

THE MUSICIANS:
Ephie Ballard Johnson, *Soloist*
Gavin Newsom, *Keys/Strings*
John Shackleford Jr., *Lead Guitar*
Calvin Davis, *Keys/Strings*
Justin Ballard, *Drums*
Pat Register, *Saxophone*

BACKGROUND VOCALISTS:
Linda Webster
Pamela Cox
Nico Dailey
Jenny Baker
Stephanie Olford

A large, stylized starburst graphic with a central eight-pointed star and radiating lines, set against a background of white diagonal lines on a yellow field.

**THE GOSPEL
INCARNATE**

December 23, 2012
6:00 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GOSPEL INCARNATE

Please prepare for worship by silencing your phones at this time.
Please join in singing when indicated with bold text.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

WELCOME

“Lord, You Are Holy” Helen Baylor

“Do You Hear What I Hear” Cee Cee Winans

✦ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: “The First Noel” THE FIRST NOEL

**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.**

Refrain

**And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.**

Refrain

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GREETINGS

“The Night That Christ Was Born” Kirk Franklin

TESTIMONY Richie Fletcher

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

“Doxology”

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King!”**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

**“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!**

“Joy to the World!”

**Joy the the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every 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.**

TESTIMONY Ginna Rauls

“Thank You for Christmas” Ephie Ballard Johnson

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON Todd Erickson

“Timeless Christmas” Israel New Breed

✦ CLOSING HYMN: No. 296 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” CORONATION

BENEDICTION

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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