

A sepia-toned, woodcut-style illustration of the Nativity scene serves as the background. It depicts Mary reclining on the left, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is seated on the right, and a shepherd kneels in the foreground. The scene is set in a stable with a manger and various animals visible in the background.

# FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

DECEMBER 14, 2014



*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

**W**e 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 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 (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).





*The Nativity, 1563*

German woodcut from Martin Luther's book of sermons  
for Festival Sundays, *Kercken Postilla, dat ys, Vthlegginge der*  
*Epistelen vnd Euangelien, an de Söndagen vnde vornemesten Festen*

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In preparation for worship, please silence your mobile devices.

Please join in singing when indicated with music.

✠ Indicates congregation standing.

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

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# FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

WELCOME. . . . . Gabriel Statom

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Rejoice!" . . . . . Steven Admundson

♣ CAROL OF PRAISE: "Joy to the World" . . . . .arr. Mack Wilberg



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

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,  
play; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

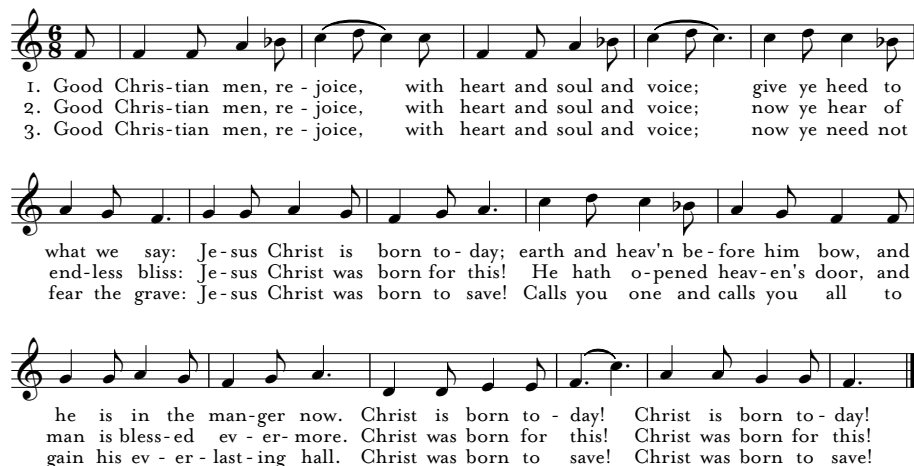
And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

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

♣ INVOCATION AND GREETINGS. . . . .Mike Stokke

## CAROL

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" . . . . .arr. Stan Pethel



1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to  
2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of  
3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not

what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day; earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and  
end-less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath o - pened heav-en's door, and  
fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to

he is in the man-ger now. Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
man is bless-ed ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
gain his ev - er - last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## CAROL ANTHEM

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” . . . . . arr. Barlow Bradford

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ, our Saviour was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our Heavenly 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.  
O tidings of comfort and joy!


“Fear not then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Saviour of a pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might.”  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

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.  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

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 other doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

♠ CAROL SING-ALONG..... arr. Dan Goeller

## “Angels We Have Heard on High”



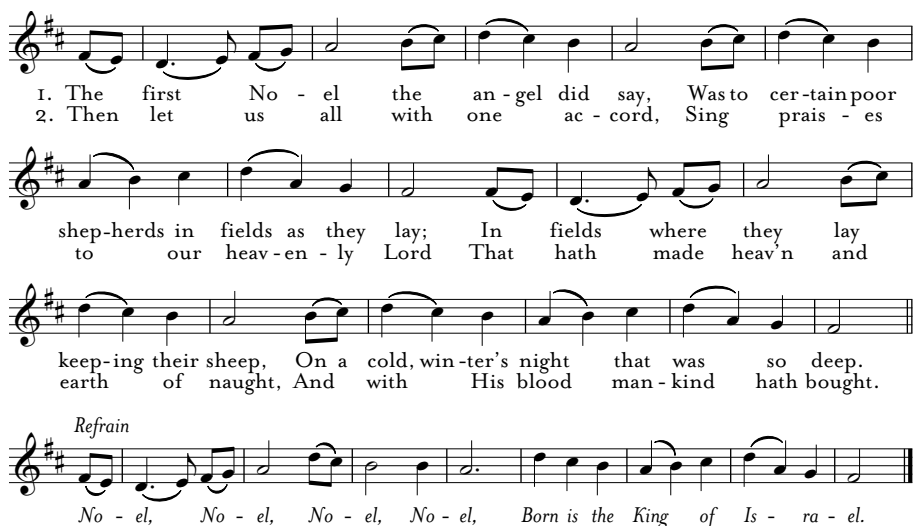
And the mountains in re - ply, Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

## “The First Noel”



1. The first No - el the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor  
 2. Then let us all with one ac - cord, Sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay  
 to our heav - en - ly Lord That hath made heav'n and

keep - ing their sheep, On a cold, win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 earth of naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

*Refrain*

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

## “Silent Night”

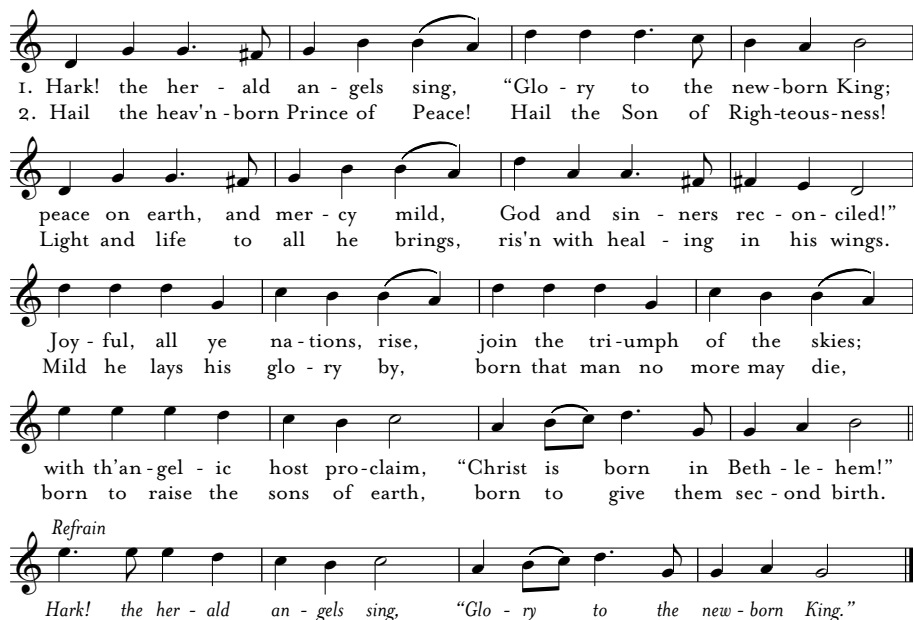


1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright; Round yon  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light; Ra - diance

vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,  
 beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Right - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

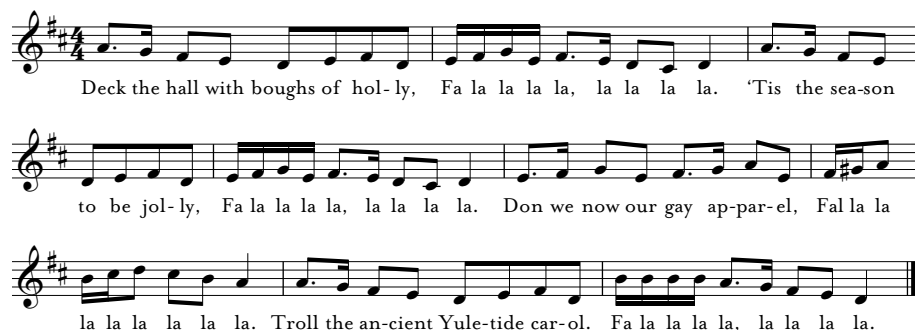
with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*

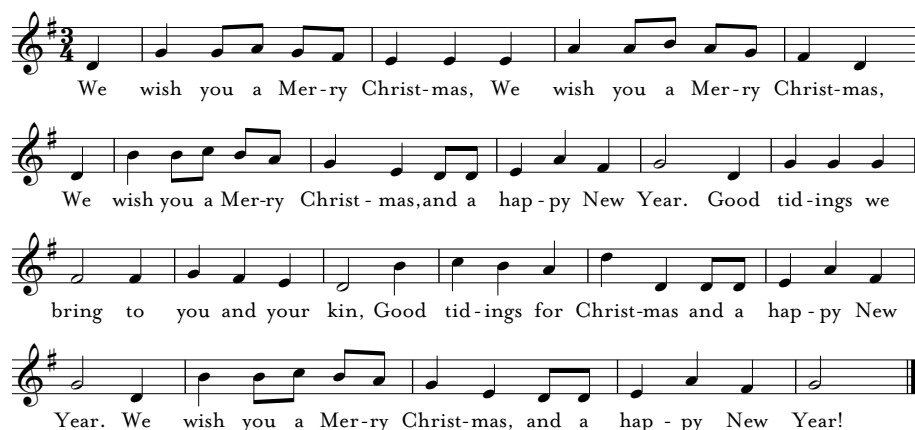
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King.”



# “Deck the Hall”



# “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”



## CAROL ANTHEM

“Carol of Joy”.....Dan Forrest, Eileen Berry

Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry;  
Brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;  
Lengthening shadows,  
Dark closing in...  
Then, through the stillness, carols begin!  
Oh fallen world, to you is the song!  
Death holds you fast and night tarries long.  
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy!  
Sweet to your ears, a carol of Joy!

Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow;  
Cold barren hillside, shrouded in snow;  
Deep, empty valley, veiled by the night;  
Hear angel music – hopeful and bright!  
Oh fearful world, to you is the song.  
Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.  
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound,

A carol of joy!  
A Saviour is found!

Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes!  
Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.  
Look up, sad-hearted. Witness God's love;  
Join in the carol swelling above!  
Oh friendless world, to you is the song!  
All Heaven's joy to you may belong!  
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn:

Oh fallen, oh friendless world!  
To you, a Saviour is born!

CAROL: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" . . . . . arr. John Rutter

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2. O mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n;  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us, we pray!

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
And prai - ses sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of His Heav'n.  
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the e - ver - las - ting Light;  
For Christ is born of Ma - ry and ga - thered all a - bove,  
No ear may hear His co - ming, but in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels, the great glad ti - dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
While mor - tals sleep the An - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CAROL ANTHEM

"Go Tell It On the Mountain" . . . . . arr. John Rutter

<i>Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.</i>	The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo, above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed the Savior's birth.
While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.	Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born, And brought us God's salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

♣ CAROL: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" . . . . . arr. Mark Cohen



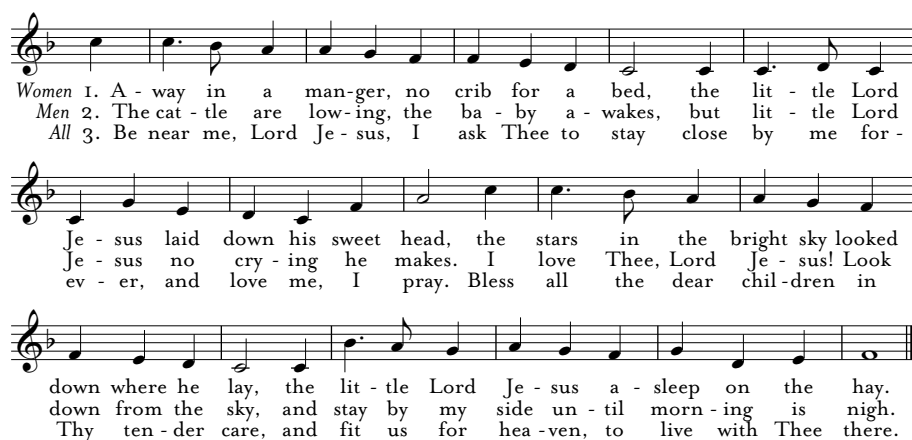
1. Gen - tle Ma - ry laid her Child low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2. An - gels sang a - bout His birth; wise men sought and found Him;  
 3. Gen - tle Ma - ry laid her Child low - ly in a man - ger;

There He lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a Stran - ger:  
 Hea - ven's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round Him:  
 He is still the Un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

Such a Babe in such a place, can He be the Sa - vior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found His fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring - ing.  
 praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glo - ry!

CAROL: "Away In a Manger" . . . . . arr. Patti Drennan



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

Je - sus laid down his sweet head, the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look  
 ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky, and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 Thy ten - der care, and fit us for hea - ven, to live with Thee there.

CAROL ANTHEM

"What Child Is This" . . . . . arr. Barlow Bradford

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.*



Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here,  
The silent Word is pleading.  
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise the song on high,  
The Virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

CAROL: "Still, Still, Still" . . . . .arr. Mack Wilberg

Men 1. Still, still, still, The Child's eyes soft - ly close. And Ma - ry,  
Women 2. Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweet - ly smiles. And kneel - ing,  
All 3. Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a ten - der sigh. For soon He'll

breath - less, draws Him, weep - ing, To her heart made pure for  
Jo - seph joins in cho - rus with the an - gels bend - ing  
wake the world from slum - ber, bring - ing life and end - less

keep - ing. Still, still, still, His bright eyes soft - ly close.  
o'er us. Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweet - ly smiles.  
won - der, Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a ten - der sigh.

HOMILY: A Holy Night, A Holy Love. . . . . Sandy Willson

ANTHEM

"O Holy Night" . . . . .arr. David Clydesdale  
*Ginger Statom, Soloist*

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!*  
*Oh, 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

✠CAROL: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” . . . . . David Wilcocks



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels;  
 ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
 glo - ry to God In the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*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!

✠ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” . . . . . Denis Bédard

## THE DEPARTMENT of MUSIC

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Gabriel Statom, *Director of Music*  
Samuel Metzger, *Organist/Music Associate*  
Christy Young, *Assistant Director*  
Mary Quinlan, *Administrative Assistant*

Terri Theil, *Director of Children's Music  
and Second Conservatory*  
Ginger Statom, *Director of Youth Choir*  
Madelyn Carson, *Intern*

## THE CHANCEL CHOIR

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Janice Akins	Roger Fakes	Harold Knight	Diego Rodriguez
Ginny Atkinson	Barbara Faulk	Milton Knowlton	Jonathan Sessions
John Beckham	Beth Fischer	Rob Liddon	Leslie Shaw
Jerry Bowman	Fred Flinn	Caesar Lomo	Sam Shaw
Marjorie Bowman	Mary Lawrence Flinn	Hite McLean	Amy Stanfill
Jennifer Brandon	Sallie Foster	Colby Morgan	Ginger Statom
Suzanne Bugar	Bob Green	Carey Moore	Taylor Strickland
Jim Cantrell	Sharon Green	Jo Myhr	Robert Sutton
Linda Cantrell	Kathy Hammond	Bob Neal	Emily Taylor
Madelyn Carson	Rachel Harkins	Charlotte Neal	Terri Theil
Orgeny Carroll	Joe Hause	Bob Oliver	Anne Thompson
Pat Corbitt	June Hause	Carol Overcast	Brett Trimble
Sarah Curtis	Mike Hillard	Haley Overcast	Lee Wallace
Clay Deacon	Martha Hopper	Anna Pepper	Susan Warner
Liz Deacon	Julia Johnson	Justin Pepper	BJ Webster
David Dennis	Molly Johnson	Kackie Person	Dan Whipple
Pam Dennis	Betty Lu Jones	Tom Person	Tucker Williams
Luanne Donoghue	Warren Jones	Annie Petzinger	Christy Young
Mike Donoghue	Benjy Joung	Virginia Pilcher	Keith Young
Mary Edwards	Matt King	Gay Rhodes	Marilyn Ziegler
Karen Emmett	Carol Kirby	Anto Rodriguez	

*We are grateful to be joined this evening by members of our Children's and Youth Choirs.*

## THE ORCHESTRA

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VIOLIN I	CELLO	BASSOON	TUBA
Paul Turbow	Jonathan Kirkscey	Michael Scott	Kevin Sanders
Diane Zelickman	Hannah Schmidt		
Wen-Yih Yu	BASS	HORNS	PERCUSSION
Long Long Kang	John Chiego	Dan Phillips	David Carlisle
		Daniel Vidican	Ed Murray
VIOLIN II	FLUTE	Jaron Kloap	TIMPANI
Gaylon Patterson	Karen Busler	Bethany Beck	Frank Shaffer
Ionut Cosarca	Elise Blatchford		
Libby Armour	CLARINET	TRUMPET	HARP
Amanda Kull	André Dyachenko	Susan Enger	Marian Shaffer
	Robin Jones	Chris Wilson	
VIOLA		Mark Woodridge	
Irene Wade	OBOE	TROMBONE	
Karen Casey	Joseph Salvalaggio	John Mueller	
	Luke Bryson	Wes Lebo	
		Buster Harris	



# MUSIC AT SECOND

## CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

### **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 21, 2014

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

### **Advent Evensong & Communion with Buddy Greene**

Sunday, December 21, 2014

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Durufle's Requiem and Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna**

*presented by the Memphis Masterworks Chorale*

Friday, February 13, 2015

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Lenten Organ Concert with Samuel Metzger**

Friday, March 6, 2015

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Lenten Concert**

*presented by the Memphis Children's Choir*

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

### **Lenten Concert: Choral Reflections**

*presented by the Laudis Domini Ensemble*

Thursday, March 26, 2015

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

### **Ascension Day Concert**

Thursday, May 14, 2015

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary





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