



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

*an* ITALIAN  
CHRISTMAS

December 4, 2016

The Westminster Singers and Orchestra  
Dr. Gabriel C. Statom, *director*



# ADVENT

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Festival of Carols  
December 11, 6:00 p.m.

*This service, an annual favorite for families because of the sing-along Christmas carols and the festive atmosphere of worship, features our Chancel Choir and Orchestra.*

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
December 18, 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

*Our Nine Lessons and Carols service is based on the original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England, and includes Scripture readings and carols from around the world as well as music led by our Handbell, Chancel, and Youth Choirs.*

Advent Evensong with Jeff Taylor  
December 18, 6:00 p.m.

*This reflective service will be led by folk instrumentalist Jeff Taylor of Nashville. Taylor is best-known for his accompanying work with the Gettys, Amy Grant, Buddy Greene, Ricky Skaggs, and more. He excels on the piano and accordion but also shines on the penny whistle, mandolin, bouzouki, and concertina.*

Christmas Eve Worship

*Family Service with Children's Message, 4:00 p.m.  
Candlelight Communion Services, 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.*

# *an* ITALIAN CHRISTMAS

*Please silence your phones during this time of worship and reflection.  
Please hold applause until the end of the worship service.*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION.....Gabriel Statom

✦CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20..... Michael G. Stokke

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

**but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**The sun shall be no more your light by day,  
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light;**

but the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.

**Your sun shall no more go down,  
nor your moon withdraw itself;**

for the Lord will be your everlasting light,

**and your days of mourning shall be ended.**

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 101 "Come, Thou Almighty King".....TRINITY

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

O DI BETLEMME ALTERA ..... Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725)

*Pastoral Cantata for the Birth of Our Lord*

*Ginger Statom, soprano*

1. Introduzione

2. Recitativo

*O di Betlemme altera  
Povertà venturosa!  
Se chi fece ogni cosa,  
Se chi muove ogni sfera  
In te discende,  
E l'Autor della luce,  
Nei suoi primi vagiti,  
A te risplende.*

3. Aria

*Dal bel seno d'una stella Dal bel seno  
Spunta a noi l'eterno sole.  
Da una pura verginella,  
Nacque già l'eterna prole*

4. Recitativo

*Presa d'uomo la forma,  
Alle gelide temprè  
D'inclemente stagione  
Soggiace il gran bambino.  
E d'acerbo destino  
Per sottrarre al rigore  
L'umanità cadente,  
Del suo corpo innocente  
Fa scudo a noi l'appassionato amore.*

5. Aria

*L'autor d'ogni mio bene  
Scioglie le mie catene  
E stretto in fasce.  
Il tutto ei fè dal nulla,  
Eppur lo veggio in culla,  
E in terra nasce.*

1. Introduction

2. Recitative

O noble and fortunate  
City of Bethlehem, now blessed!  
If the maker of all things,  
The mover of every sphere,  
Descends upon you,  
And the source of light,  
Giving His first cries,  
Let Him shine on you!

3. Aria

From the shapely breast of a star  
The eternal sun rises for us.  
From a pure young virgin pure,  
Eternal offspring is now born.

4. Recitative

Assuming human form,  
The great infant is exposed  
To the icy trials  
Of inclement weather.  
To save fallen humanity  
From the rigours  
Of harsh fate,  
His innocent body's  
Passionate love is our shield.

5. Aria

The source of all my riches  
Wrapped in swaddling bands  
Loosens my chains.  
He made everything from nothing,  
And yet I see him in the cradle,  
Born upon earth.

6. Recitativo

*Fortunati pastori!  
Giacchè v'è dato in sorte  
Che il Signor della vita,  
Immortale, increato  
Respiri fra di voi l'aure primiere!  
Al dolce suon giulivo  
Di zampogne innocenti  
D'un Dio fatto mortale  
Correte a celebrar l'alto Natale!*

7. Pastorale

*Toccò la prima sorte a voi, pastori,  
Perche si fa Gesu di Dio l'Agnello,  
Offrite alla sua cuna i vostri cuori,  
Mirate quanto è vago e quanto è bello!  
Lasciate i vostri armenti e la capanna,  
Abbandonate si le pecorelle.  
Ve una speranza in lui che non v'inganna,  
E che vi può dar loco in fra le stelle.*

6. Recitative

Fortunate shepherds,  
Since it has fallen to your lot  
That the Lord of life,  
Immortal, never created,  
Should draw his first breaths in your midst!  
To the gentle, festive sounds  
Of innocent bagpipes  
Rush to celebrate the lofty birth  
Of a God made mortal!

7. Pastoral

The greatest fortune was yours, shepherds,  
For Jesus has become the Lamb of God.  
Offer your hearts at his cradle,  
See how pretty he is and how beautiful!  
Leave your flocks and huts,  
Yes, forsake your sheep.  
He embodies a hope that does not deceive you  
And can give you a place amongst the stars.

CONCERTO GROSSO IN G MINOR .....Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)  
"Christmas Concerto," opus 6 no. 8

1. Vivace
2. Allegro
3. Adagio – Allegro – Adagio
4. Vivace
5. Allegro
6. Largo Pastorale

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

GESU BAMBINO .....Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

*Terri Theil, mezzo-soprano*

When blossoms flowered '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, O come, let us adore Him,  
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.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... ADESTE FIDELES

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOMILY

MAGNIFICAT IN G MINOR, RV 610 .....Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

*Ginger Statom, soprano; Terri Theil, mezzo-soprano; Tucker Williams, tenor; Sean Burns, baritone*

1. Magnificat  
*Magnificat anima mea Dominum.* My soul magnifies the Lord.
2. Et exultavit  
*Et exultavit spiritus meus* And my spirit exults  
*In Deo salutari meo.* In God my Savior.  
*Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.* For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
*Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.* Behold, all generations will call me blessed  
*Quia fecit mihi magna* For He that is mighty  
*Qui potens est et sanctum nomen eius.* Has magnified me and holy is His name.

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| <p>3. Et misericordia eius<br/> <i>Et misericordia eius</i><br/> <i>A progenie in progenies</i><br/> <i>Timentibus eum.</i></p>   | <p>And His mercy<br/>         Is on them that fear Him,<br/>         Throughout all generations.</p>  |
| <p>4. Fecit potentiam<br/> <i>Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit</i><br/> <i>Superbos mente cordis sui.</i></p>  | <p>He has showed strength with His arm,<br/>         He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.</p>   |
| <p>5. Deposuit potentes<br/> <i>Deposuit potentes de sede</i><br/> <i>Et exaltavit humiles.</i></p>   | <p>He has put down the mighty from their seat<br/>         And hath exalted the humble.</p>   |
| <p>6. Esurientes<br/> <i>Esurientes implevit bonis</i><br/> <i>Et divites dimisit inanes.</i></p>   | <p>He has filled the hungry with good things<br/>         And sent the rich away empty.</p>   |
| <p>7. Suscepit Israel<br/> <i>Suscepit Israel puerum suum</i><br/> <i>Recordatus misericordiae suae.</i></p>  | <p>He has helped His servant Israel,<br/>         Remembering His mercy.</p>  |
| <p>8. Sicut locutus est<br/> <i>Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros Abraham</i><br/> <i>Et semini eius in saecula.</i></p>  | <p>As He promised to our forefathers, Abraham<br/>         And his seed forever.</p>  |
| <p>9. Gloria Patri<br/> <i>Gloria patri, Gloria filio</i><br/> <i>Et spiritui sancto.</i><br/> <i>Sicut erat in principio</i><br/> <i>Et nunc et semper</i><br/> <i>Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.</i></p> | <p>Glory to the Father, Glory to the Son,<br/>         Glory to the Holy Spirit.<br/>         As it was in the beginning,<br/>         Is now and always,<br/>         World without end. Amen.</p> |

✠BENEDICTION

✠GLORIA PATRI.....GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father,  
 And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning,  
 Is now, and ever shall be,  
 World without end. Amen, amen.**

## THE WESTMINSTER SINGERS

DR. GABRIEL C. STATOM, *Director of Music*

John Beckham  
Jerry Bowman  
Marjorie Bowman  
Jennifer Brandon  
Suzanne Burgar  
Sean Burns  
Pat Corbitt  
Mary Edwards  
Beth Fischer

Mary Lawrence Flinn  
Amelia Hopper  
Martha Hopper  
Harold Knight  
Robert Liddon  
Colby Morgan  
Annie Petzinger  
Andrea Quinn  
Skip Quinn  
Ginger Statom

Robert Sutton  
Emily Taylor  
Terri Theil  
Anne Thompson  
Lee Wallace  
BJ Webster  
Dan Whipple  
Tucker Williams  
Christy Young

## THE ORCHESTRA

### **Violin 1**

Barrie Cooper  
Long Long Kang  
Dan Gilbert

### **Violin 2**

Lenore McIntyre  
Mary Dunlap

### **Viola**

Beth Luscombe  
Betty Eubanks

### **Cello**

Iren Zombor  
Mark Wallace

### **Bass**

Scott Best

### **Oboe**

Michelle Vigneau

### **Harpsichord**

Gabriel Statom

### **Organ**

Samuel Metzger



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