



# FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

December 11, 2016

*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 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, 1510*  
German woodcut by Albrecht Dürer

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In preparation for worship, please silence your mobile devices.

‡Indicates congregation standing.

WELCOME.....Richard G. Cain

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Carol Fantasia" ..... Dan Goeller

CHORAL INTRODUCTION: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" .....arr. Dan Forrest

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing! "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing! "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing! "Glory to the new-born King!"

CALL TO WORSHIP

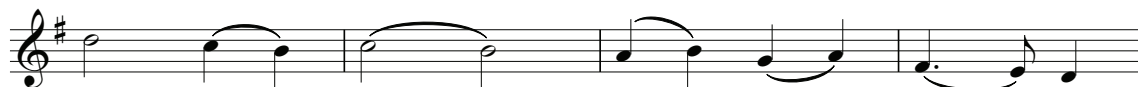
♠ CAROL: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ..... arr. John Rutter



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 cit - i - 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!

♠ INVOCATION AND GREETINGS

CAROL: "Angels We Have Heard on High" ..... arr. Barlow Bradford

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your hea'vnly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.  
 Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

CAROL SING-ALONG

“Silent Night”



1. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright; round yon  
2. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries



vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant so, ten - der and mild,  
stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing, "Al - le - lu - ia!"



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see Thee lie!  
2. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by,  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of His heav'n.



Yet in Thy dark streets shin - eth the e - ver - last - ing light;  
No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin,



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”



1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown, when Thou



cam - est to earth for me; but in Beth - le - hem's home was there



found no room for Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty. O



come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

“What Child Is This”



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?



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



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep- herds guard and an - gels sing.



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

“Silent Night”



3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light ra- diant



beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CAROL ANTHEM: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”.....arr. Randol Bass

I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat of Peace on Earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom  
Had roll'd along th'unbroken song of Peace on Earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bow'd my head: “There is no peace on earth,” I said,  
“For hate is strong and mocks the song of Peace on Earth good will to men.”

Then peal'd the bells more loud and deep: “God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with Peace on Earth good will to men.”



♠ CAROL: "The First Nowell" ..... arr. Mack Wilberg



Men 1. The first No - well the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor  
 Women 2. They look - ed - up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
 All 3. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es



shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay  
 East be - yond them far, and to the earth it  
 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.  
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 earth of naught, and with His blood man - kind hath bought.

*Refrain*



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

CAROL ANTHEM: "Star Carol" ..... John Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,  
 Christ our Lord in lowly manger lies;  
 Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,  
 Bear the news with its message of good cheer:  
 "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!"

*See his star shining bright  
 In the sky this Christmas Night!  
 Follow me joyfully;  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping;  
 Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.  
 Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him,  
 Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.

Let us all pay our homage at the manger,  
 Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas night;  
 Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation;  
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

♠ CAROL: "Joy Has Dawned" ..... Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



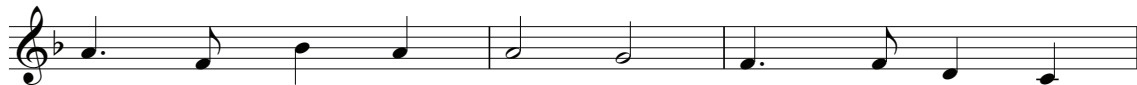
1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre -  
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of  
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the  
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a



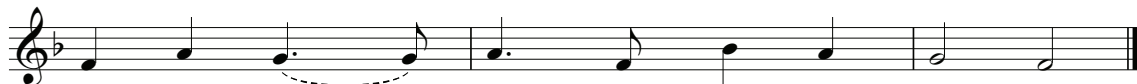
a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for  
 an - gels, as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters  
 glo - ry; gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e -  
 ran - som, rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our



ev - 'ry na - tion. Not with fan - fares from a - bove,  
 in a sta - ble. Hands that set each star in place,  
 sy the sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day;  
 might - y Cham - pion! What a Sa - vior, what a Friend,



not with scenes of glo - ry, but a hum - ble  
 shaped the earth in dark - ness, cling now to a  
 in - cense, God is with us; myrrh, His death will  
 what a glo - rious mys - t'ry: once a babe in



gift of love: Je - sus born of Ma - ry.  
 moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.  
 make a way and by His blood He'll win us.  
 Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

CAROL ANTHEM: "In the Bleak Midwinter" ..... Music by Barlow Bradford  
 Words by Christina Rossetti

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
 Earth stood hard as iron water like a stone;  
 Snow had fallen snow on snow,  
 In the bleak midwinter long, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, Nor earth sustain;  
 Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
 When he comes to reign;  
 In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
 The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I bring Him, poor as I am,  
 If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,  
 If I were a wise man I would do my part,  
 Yet what can I give Him? Give, give my heart.

♠ CAROL: "Sussex Carol" ..... arr. David Wilcocks



1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the  
 2. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er  
 3. When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and health come  
 4. All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the an - gels



an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to  
 made us glad? Then why should men on earth be sad, since  
 in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then  
 sing this night; all out of dark - ness we have light, which



hear the news the an - gels bring; news of great joy, news of great  
 our Re - deem - er made us glad? When from our sin he set us  
 life and health come in its place; an - gels and men with joy may  
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
 free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.  
 sing, all for to see the new - born King.  
 men, now and for - e - ver - more. A - men."

HOMILY ..... Gerry A. Peak

CAROL 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! 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.

♠ BENEEDICTION

♠ CAROL: "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,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of His right - eous - 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.

♠ ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" .....David Willcocks

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*Following tonight's service, all are invited to a reception  
 in the Connector just west of the Sanctuary.*

*Our recording of the Festival of Carols service from 2015 will be broadcast on WKNO television  
 on Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m.*

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS CD

*Second's music ministry has produced a CD of recordings from past live performances at Festival of Carols services.  
 This compilation of 14 tracks includes Mack Wilberg's "Still, Still, Still," John Rutter's "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,"  
 and "O Holy Night," featuring soloist Ginger Statom. The CD is available in The Bookmark Bookstore for \$10  
 or at a table in the Connector just west of the Sanctuary this evening.*

## THE DEPARTMENT *of* MUSIC

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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*

## THE CHANCEL CHOIR

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Ruth Abel	Sallie Foster	Harold Knight	Ginger Statom
Ginny Atkinson	Howard Graham	Rob Liddon	Taylor Strickland
John Beckham	Bob Green	Hite McLean	Robert Sutton
Ben Beaird	Sharon Green	Colby Morgan	Emily Taylor
Spencer Blank	Warren Grimm	Bob Neal	Lauren Theil
Jerry Bowman	Alan Hammond	Carol Overcast	Terri Theil
Marjorie Bowman	Kathy Hammond	Haley Overcast	Anne Thompson
Jennifer Brandon	Rachel Harkins	Quinn Peebles	Brett Trimble
Suzanne Burgar	Joe Hause	Kackie Person	Lee Wallace
Sean Burns	June Hause	Annie Petzinger	Susan Warner
Pat Corbitt	Mike Hillard	Virginia Pilcher	BJ Webster
Estelle Curtis	Amelia Hopper	Daniel Pollorena	Wade West
Luanne Donoghue	Martha Hopper	Andrea Quinn	Dan Whipple
Carol Edwards	Susan Irvin	Skip Quinn	Tucker Williams
Mary Edwards	Julia Johnson	Gay Rhodes	Janice Wooley
Karen Emmett	Betty Lu Jones	Anto Rodriguez	Daniel Wynn
Roger Fakes	Brad Jones	Jonathan Salina	Christy Young
Beth Fischer	Nicole Jones	Leslie Shaw	Marilyn Ziegler
Fred Flinn	Warren Jones	Sam Shaw	
Mary Lawrence Flinn	Carol Kirby	Jeff Slenker	

## THE ORCHESTRA

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### **Violin I**

Tim Shui  
Dan Gilbert  
Priscilla Tsai  
Jaime Weaver  
Kate Ryan

### **Violin II**

Ionut Cosarca  
Ann Pretzer  
Lori Gilbert  
Kenna Garcia

### **Viola**

Beth Luscombe  
Jane Schranze  
Betty Eubanks

### **Cello**

Mark Wallace  
Hannah Schmidt  
Ann Lesser

### **Bass**

John Chiego  
Sara Chiego

### **Flute**

Charles Lewis  
Dee Walker

### **Clarinet**

Robyn Jones  
Gary Topper

### **Oboe**

Michelle Vigneau  
Andrew Spencer

### **Bassoon**

Leah Cripps

### **Horn**

Dan Phillips  
George Pokorski  
Leander Star  
Bethany Beck

### **Trumpet**

Chris Wilson  
Mark Woodring  
Nathan Wilensky

### **Trombone**

Ken Spain  
Steve Davis  
Cecil Harris

**Tuba/Hellicon**  
Joe Sellmansberger

### **Percussion**

Stuart Plumlee  
Robert Kessling

### **Timpani**

Stan Head

### **Harp**

Julia Shaffer

# A D V E N T

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Nine Lessons *and* Carols

December 18, 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

*Our Nine Lessons and Carols service is based on the original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England, and includes Scripture readings and carols from around the world as well as music led by our Handbell, Chancel, and Youth Choirs.*

Advent Evensong *with* Jeff Taylor

December 18, 6:00 p.m.

*This reflective service will be led by folk instrumentalist Jeff Taylor of Nashville. Taylor is best-known for his accompanying work with Keith and Kristyn Getty, Amy Grant, Buddy Greene, Ricky Skaggs, and more. He excels on the piano and accordion but also plays the penny whistle, mandolin, bouzouki, and concertina.*

Christmas Eve Worship

*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*

Christmas Day Worship

*11:00 a.m. Service*

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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](mailto:todd.erickson@2pc.org).*

# Messiah

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

## Understanding Handel's "Messiah"

January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

*An Interactive Listening Presentation  
presented by Gabriel C. Statom*

## "Messiah" by G.F. Handel

February 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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