



Festival
of **CAROLS**

DECEMBER 15, 2013

*Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

JOHN F. WADE

A WORD *from the* DIRECTOR



Dear Church Family and Friends,

Tonight we rejoice in the prophecy fulfilled through the incarnation of Jesus Christ. This celebration of Christ's birth is the beginning of the church liturgical year and of our relationship with the Redeemer of the world. This amazing event is something to sing about, as Christians have been doing for centuries. Tonight we will sing carols that have been sung throughout the world, some for over 500 years.

The word carol is derived from the Old French word *carole*, a circle dance accompanied by singers (in turn derived from the Latin *choraula*). Carols were very popular as dance songs from around 1150 to around 1350, after which their use expanded as processional songs sung during festivals and accompaniments to religious plays (such as "The Wexford Carol," written in the 12th century). The traditional attributes of a carol are their seasonal topic, alternating verses and chorus, and danceable music. I hope you will hear the recognizable references to these ancient characteristics in many of the carols we will sing tonight.

Our Festival of Carols is a true celebration of Christ and these "joyous, dance-like" songs that have so much to tell about that glorious night. We invite you to sing along at the appropriate times. I pray that you will be transported through the history of church back to the nativity through the variety of carols sung here.

*See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

In the Joy of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Statom".

Dr. Gabriel C. Statom
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The Birth of Baby Jesus

German Woodcut, 1860

Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld

THE MEANING *of* CHRISTMAS

We hope you enjoy this worship service celebrating the marvelous birth of Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of mankind and the true meaning of Christmas. More importantly, we hope you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Being a Christian is more than identifying yourself with a particular religion or affirming a certain value system. Being a Christian means you have embraced what the Bible says about God, mankind, and salvation. Consider the following truths found in the Bible.

God is Sovereign Creator

Contemporary thinking says man is the product of evolution. But the Bible says we were created by a personal God to love, serve, and enjoy endless fellowship with Him. The New Testament reveals it was Jesus Himself who created everything (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Therefore, He also owns and rules everything (Psalm 103:19). That means He has authority over our lives and we owe Him absolute allegiance, obedience, and worship.

God is Holy

God is absolutely and perfectly holy (Isaiah 6:3); therefore He cannot commit or approve of evil (James 1:13). God requires holiness of us as well. First Peter 1:16 says, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Mankind is Sinful

According to Scripture, everyone is guilty of sin: "There is no man who does not sin" (1 Kings 8:46). That doesn't mean we're incapable of performing acts of human kindness. But we're utterly incapable of understanding, loving, or pleasing God on our own (Romans 3:10-12).

Jesus is Lord and Savior

Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved." Even though God's justice demands death for sin, His love has provided a Savior who paid the penalty and died for sinners (1 Peter 3:18). Christ's death satisfied the demands of God's justice, and Christ's perfect life satisfied the demands of God's holiness (2 Corinthians 5:21), thereby enabling Him to forgive and save those who place their faith in Him (Romans 3:26).

The Character of Saving Faith

True faith is always accompanied by repentance from sin. Repentance is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sins to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin (Luke 13:3, 5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9) and pursue Christ (Matthew 11:28-30; John 17:3) and obedience to Him (1 John 2:3). It isn't enough to believe certain facts about Christ. Even Satan and his demons believe in the true God (James 2:19), but they don't love and obey Him. True saving faith always responds in obedience (Ephesians 2:10).

In preparation for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
Please join in singing when indicated with music or hymnal reference.

✦ Indicates congregation standing

Following the service, all are invited to join us
in the connector and reception areas for wassail and cookies.

FESTIVAL *of* CAROLS

WELCOME.....Gerry A. Peak

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Christmas Carol Fantasy"..... arr. Dan Goeller

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
How Great Our Joy
I Saw Three Ships
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
O Come, Little Children
Angels We Have Heard on High

CALL TO WORSHIP

✦CAROL: No. 208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"..... arr. John Rutter
Latin hymn with text and music
adapted by John Francis Wade

✦INVOCATION

JESUS CHRIST *is our* LIGHT

CHORAL PRAISE

"Arise, Shine!"..... Dan Forrest
Text from Isaiah 60

Arise, shine! Arise, shine!
For thy light is come!

"As the Dark Awaits the Dawn"..... Christopher Aspaas
Text by Susan Palo Cherwien

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light.
O Star of promise, scatter night,
Loving bright, loving bright
Till shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour before the silv'ring skies,
We long to see your day arise,
Whole and wise, whole and wise,
O lucent Morning Star.

As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,
May we your healing light release,
Living peace, living peace,
Unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place, enlighten ev'ry guest,
That through us stream your holiness,
Bright and blest, bright and blest;
Come dawn, O Sun of grace.
We await your light.

REFLECTIONS ON CHRIST'S LIGHT

✦CAROL OF LONGING:
No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"..... HYFRYDOL
Text by Charles Wesley

JESUS CHRIST is BORN

CHILDREN'S STORYMarjorie A. Bowman

CAROL ANTHEM: "The Twelve Days of Christmas" arr. John Rutter

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves.

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Three French hens.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Four calling birds.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Five gold rings.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming.

CAROL SING-ALONG arr. Paul Campbell

"Ding Dong, Merrily on High" *Text: George Ratcliffe Woodward*
Music: Jehan Tabourot (1519-1593)



Ding dong! Mer-ri - ly on high in heav'n the bells are ring - ing:



Ding dong! ve - ri - ly the sky is riv'n with an - gel sing - ing.



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"Sussex Carol" *Text: Luke Wadding, 17th c. Irish*
Music: English folk tune

On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to
 When sin de - parts be - fore— Your grace, then
 hear the news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all
 life and health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -
 Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring;
 fore Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
 news of great joy,— news of— great mirth,
 an - gels and men with joy— may sing,
 news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.—
 all for to see the new - born King.—

"Silent Night" *Text/Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818*

Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright.
 Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" *English Traditional*
Author unknown, first published in 1833

God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came;

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day;
 And un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same;

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray.
 How that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.

O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and
 joy; O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

"Joy to the World!" *Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, based on Psalm 98*
Music: Lowell Mason, 1839, based on G.F. Handel

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her
 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry — heart — pre - pare Him room, —
 prove The glo - ries of — His right - eous - ness, —

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And — heav'n and na - turesing,
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

And heav'n, — and heav'n — and na - ture sing.
 And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

REFLECTIONS ON CHRIST'S BIRTH

CAROL ANTHEM: "Wexford Carol" arr. Barlow Bradford
12th Century Irish

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day;
In Bethlehem upon the morn there was a blest Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
To whom God's angels did appear which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely Babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find,
And as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.
Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid
Attending to the Lord of Life, Who came on earth to end all strife.

JESUS CHRIST *is our* KING

♠ CAROL OF PRAISE:

No. 218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

REFLECTIONS ON CHRIST'S KINGSHIP

CAROL ANTHEM: "The First Noel" arr. Mack Wilberg
Traditional English Carol, 13th century

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
That hath made Heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

CAROL: "We Three Kings" arr. Paul Leddington Wright
Text/Music: John Henry Hopkins (1820-91)



We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 Born a king on Beth - le - hem plain, gold I
 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense
 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King, and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown Him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh, prayer and prais - ing,
 life of ga - ther - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God, and sa - cri - fice! Heav'n sings Al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star:
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign:
 all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God most high:
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb:
 lu - ia: Al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies:



O — star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to Thy per - fect light.

REFLECTIONS ON SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of Your love,
and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior,
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of His coming
may find us rejoicing in His presence
and welcoming the light of His truth.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord and King. Amen.

♠HYMN OF CHRIST'S COMFORT:

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" HYMN TO JOY

arr. Sterling Procter
Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven
Text by Johannes Olearius, 1671



Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert
 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er
 Tell the praise of him who called you out of dark - ness



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 far and near, bidd - ing all men to re - pent - ance,
 plac - es plain: let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
 in - to light, broke the fet - ters that en - thrall'd you,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load; speak ye to Jer -
 since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign, For the glo - ry
 gave you free - dom, peace and sight: tell the tale of



us - al - em — of the — peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! — Now pre - pare for God a way!
 of the Lord — now o'er — earth is shed a - broad,
 sins for - giv - en, strength re - newed and hope re - stored,



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o'er.
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to Him.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that his word is al - ways firm.
 till the earth, in tune with hea - ven, praise and mag - ni - fy the Lord.

♠BENEDICTION

May He who by His incarnation, death, and resurrection gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

♠CAROL: No. 203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" arr. David Wilcocks

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccatto on Hark the Herald Angels Sing" . . . John Rutter

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CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 22, 2013

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Advent Evensong

Sunday, December 22, 2013

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Mozart's Mass in C Minor

presented by the Memphis Masterworks Chorale

Thursday, February 13, 2014

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lenten Organ Concert

Friday, March 28, 2014

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lenten Concert: Choral Reflections

presented by the Laudis Domini Ensemble

Friday, April 11, 2014

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Easter Sunday Worship Celebration

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing and Fish Fry

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

5:30 p.m. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

Patriotic Pops Concert

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary



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