



Sunday, December 11, 2022

*Third Sunday of Advent
The Christmas Cantata*

Sunday: Sunday School in-person and online **9:45 a.m.**
Worship in-person and online **11:00 a.m.**

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Henry J. Gauntlett
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Once in Royal David's City
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

The Passing of the Peace

Matt Johnson

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

†The Carol of Praise, No. 125

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;

come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

Lighting the Candle of Joy

The Brown Family

The Carol of Joy

MUELLER

A Candle is Burning
Verse 3

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,

A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.

Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow

As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

Remembering *David Peninger*

Lori League
Susan Plemmons

Adore Him, Christ the Lord

David Peninger

Readings by Lee Anne Bailie, Suzanne Wynn-Brown,
Barbara Jean Callaway, Kelsey Carithers,
Matt Johnson, and Susan Plemmons
Marcia Harris, organ and Rebecca Turner, piano

(Congregation joins with the **bold print**)

Prologue

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Simon Mishler, soloist

text by John Mason Neal

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

text by Charles Wesley

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our sins and fears release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Long desired of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lo, How a Rose

Michael Praetorius
arr. David Peninger

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

text by Phillip Brooks
Lewis Redner
arr. David Peninger

**1. 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.**

**2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!**

3. 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.

Sleep, Child of Mine

David Peninger

Michaela Lineberry, soloist

Sleep, child of mine, as the dawn nears its breaking;
safely you rest on the sweet-smelling hay;
deep is your slumber, no sound you'll be making
as quietly here I keep watch and I pray.

*Refrain: Sleep, holy child, babe meek and mild,
our God in his wisdom hath blessed us today.*

Sleep, child of mine as the night is now ending;
dream as you lie in the manger so bare;
rest, precious child, while my pray'r is ascending to God
to give thanks for his love and his care. *Refrain*

The Sleep of the Child Jesus

Old French Carol
arr. David Peninger

Winds gently blow while bright stars shine,
sleep, sleep, child divine.
Angels bright and fair winnowing the air,
hovering above the little Lord of love.
Sleep, sleep, blessed Jesus, sleep.

Sweet Christmas Rose from Jesse's vine,
sleep, sleep, child divine.
Here in Bethlehem, thou art come to men,
bringing from above God's blessed peace and love.
Sleep, sleep, blessed Jesus, sleep.

Thou hast come to earth to save mankind,
sleep, sleep, child divine.
Through the ages long, men shall sing the song,
telling of a love that came from God above.
Sleep, sleep, blessed Jesus, sleep.

Pastorale

Do You Know?

David Peninger

Fernwood Children
Lee Anne Bailie, director

Little Lamb, lying there by the warm fire cozy,
do you know that tonight God comes down to man?
Little star, shining bright in a sky of velvet,
do you know you proclaim Christ the Savior's birth?

Little boy, run and tell everyone about the Savior's holy birth;
How in Bethlehem tonight God comes down to man!
Little Babe, sleeping there in a hay-filled manger,
do you know you have come to redeem the world?

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.

**1. The first Nowell the angels did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.***

**2. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain***

Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep

Besancon Carol
arr. David Peninger

Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep.
Rise and leave your flocks of sheep;
angels from heav'n around us singing,
tidings of great joy are bringing.
*Refrain: Shepherds, the chorus come and swell!
Sing Noel, o sing Noel, Noel.*

Cometh at length the age of peace,
strife and sorrow then shall cease;
prophets foretold the wondrous story
of the heaven-born Prince of Glory. *Refrain*

Shepherds, then up and quick away,
seek the babe at break of day;
he is the hope of ev'ry nation,
all in him shall find salvation.

The Journey of the Wisemen

text by Godfrey Thring
David Peninger

Lonnie Myers, soloist

From the eastern mountains pressing on they come,
wisemen in their wisdom to his humble home;
stirred by deep devotion, they come hasting from afar;
ever journeying onward, guided by a star.
*Refrain: Light of lights that shineth before the worlds began,
draw thou near, and lighten ev'ry heart of man.*

There the Lord and Savior meek and lowly lay,
wondrous light that led them forward on their way;
ever now to lighten nations from afar,
as they journey homeward led by that bright star. *Refrain*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path; and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade
arr. David Peninger

**1. 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!
Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Refrain**

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

†Please stand, as you are able.

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Upcoming Dates & Events

Sunday, December 18

Advent IV

9am-1pm – Soup Kitchen

9:45am – Sunday School – in-person and online

11am – Worship Service in the Sanctuary – in-person and online

Thursday, December 22

The Church office will be closed during the hours of 12pm-2pm for their Christmas Party. The office will reopen at 2pm until 4pm.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in-person and online

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

No Sunday School

11pm – Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 26

The Church office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday

Thursday, December 29

All contribution deadline for 2022 is at Noon – so we can get all offerings entered for the year.

The Church office will be open until 4pm

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:45am – Sunday School – in-person and online

11am – Worship Service in the Sanctuary – in-person and online

Monday, January 2, 2023

The Church office will be closed for the New Year Holiday

The **2023 Offering Envelopes** are here and are located on the information table in the lobby. Please be sure you look closely at the name when picking up your envelopes and only pick up yours. If you do not see your please contact Angie@fernwoodchurch.org or call the church office: 864-582-7467. If you give online you will not have a box.



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