



Christmas Festival Service

Sunday, December 15, 2013 • 6:00 p.m.

Christ Church, Presbyterian • 4201 Southern Pines Drive, Evans

The Christmas Festival Service

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

(† Indicates the congregation standing)

The Narthex Music Traditional carols played by the Christ Church Recorder Consort
Gloria Gill, Charlotte Jewett, Mel Jewett, Kay Lovingood

The Orchestral Prelude — Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella 16th century French Carol
Pastores a Belén (Joyful Shepherds) Trad. Puerto Rican Carol
arr. Leroy Anderson

*Oh, hurry on your way, good shepherds, hurry to see Him!
The Son of Mary waits, good shepherds, hurry to greet Him!
In Bethlehem the blessed Baby lies.
Bring honey sweet for Mary's Son, and almond cakes for everyone.
Hurry, hurry, do not delay! Greet the Baby born this day!*

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 60:1-3 (*congregation reads bold type*) The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,

And deep darkness the people;

But the Lord will arise over you,

And His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

The Prayer of Invocation

† The Hymn No. 112 (*Family Songs*) — O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

The First Reading Luke 1:39-56 (*Pew Bible, page 856*)

The Magnificat in C (Luke 1:46-55) Franz Schubert

Choir: *Magnificat anima mea Dominum,
et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo,
quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae,
ecce enim ex hoc me beatam dicent omnes gentes,*

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit rejoiceth in God my Savior,
because He hath looked on the lowliness of his handmaid:
for behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Soloists: *Deposuit potentes de sede, exultavit humiles,
esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum*

Soloists: He casts down the mighty and exalts the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He
has sent away empty. He hath received His servant Israel,

*recordatus misericordiae suae,
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini ejus in saecula saeculorum, amen.*

remembering His mercy.
And He spake to our fathers:
to Abraham and his seed forever. Amen.

Choir: *Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio et nunc
et semper et in saecula saeculorum, amen.*

Choir: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kathryn Faris, soprano; Fran Nabholz, alto; Jarred Hanner, tenor; Kevin Pollock, baritone

The Second Reading..... Luke 2:1-20 (*Pew Bible, page 857*)

The Anthem..... Traditional American Carol, arr. Gordon Thornett

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn, rise up, shepherd, and follow!
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born, rise up, shepherd, and follow!
Leave your sheep and leave your lambs, rise up, shepherd, and follow!
Leave your ewes and leave your rams, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain: Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow!

If you take good heed to the angel's words, rise up, shepherd, and follow!
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds, rise up, shepherd, and follow!
Leave your sheep and leave your lambs, rise up, shepherd, and follow!
Leave your ewes and leave your rams, rise up, shepherd, and follow. *Refrain.*

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

The Orchestral Offertory — It Came Upon the Midnight ClearCAROL, arr. Anderson

† The Hymn No. 203 (*Trinity Hymnal*) — Hark! the Herald Angels Sing..... MENDELSSOHN

The Anthem.....Dan Forrest

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.
A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger, safe and warm,
And Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby's sleepy sighs.
Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unheeded here is time and space;
Her heart is filled with blinding joy, for God's own Son – her baby Boy!

The Third Reading..... Hebrews 2:14-18 (*Pew Bible, page 1002*)

The Homily — THE WONDER AND WHY OF CHRISTMAS..... The Rev. Jones

The Anthem — The First Nowell Traditional English Carol, arr. Mack Wilberg

The first Nowell 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.
Refrain: Nowell, Nowell Nowell, Nowell! 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.*
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain.*

† The Hymn No. 195 (*Trinity Hymnal*) — Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come..... ANTIOCH

† The Benediction (*Please be seated following the Benediction*)

The Choral Response — A Clare Benediction John Rutter

May the Lord show His mercy upon you; may the light of His presence be your guide:
May He guard you and uphold you; may His Spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may His angels watch over you; when you wake, may He fill you with His grace:
May you love Him and serve Him all your days, then in heaven may you see His face. Amen.

The Organ Postlude — Hark! the Herald Angels Sing arr. David Willcocks
Mark Dickens, organist



The Orchestra

Laura Tomlin (Concertmaster), Laurin Smith, Jennifer Parker, *violin 1*; Pawel Kozak, Debra Schab, *violin 2*; Karl Schab, Angela Shaw, *viola*; Justin Resley, Emma Gates, *cello*; Barry Garman, *double bass*; Cassandra Komp, *oboe*; Todd Jenkins, *trumpet*; Rebekkah Nordan, *timpani*.

The King's Brass in Concert

Please join us on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 for a free concert presented by
Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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