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Rejoice

CHRISTMAS AT SECOND

FEATURING THE CHANCEL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
with the Westminster Singers and the Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble

DEAR FRIENDS,



The Advent and Christmas seasons are filled with wonderful music from many generations and cultures. The traditional music of these seasons has become a staple for choirs, organists, and orchestras all over the world. We hope this compilation of music, typical of what you will hear at Second Presbyterian Church during this season, will be an aid to your private worship and will remind you of our precious times of corporate worship at Second.

You will hear a variety of carols, classics, and hopefully a few pieces that will be new to you. Most of these recordings are from live worship services or concerts and include a variety of our ensembles and soloists as well as our magnificent 96-rank pipe organ. I pray that these selections will serve as a reminder of our God's great love for us and His act of sending our Lord Jesus Christ to earth.

May you be richly blessed during this most magical and magnificent season of worship and adoration of the Lord Jesus!

Blessings,

Dr. Gabriel C. Statom
Director of Music

Rejoice!

Based on Good Christian Men Rejoice, arranged by Steven Amundson

joy to the world

ANTIOCH, arranged by Mack Wilberg, text by Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.

zion hears the watchmen voices

From Cantata BWV 140, Sleepers Wake! by J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
Their gladd'ning cry her soul rejoices.
The shadows of her night depart.
In his might her Lord appeareth,
His word of grace and truth she heareth,
The daystar riseth in her heart.
O come, in splendor bright, Lord Jesus,
Lord of Light! Hosanna!
We follow Thee, Thy joy to see,
Where everlasting bliss shall be.

Hark! The herald angels sing

*MENDELSSOHN, arranged by John Rutter, text by Charles Wesley,
music by Felix Mendelssohn*

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 angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born 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 as man with man 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 newborn King!"

toccata on Hark! The herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN, arranged by David Willcocks. Lenora Morrow, organ

And the glory

From Messiah by G.F. Handel, text based on Isaiah 40:5

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
And all flesh shall see together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

sleep of the infant Jesus

*By Henri Büsser. Marian Schafer, harp; Long Long Kang, violin;
Lenora Morrow, organ.*

infant holy, infant lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY, arranged by Mack Wilberg

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks are sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow;
Christ the babe was born for you.

for unto us

From Messiah by G.F. Handel, text from Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,
And the government shall be upon His shoulder;
And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

o holy night

Music by Adolphe Adam; Terri Theil, soloist; Marian Schafer, harp,
Long Long Kang, violin

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour'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 world 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;
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
Over the world a star is sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from out of the Orient land.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
O night, O night divine!

gloria

From Gloria, V. 589, by Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Glory in the highest to God.

lo! how a rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN by Johannes Brahms
Lenora Morrow, organ

o little town of bethlehem

ST. LOUIS, arranged by John Rutter

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.

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

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 His still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

good christian men, rejoice!

IN DULCI JUBILO, arranged by John Rutter

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

gesu bambino

Music by Pietro Yon; Ginger Statom, soloist; Marian Schafer, harp;
Long Long Kang, violin

When blossoms flower e'er 'mid the snows,
Upon a winter night,
Was born the child, the Christmas rose,
The king of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced;
And at his blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas rose,
Its king of love and light.

Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name,
The grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth he came
That we with him might dwell.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

angels from the realms of glory

REGENT SQUARE, arranged by John Rutter

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

JOY HAS DAWNED

By Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation;
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love; Jesus, born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life sheltered in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy a story.
Gold, a King is born today; Incense, God is with us,
Myrrh, His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man – Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious myst'ry;
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

o come, all ye faithful

ADESTES FIDELES, arranged by John Rutter, text by John Wade

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;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Very God, begotten, not created,
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 in the highest.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

silent night

STILLE NACHT, by Franz Gruber

Abby Brown, soloist with the Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

hallelujah

From Messiah by G.F. Handel. Text from Revelation 11:15, 19:6, 16
Westminster Singers

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

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