

A blue-toned illustration of a nativity scene. The Virgin Mary is seated on the left, holding the infant Jesus. To the right, Joseph is kneeling, and several shepherds are gathered around, some holding staffs. The scene is set in a stable with wooden beams and a starry night sky. The text 'Festival of Carols' is written in a stylized, yellow, serif font across the center.

FESTIVAL
of
CAROLS

December 16, 2018



THE MEANING *of* CHRISTMAS

All of the songs that you are about to enjoy in this Festival of Carols focus on the unique identity, majestic divinity, and saving work of Jesus Christ. They basically tell the story of the gospel in three words:

Cradle

The cradle of Christmas proves that God is with us — Emmanuel. We are not alone in this world. We are not alone in our guilt, shame, and struggle. We are not alone when we walk through the valley of the shadowlands — even death itself. The little baby in the feeding trough in the cave in Bethlehem is the incarnate God. He came to live a life of perfection that we never could and to die a sacrificial death to free us from guilt, shame, sin, and death.

Cross

These carols remind us that the gospel story continues with another transforming event. The cross of Calvary proves that God is for us and not against us. We no longer have to work to earn His favor and acceptance; the cross serves as proof of God's grace and love. Jesus endured our sin, our judgment, our hell, and our death on that cross so that, by believing in Him, we might enjoy forgiveness, acceptance, heaven, and eternal life.

Crown

The good news gets even better. These carols remind us that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to rule and reign. He is now crowned with glory and honor. The crown reminds us that God will ensure that we arrive safely home to His glorious kingdom. Jesus will triumph over all of His and our enemies. Our future is bright indeed. At Advent, we also celebrate that Jesus is coming again to make all things new.

Have you gazed upon that cradle, that cross, and that crown? Let us worship our Savior, born in a cradle; the Son of God, slain on a cross; and the King of Glory, who has secured our way home to the Father's house!

GLORIA!

FESTIVAL *of* CAROLS

The Second Presbyterian Church Choirs and Orchestra
George Robertson, *Senior Pastor*

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WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIPGeorge Robertson

Overture on "O Come, All Ye Faithful"Arthur Harris

♠CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Sterling Procter



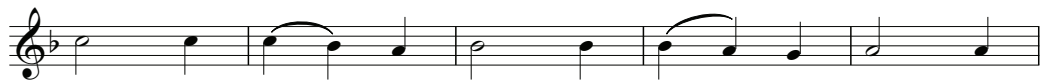
1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a



set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
from on high ap - pear; come thou pro - mised
glo - ries knew no end; by his life he
child and yet a King, born to reign in



sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
us for - e - ver, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing News, glad
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with -
By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit, rule in



all the earth Thou art, dear de - sire of
ti - dings of a birth: "Go to him, your
in a cat - tle stall; this the e - ver -
all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -



ev' - ry na - tion, joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.
prai - ses ring - ing, Christ the Lord has come to earth."
las - ting won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
fi - cient, mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

◆ INVOCATION

“Gloria” Randol Alan Bass

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
 Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
 Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
 Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
 Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
 Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei. Jesu, Filius Patris.
 Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, Jesu.
 Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
 Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
 Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
 Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
 Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.
 Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
 And on earth peace, good will towards men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
 We worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
 We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 That takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 Art most high in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS: “Sing the Carols of Christmas” Gary Fry

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (*Please remain seated*)

O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O
 come ye to Beth-le-hem; come and be-hold him born the King of
Refrain
 an-gels; O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-
 dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see Thee lie!
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
Yet in Thy dark streets shin - eth the e - ver - last - ing light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

“What Child Is This?” (*Children's Choir*)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

♠ “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (*Congregation stands and sings*)

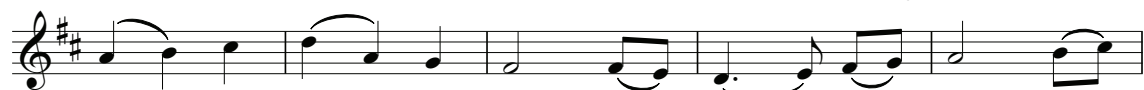
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born King.”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "Festival First Noel" arr. Dan Forrest



(All) 1. The - first No - el the an - gels 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, (Men) 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



(All) No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Adore Him" David Wise and David Shipp

Countless days on a journey that led so far; endless nights they traveled to follow the star.
 They did not find a palace, just a humble village home;
 And searching for a king, but finding a Child — no crown, no throne, still they bowed down.

Come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O Come, let us adore Him.

Expectation turned to mystery, for nothing was like anything they'd dreamed.
 Anticipating the royal and those honored by this world,
 Instead they gazed in the awestruck eyes of a lowly peasant girl, holding her Child.
 The brilliant gold, the fragrant myrrh, the costly frankincense placed before Him.

Worship Team

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:

"Joy Has Dawned" with "Angels We Have Heard on High" Daniel Semsen

Youth Choir:

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

♠ *Congregation stands and sings:*

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

**Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
 Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the 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.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Joy has dawned upon the earth. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**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!**

Joy has dawned upon the earth. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

“Carol of Joy” Dan Forrest

Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;
Lengthening shadows, dark closing in; then through the stillness, carols begin.

O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast and night tarries long.
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; sweet to your ears, a carol of joy!

Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold, barren hillside shrouded in snow.
Deep empty valley, veiled by the night, hear angel music, hopeful and bright.

O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God and pardon for wrong.
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, carol of joy a Savior is found!

Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.
Look up, sad-hearted! Witness God's love; join in the carol swelling above!

O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven's joy to you may belong!
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn: now unto you, carol of joy, a Savior is born!

HOMILY: “Swaddled” (Luke 2:1-12) George Robertson

“Behold That Star” Mark Hayes

Behold that star! Behold that star up yonder.
Behold that star! It is the star of Bethlehem.

There was no room found in the inn for Him who was born free from sin.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

The wise men traveled from the East to worship Him, the Prince of Peace.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

A song broke forth upon the night from angel hosts all robed in white.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

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 ewes and leave your lambs. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your sheep and leave your rams. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, children, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, children, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Jauna Ellis, soloist

“Gloria in Excelsis” from *LUX: The Dawn From On High*..... Dan Forrest

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace.

BENEDICTION

“Peace, Peace” Fred Bock


Children’s Choir:

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.

This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.

Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Congregation joins:



Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant so, ten - der and
 mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

♠POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World” Anna Laura Page

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THE DEPARTMENT of MUSIC

Samuel Metzger, Director of Music/Organist

Calvin Ellis, Associate Director of Music

Christy Young, Director of Children’s Music & Second Conservatory

Ginny Atkinson, Administrative Assistant

FESTIVAL of CAROLS BROADCAST

A recording of Festival of Carols will be broadcast on WKNO television on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 7:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and Midnight. It will also be shown on WKNO2 on Christmas Day at 8:00 p.m.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR *Calvin Ellis, Director; Samuel Metzger, Accompanist*

Ginny Atkinson	Jan Franks	Donna Lee	Peggy Stephens
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Jerry Bowman	Alan Hammond	Daija McNeil	Karen Taylor
Marjorie Bowman	Kathy Hammond	Hunter Meriwether	Emily Taylor
Haleigh Boykin	Kathy Hart	Jared Moffett	Susan Thomas
Suzanne Bugar	Kathy Hayden	Ross Montague	Nelba Thomas
Maria Burke	Reid Haygood	Colby Morgan	Anne Thompson
Linda Cantrell	Mike Hillard	Haley Overcast	Carlos Velez
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Estelle Curtis	Julie Johnson	Kackie Person	Mary Grace Walters
Mary Edwards	Samuel Johnson	Virginia Pilcher	Susan Warner
Allie Eick	Betty Lu Jones	Anna Joy Powell	Lizzy Wesson
Jauna Ellis	Warren Jones	Skip Quinn	Dan Whipple
Beth Fischer	Brad Jones	Andrea Quinn	Molly Witherington
Fred Flinn	Nicole Jones	Gay Rhodes	Daniel Wynn
Mary Lawrence Flinn	Lorraine Jones	Jackie Robertson	Lizzie Young
Becky Forrester	Harold Knight	Leslie Shaw	Christy Young
Sallie Foster	Rosalyn Lake	Sam Shaw	Keith Young
Carmen Fowlkes	Jasmine Lamb	Joyce Small	

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Margaret Campbell	Caroline Evans	Clay Patterson	Sam Wells
Hunter Coleman	Caroline Fisher	John David Patterson	Elijah Wells
Campbell Crosby	Mary Steele Gant	Selah Powell	Harry Wilson
Kate Crosby	Ann Carlyle Gieselmann	Victor Ruleman	Kate Witherington
Collins Cullum	Charlie King	Micah Stout	Rainer Witherington
Coco Davis	Micah Langford	Knox Stout	
Chandler Deacon	Natalie Morgan	Sarah Taylor Stout	
Dominic Devine	Lydia Morgan	Lizzie Sutton	

FAITHLINE YOUTH CHOIR *Calvin Ellis, Director*

Caleb Ellis	Mia Pennington	Parker Stout
Sarah Morgan	Emily Smith	Benjamin van der Bijl

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP TEAM *Calvin Ellis, Director*

Haleigh Boykin	Malaney George	Samuel Johnson	Michael Varner
Jauna Ellis	Donavon Hughes	Daija McNeil	Mary Grace Walters

THE ORCHESTRA

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	Oboe Janet Page Katherine Barnwell	Trombone Nathan DuVall Stephen Davis Eddie Clark	Organ Samuel Metzger Jill Peak
	Clarinet Rena Feller Stephanie Hancock		Guitar Daniel Pollorena

A D V E N T



Nine Lessons and Carols

December 23, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Our Nine Lessons and Carols service includes Scripture readings and carols based on the original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England.

During the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:45 a.m., all ages are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

CCs and Sunday School classes will not meet on December 23 or 30.

Sunday Night Worship will not meet on December 23.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service with Children's Message

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion


Nursery is available for ages 4 and under for all services excluding the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services.

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.



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