



# *Christmas Eve*

**December 24, 2014**

**5:30 p.m. Prelude Recital**

**6:00 p.m. Service**

**Christ Church, Presbyterian  
Evans, Georgia**

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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.* Luke 2:14

† indicates the congregation standing. • indicates seating of those detained.

## • The Prelude Recital

We Three Kings of Orient Are ..... arr. Keveren  
Prelude on *Greensleeves* ..... Richard Purvis  
Carol Suite ..... arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Silent Night, Holy Night ..... Charles Ore  
Pastorale on *Gesu Bambino* ..... Pietro Yon  
O Holy Night ..... Adolphe Adam

Sumner Fishbein, *oboe*; Emily Murray, *violin*  
Fran Nabholz, *soprano*; Mark Dickens, *organist/pianist*

† The Proclamation of Messiah's Birth (*congregation reads bold type*) ..... John 1:1-4, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**He was in the beginning with God.**

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

**In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,

**Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

†• The Hymn Insert – The First Noel ..... THE FIRST NOEL

The Words of Welcome and the Prayer of Invocation ..... The Rev. Josiah Jones

The Prophetic Reading (*read responsively*) ..... Isaiah 9:2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

You have multiplied the nation;

**You have increased its joy;**

They rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest,

**As they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,

The rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.

**For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult**

**And every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.**

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

**And the government shall be upon His shoulder,**

**And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,**

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end,  
On the throne of David and over His Kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it  
With justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

**The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this.**

† The Hymn No. 204 (Trinity) – Away in a Manger, verses 1 & 2 ..... MUELLER  
*The children are invited to gather on the steps near the Christmas tree.*

The Children’s Message ..... The Rev. Jones

The Hymn No. 204 (Trinity) – Away in A Manger, verse 3 ..... MUELLER  
*The children may return to their seats.*

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
*The offering received tonight will go to the ministry of Jews for Jesus unless designated otherwise.*

The Offertory Anthem ..... W ZLOBIE LEZY, arr. Wilberg  
Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, Nowells ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Flocks were 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.

The Gospel Reading ..... Luke 2:1-20 (page 857)

The Homily – THE CHRISTMAS GIFT OF PEACE ..... The Rev. Jones

The Organ Interlude and the Lighting of Candles

† The Hymn – Silent Night! Holy Night! ..... STILLE NACHT

**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  
Alleluias to our King; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

† The Benediction

The Organ Postlude – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing ..... arr. Willcocks

# Welcome

We cordially welcome in Christ's name all who have come to worship with us this evening. If you are visiting with us tonight and do not have a church home, please visit us again on Sunday. In addition to Morning Worship at 11:00 and Evening Worship at 6:00, we have a full program of Sunday School from nursery through youth and adults offered at 9:45 a.m. Infant and child care is offered during all services. Please visit our website, [www.christchurchpres.org](http://www.christchurchpres.org) for more information, or call the church office at 706-210-9090.

## Jews for Jesus

Actually, "Jews for Jesus" began as a slogan. In the late 1960s a moving of the Holy Spirit brought thousands of cause-oriented young people to faith in Jesus, many of whom were Jewish. Moishe Rosen officially founded Jews for Jesus in September of 1973. Rosen, a veteran missionary to the Jewish people, was the executive director of the mission for 23 years. He revolutionized evangelistic methods and materials with his creative approach to communicating the gospel, and was considered by many to be the foremost strategist and tactician in the field of Jewish evangelism. He continued to serve on the Board of Directors until his death in 2010.

In the 1970s, Jews for Jesus opened several branches in the United States. They also began their first secular media outreach with a full-page ad in the New York Times in 1976, started publishing ISSUES as an evangelistic publication for Jewish people, and conducted exploratory witnessing expeditions to Israel and Northern Ireland.

In the 1980s, they grew with the establishment of international branches in cities such as Toronto and Johannesburg. In this decade they also instituted a Masters in Jewish Missions program in conjunction with an evangelical seminary. Placing a value on missionary education, they required any of the Jews for Jesus missionary staff without a higher degree to go through this program.

The 1990s saw the founding of Jews for Jesus in the former Soviet Union, which within the space of seven years became fully indigenized, headed and staffed by Russian and Ukrainian Jewish believers in Jesus. Additional international branches established included London, Paris, Sydney, and Tel Aviv. In May of 1996, David Brickner—a fifth-generation Jewish believer in Jesus—was appointed executive director, having served in various leadership positions throughout his first 17 years with the ministry.

In the new millennium, the Jews for Jesus Israel branch has received "amutah," or official status. They have developed a video department to produce new materials, opened branches in Rio de Janeiro and Essen, Germany, and begun a "Behold Your God" outreach to the 65 cities worldwide that have 25,000 or more Jewish people.



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