

The Worship of God

December 16, 2012

A Service of Carols and Candlelighting

Six O' Clock P.M.

PRELUDE: Sleepers Wake

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jody Wright

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 40:1-5

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Dormi, Dormi, O Bel Bambin
Silent Night

arr. Jason W. Kreg
arr. Michael Helman

* PROCESSIONAL CAROL 165: "Once in Royal David's City"
(Please remain seated during the first two stanzas. Rise during the organ interlude.) IRBY

Solo: Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir: He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

** Organ Interlude: Please stand as you are able.*

*** All: For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew.
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

*** All: And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that Child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

Grey Lehman, soloist

* THE INVOCATION Elizabeth Edwards

LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20 Peter Sowerwine
The psalmist calls us to rejoice at the coming of the Lord.

ANTHEM: "Light Everlasting" Olaf C. Christiansen
O Light everlasting, O Love never failing. Illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee; may we from
thy Spirit receive inspiration that all thy creation thy wisdom may see. Make known to all nations!
Thy salvation! Make known to all nations, thy peace, thy peace and salvation, and help us, O Father,
thy temple to be.

THE SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7 C.B. Morris
Isaiah proclaims comfort and the coming of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Come, Messiah, Come" Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo
O Promised One, O Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come. Lord, reveal your mercy. Guide us,
Lord, we pray. May we see your Light and walk your way. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Lord, we pray.
Lord, reveal your mercy. Guide us, Lord, we pray. May we see your Light and walk your way.
Cornelia Singletary, pianist; Elizabeth Edwards, flutist

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9 Sydney Browder
Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

ANTHEM: "Creation Will Be at Peace" Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord
creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their
young will play together; a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed
on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 Hope Reese
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SOLO: "I Wonder As I Wander" arr. John Jacob Niles
I wonder as I wander out under the sky how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor on'ry people
like you and like I; I wonder as I wander out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's
stall with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven, a star's light did
fall and the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky
or a bird on the wing, or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was
the King. Grey Lehman, soloist

THE FIFTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25 Dick Berry
Jesus' birth is revealed to Joseph in a dream.

* CAROL 155: "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-20 Carol Lucas
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

ANTHEM: "O Come All Ye Faithful" arr. Dan Forrest
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; Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Yea,
Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now
in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11 Sue Bulluck
The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

* CAROL 172: "We Three Kings" KINGS OF ORIENT

THE EIGHTH LESSON: John 1:1-14 Jody Wright
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

ANTHEM: "Heavenly Light" A. Kopylow/arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul
in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All
those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love!
Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise
Thee!

THE RITUAL OF LIGHT
*The lighting of candles symbolizes the coming of Jesus who said, "I am the Light of the World."
and is a reminder that we spread his light to all humankind. Each person will offer light from his
candle to his neighbor. As you take the light, please tilt your candle toward the flame to avoid
spilling wax. To symbolize our sharing of the light with the world, raise your candles high for the
singing of the final verse of "Silent Night." Please remain seated.*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:

“Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
3. 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.
4. 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!

THE BLESSING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fantasia on *In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

Following the service, you may return the extinguished candles to the gold boxes located at each door. The luminaries in the courtyard are another witness to the ways in which we share Christ’s light with the world. Please enjoy these lights. May they shine for us all as we depart from worship prepared to serve.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Spencer Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist
Sydney Browder
Torch Bearer

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jackson Browder
Crucifer



Grey Lehman, soprano, is a seventh grader at Durham School of the Arts and a member of the Durham Children’s Choir. Grey recently participated in the state Honors Chorus in Winston-Salem and has been selected to sing in the National Honors Chorus in Dalls, Texas in March, 2013. His most recent solo performances are The Choral Society of Durham’s “Honegger: Une Cantate de Noel”, and the Duke Chapel Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols. Grey is the son of John and Nancy Lehman of Durham and the grandson of Gaylord and Faith Lehman.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

December 24 - 6 o’clock p.m.

Communion

Chris Ellis, violinist

Ann Sawyer, soloist

Theme - “Expected Surprises”

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