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PRELUDE

Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Rev. Arun Andrews

Handbell Choir

Worship Leader

RESPONSIVE READING + (standing)

L: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

The Bells of Christmas

- A: On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
- L: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
- A: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- L: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
- A: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
- L: Establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.
- A: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymn #250 Once in Royal David's City

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

ALL: 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. ALL: Jesus 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.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

ALL: And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for the child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

SCRIPTURE

ANTHEM

Galatians 4:4-5

Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

A: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

L: Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

A: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Hymn #234 O Come, all Ye Faithful

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; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

PRAYER

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to joy! Lift up our heads from the dust and adorn us with your righteousness, that we may rejoice and testify that our Lord has come; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

THE EAST BERLIN COMMUNITY SINGERS

Fanfare And Chorus From IHR LIEBER CHRISTEN, FREUT EUCH NUN
Trumpeters: Steven Bowman, Jamie Bream, Peter Johnston
See Amid the Winter's SnowDieterich BuxtehudeSee Amid the Winter's SnowDan ForrestAll for LoveRobert YoungSilent NightPinkZebraOn Christmas Day in the MorningPhilip HaydenAccompanied by the Trinity Church United BellsDonald Moore

Hymn #223

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

CHOIR: Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning; O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making. ALL: This night of wonder, night of joy, was born the Christ, our brother; he comes, not mighty to destroy, to bid us love each other. How could he quit his kingly state for such a world of greed and hate? What deep humiliation secured the world's salvation!

ALL: Come, dearest child, into our hearts, and leave your crib behind you! Let this be where the new life starts for all who seek and find you. To you the honor, thanks, and praise, for all your gifts this time of grace; come, conquer and deliver this world, and us, forever.

Psalm 96:11-13

arr. Ed Lojeski

EIGHT-HANDS PIANO

SERMON

ANO Carols in Concert arr. Rebecca Bonam Pianists: Kendall Bankert, Jane Bittner, Todd Davis, Beth Sider

THE CHANCEL CHOIR OF TRINITY CHURCH AND THE EAST BERLIN COMMUNITY SINGERS

Mass in G Major, K. 167 Franz Schubert Soprano: Jennifer Hughes-Beshore; Tenor: Christyan Seah; Bass: Spencer Adamson I. Kyrie, II. Gloria, III. Credo, IV.Sanctus, V. Benedictus, VI. Agnus Dei

Rev. Arun Andrews

ANTHEM Pavane for A Silent Night (Based upon "Pavane pour une infante defunte" by Maurice Ravel) Words: Jean Anne Shafferman; Choral Arrangement: Patrick Liebergen Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

PRAYER Heavenly Father, in this season of Advent and Christmas, help us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the awesome power to bring us great joy! Our joy comes from you. The joy that overwhelmed the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph are the joy that still has the power to flood our hearts with rejoicing. Fill our hearts with joy this Advent and Christmas season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. Good news that sends us out proclaiming the love of Jesus in all that we say and do. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #247 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light, O Sovereign meek and lowly! Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Master, thou hast won my heart to serve thee solely! Thou are holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine! O deep within my heart now shine, and make thee there an altar! Fill me with joy and strength to be thy member, ever joined to thee in love that cannot falter; toward thee longing doth possess me; turn and bless me; here in sadness eye and heart long for thy gladness!

ORGAN INTERLUDE

What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning! He will one day, O glorious grace, transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness, we are yearning for the day of your returning.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

News of Great Joy

Arnold B. Sherman

Handbell Choir

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father Pastor Arun Andrews, Senior Pastor Bishop Pauline Peifer, Coordinator, Discipleship Pathway Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries Anne Mathews, Creative Director, Communications & Publications Nihal Andrews, Director of Media Ministry Jamie Bream, Contemporary Worship Leader CCLI License #1758300/License #A734025; Responsive Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Thank you!

Leaders and Readers: Gabby Martinez, Karen Bowen

Tympanist: Doug Williams; Trumpet: Peter Johnston, Steven Bowman, Jamie Bream

<u>Handbell Choir</u>: Peter Anselmo, Kendall Bankert, Barbara Dysard, Jennifer Harrington, George Karnes, Kathy Karnes, Allyn Litzleman, Jan Ocamb, Angel Snyder, Kaylynn Snyder, Donna Speelman, Charlotte Wagoner, Jodi Walters; **Handbell Choir Director**: Wilma Rockey

<u>Chancel Choir</u>: Soprano: Dawn Bailets, Cindy Durburow, Jane Gable, Sue Grubb, Jennifer Harrington, Debbie Sisk, Angel Snyder, Kaylynn Snyder; *Alto*: Kendall Bankert, Cathy Baum, Kathy Karnes, Jan Ocamb, Wilma Rockey, Missi St. Cyr, Charlotte Wagoner, Jodi Walters; *Tenor*: Tom Baum, Ken Gable, Roger Miller; *Bass*: Bob Druckenmiller, John Sharpe, Bruce Snyder; **Chancel Choir Director**: Todd Davis

<u>Soloists</u>:

Jennifer Hughes-Beshore holds a Master's of Theatre Arts from Regent University and a Bachelor of Music from the University of Miami. She is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. Jennifer's stage work includes Broadway, Off-Broadway, National Tours and Regional Theatres throughout America. She has extensive experience in TV, film and solo concert settings.

Christyan Seay is active in recital, oratorio, and opera. He has performed extensively throughout central Pennsylvania and Europe including performances at Weill Recital Hall in New York City and venues abroad in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. Mr. Seay is the Artistic Director of the Capital Area Music Association (CAMA), a community choral organization with emphasis on the music of the African American Composers and Culture. He is a 1987 graduate of Penn State Harrisburg's business administration/ management program.

Matthew A. Robinson, Baritone, is quickly gaining attention as one of the most talented singers in the Greater Central Pennsylvania region. With his rich voice, musicality and commanding presence, he has become one of the most sought-after vocalists in the region in opera, operetta, oratorio, musical theater and recitalist. Mr. Robinson has performed throughout the region including performances with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, West Shore Symphony Orchestra, Center Stage Opera, Oyster Mill Playhouse, Little Theater Mechanicsburg, Sylvan Chorale and the Carlisle Theater Company, and many sacred venues throughout the Northeast. He studied vocal performance under the tutelage of Dr. Damian Savarino at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa.

Spencer Adamson, bass, holds a Bachelor's degree in Voice Performance from Westminster Choir College, and graduate work at Indiana University, Bloomington. He sings leading and comprimario roles and extensive chorus work in local and national opera houses as well as many other classical music venues. Mr. Adamson also began an ongoing relationship with Washington Master Chorale as a featured soloist as well as Chester River Chorale. He is regularly heard ministering to the congregations of churches in the greater Baltimore area, D.C., and beyond, where he performs sacred and contemporary works as well as serving in a more traditional capacity as cantor. A believer in musical education for youth, Mr. Adamson performs in outreach programs with Baltimore Lyric Opera bringing opera to elementary schools of the greater Baltimore area.

The East Berlin Community Singers, under the direction of its founder, Mrs. Jane Johnston, is organized to sing for the enjoyment of its members, for all who are listening, and to educate their audiences through their musical selections. The Singers programs feature *a cappella* selections as well as ones accompanied by guest musicians. The Community Singers is pleased to share the concert stage with other guest musical groups. These have included the Keystone Brass, the Flute Flock, and the Bermudian Springs Eagle Singers. Over the course of its 8 performing seasons, the Singers has sung at the Relay for Life, at Historic Rock Chapel, York Springs for a fund raiser for the Church, with the Hanover Symphony for a Christmas concert, and with the Choir of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, York Springs for a Christmas concert. The Singers participated in the 2024 D-Day Memorial Observance and Ceremonies in Normandy, France, June 5-8, 2024. In addition to participating in memorial ceremonies and celebratory parades, the Singers presented concerts in St. Mere Eglise and Paris, France.