FSTIVAL OF CAROLO

DECEMBER 13, 2015

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

to all who mourn and long for comfort;

to all who struggle and desire victory;

to all who sin and need a Savior;

to all who are strangers and want fellowship;

to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

and to all who will come,

this church opens wide her doors

and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MEANING of CHRISTMAS

Te 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 I:13). God requires holiness of us as well. First Peter I: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" (I 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 is 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 (I 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; I Thessalonians I:9) and pursue Christ (Matthew II: 28–30; John 17:3) and obedience to Him (I 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).



The Nativity, 1510 German woodcut by Albrecht Dürer

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

In preparation for worship, please silence your mobile devices.

†Indicates congregation standing.

WELCOME.....Barton Kimbro CALL TO WORSHIP CAROL ANTHEM: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Barlow Bradford O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! 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. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, glory in the highest: 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! ♦CAROL: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"......arr. David Willcocks Hark! the her - ald an - gels
 Christ, by high - est heav'n a the new-born King; sing, to dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! 3. Hail the heav'n -bornPrince of Hail the Son of Right-eous-ness! Peace! peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" be - hold Him the Vir-gin's womb. Late in time come, off-spring of Light and life all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. to Joy - ful, all ye Veiled in flesh the ofna-tions, rise. join the tri-umph the skies: God-head hail th'in-car-nate De - i see; Mild He lays His glo - ry born that man no more may die, "Christ is with th'an-gel - ic in Beth - le - hem!" host pro-claim, born pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el. born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth. Refrain Hark! an - gels sing, "Glo - ry the new-born

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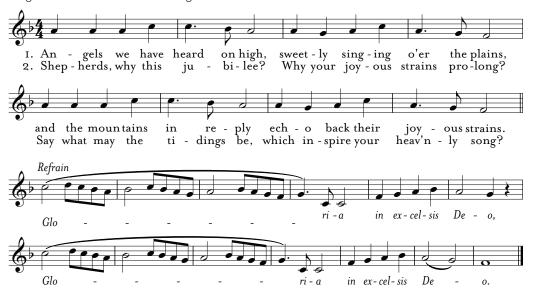
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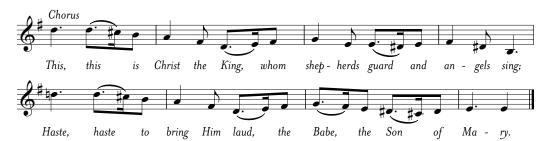
"Angels We Have Heard On High"



"What Child Is This?"



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?

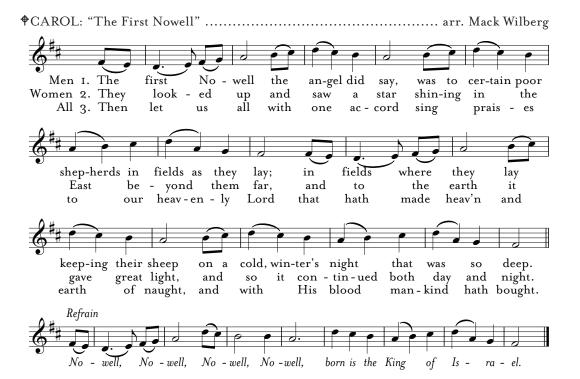


Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny child, by by, lully, lullay, Thou little tiny child, by by lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day; This poor youngling, for whom we do sing, by by, lully, lullay?

Herod, the King, in his raging, charged he hath this day. His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for Thee! And ever morn and day, For Thy parting neither say nor sing by by, lully, lullay.



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CAROL ANTHEM: "Joys Seven".....arr. Stephen Cleobury

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one; To see the blessed Jesus Christ when He was first her son: When He was first her son, good man: and blessed may He be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go: To make the lame to go, good man: and blessed may He be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see: To make the blind to see, good man: and blessed may He be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to read the Bible o'er: To read the Bible o'er, good man: and blessed may He be, Both father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive: To bring the dead alive, good man: and blessed may He be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix: Upon the crucifix, good man: and blessed may He be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of sev'n; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heav'n: To wear the crown of heav'n, good man: and blessed may He be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

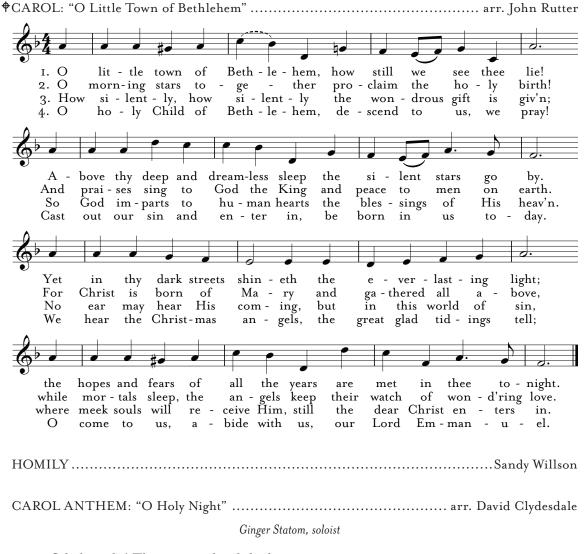


CAROL ANTHEM: "Wexford Carol"...... arr. Barlow Bradford

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 has 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.



O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining.

Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

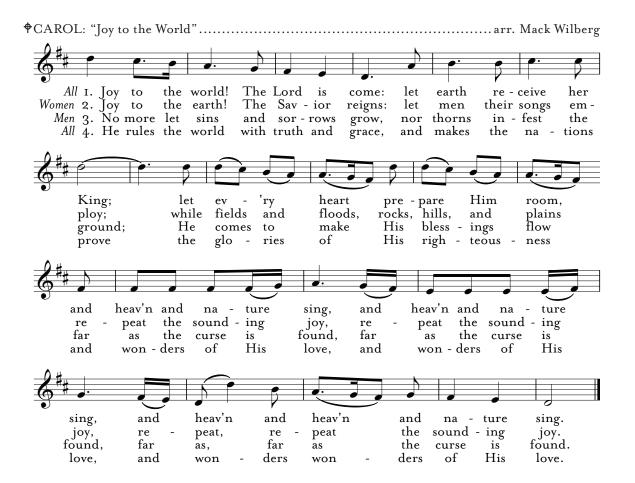
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace;
Chains He shall break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.

†BENEDICTION



 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
 Denis Bédard

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Following tonight's service, all are invited to a reception in the lobby outside the west doors of the Sanctuary.

Our recording of the Festival of Carols service from 2014 will be broadcast on WKNO television on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. It will also be shown on KNO2 on Christmas Day at 9:00 p.m.

THE DEPARTMENT of MUSIC

Gabriel Statom, Director of Music Samuel Metzger, Organist/Music Associate Christy Young, Assistant Director Ginny Atkinson, Administrative Assistant Terri Theil, Director of Children's Music and Second Conservatory Ginger Statom, Director of Youth Choir Daniel Pollorena, Music Intern

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

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Ruth Valente Burgess Iren Zombor Hannah Schmidt

Bass

Scott Best John Chiego

Flute

Karen Busler Charles Lewis

Clarinet

Andre Dyachenko David McClune

Oboe

Shelley Sublett Saundra D'Amato

Bassoon

Susanna Whitney

Horn

Georg Harnov Jaron Kloap George Pokorski Bethany Beck

Trumpet

Scott Moore Susan Enger Michael McKenzie

Trombone

Geoffrey Durbin Nathan DuVall Mark Vail

Tuba

Joseph Sellmansberger

Percussion

David Carlisle Michael Karcz

Timpani

Frank Shaffer

Harp

Marian Shaffer



Nine Lessons and Carols: December 20, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Advent Evensong: December 20, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

PJ Story Time: December 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Worship: December 24

4:00 p.m., Family Service featuring Christmas video and children's message 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion with The Chancel Choir 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion with The Westminster Singers

Nursery for children ages 4 and under is available for all events except PJ Story Time and the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.

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We invite you to worship with us on Sundays!

Morning Worship: 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

To find out how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

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MUSIC AT SECOND

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Mendelssohn's Elijah

presented by the Memphis Masterworks Chorale Friday, February 12, 2016 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lenten Tenebrae Concert: Choral Reflections

presented by the Laudis Domini Ensemble Wednesday, March 18, 2016 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Hymn Sing and Fish Fry

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 5:30 p.m. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Patriotic Pops Concert

Thursday, June 30, 2016 7:30 p.m. at the Levitt Shell



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