; Incense, God is with us, Myrrh, His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us. Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, given as a ransom; Reconciling God and man-Christ our mighty Champion! What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious myst'ry: Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! God of God, Light of Light, Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb. Very God, begotten, not created. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, in the highest. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! **†**BENEDICTION ORGAN POSTLUDE: "In Dulci Jubilo!"......J.S. Bach/D. Wood ♦ Indicates congregation standing

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