

Festival of Carols



DECEMBER 8, 2024 • 6:00 PM

The Meaning of Christmas

The carols tonight 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? Throughout this Advent season, 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!

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presented by

The Music Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church

Memphis, Tennessee

Calvin Ellis, *Director of Choirs*

James Ryan, *Director of Music Outreach & Conservatory of Music*

Leo Davis, *Organist*

Katie Hutcheson, *Administrative Assistant*

Barton Kimbro, *Pastor & Director of Worship*

♠ *Indicates congregation standing as directed*

*If you are in need of a listening support device, please see an usher
in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary for assistance.*

Prelude: Toccata on "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Mark A. Miller

Call to Worship Josh Preston

♠ Congregational Carol: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" John Rutter

*Words: Latin hymn, attr. John Francis Wade; tr. Frederick Oakley
Music: John Francis Wade / Fanfare: Nathan Hofheins / Luke 2:15*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of God, Light of Light;
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
lo, He ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb:
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



come and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels;
ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
Glo - ry to God in the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come let us a - dore Him,



O come let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

♠ Invocation

Congregational Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Mack Wilberg

Words: Charles Wesley, George Whitefield / Music: Felix Mendelssohn; arr. Mack Wilberg / Luke 2:13-14



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
Women 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail! the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of right - eous - ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
All Veiled in flesh, the God - head see, hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"
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 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

"Before the Marvel of This Night" Carl Schalk

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda / Music: Carl Schalk / Matthew 5:14-16

Before the marvel of this night adoring, fold your wings and bow,
 Then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow.
 Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:
 Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made.
 Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
 Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
 Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light,
 Now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.
 Into one song compress the love, that rules our universe above:
 Sing love, sing God is love!

*The Chancel Choir
 Calvin Ellis, director*

Congregational Carol: "A Christmas Carol Fantasy".....Paul Campbell

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"

Ding dong! Mer - ri - ly on high in heav'n the bells are ring - ing:
Ding dong! ve - ri - ly the sky is riv'n with an - gel sing - ing.
Glo - - -
- - - ri - a, Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis!

"On Christmas Night"

1. On Christ - mas night, all Christ - ians sing to hear the news the
2. When sin de - parts be - fore His grace then life and health come
an - gels bring. On Christ - mas night, all Christ - ians sing to
in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore His grace, then
hear the news the an - gels bring: News of great joy news of great
life and health come in its place. An - gels and men with joy may
mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
sing, all for to see the new - born King.

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”



1. God rest ye mer - ry, gent - le - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our Heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came



For Je - sus Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas day;
 And un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same,



To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray:
 How that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name:



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy!



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

♠ “Joy to the World”



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her King.
 2. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
 The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
 And won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His love,



And heaven and hea - ven and na - ture sing!
 And won - ders, won - ders of His love!

♠ Greetings and Announcements

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Offertory Anthem: "A Cradle in Bethlehem" James Ryan

Words and Music: Larry Stock, Alfred Bryan; arr. James Ryan / Isaiah 11:6

Sing sweet and low your lullaby till angels say, "Amen."
A mother tonight is rocking a cradle in Bethlehem.

While wise men follow through the dark a star that beckons them.
A mother tonight is rocking a cradle in Bethlehem.

"A little child shall lead them," the prophets said of old.
In storm and tempest keep them until the bell is tolled.

*Hunter Fair and Ronshel Kurusanthony, soloists
James Ryan, director*

"Ukrainian Bell Carol" Mark Hayes

Words: Mark Hayes / Mykola Leontovych; arr. Mark Hayes / Luke 2

Hark! Hear the song, joyful and strong, music so fair, filling the air.
Radiant the sound, heard all around, shatt'ring the night, bringing the light.
Seraphs sing, joy-bells ring, news of a birth throughout the earth.
Promise fulfilled; heaven revealed. All is made right this Christmas night.
Hope is reborn this Christmas morn. Spread the good news, Jesus is born.
Suddenly angel voices are singing songs of good-will and peace to the earth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Hear angels sing on Christmas night, tidings they bring: peace, love, and light.

♠ Congregational Carol: "Carols for Congregation and Orchestra" Paul Roberts

"Angels We Have Heard on High"



1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
Men 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing.



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Women Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

“What Child Is This”

1. What Child is this who laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own Him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe the Son of Mar - y.
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where.

Go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

Verse

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er sil - ent flocks by night,
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo, a - bove the earth
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

“Little Drummer Boy” For King and Country

Words and Music: Katherine Davis, Henry Onarati, Harry Simone; arr. Grant Wall

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum.
 A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum.
 Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum,
 To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum.
 Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

So, to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum, when we come.

Little Baby, pa rum pum pum pum,
 I am a poor boy, too, pa rum pum pum pum.
 I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum,
 That's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum.
 Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

Shall I play for You, pa rum pum pum pum, on my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum,
 The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum.
 I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
 I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum.
 Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum, me and my drum.

*Danny Cosby and Brenae Johnson, soloists
 Elijah Wynne, drums*

♠ Congregational Carol: "Festival First Nowell" Dan Forrest

Words and Music: Trad. English Carol; arr. Dan Forrest / Luke 2:8



1. The first No - well the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
Women 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es



shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their
 East be - yond them far, *Men* and to the earth it gave great
 to our heav - en - ly Lord that hath made heav'n and earth of



sheep on a cold, win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - well, No
 naught, and with His blood man - kind hath bought.



well, No - well, No - well! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Homily: Take My Hand, *Isaiah 41:10* George Robertson

Prayer of Commitment

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" Broadway Inspirational Voices

Words: Isaac Watts / Music and Additional Lyrics: Michael McElroy, Joseph Joubert, Buryl Red / *Psalms 98, 96:11*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Sing, sing great joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Joy, God's joy!
 Let everybody sing joy to the world.

Sunday Night Worship Team

Congregational Carol: "Silent Night! Holy Night"Dan Forrest

Words: Joseph Mohr; tr. John Freeman Young / Music: arr. Dan Forrest / Luke 2:16

Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round you vir - gin, moth - er and child; ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild.
Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.

The Chancel Choir:

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 alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

✦Benediction

Postlude: "Grand Fantasia on Joy to the World"Marc Cheban

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*Following the service, please join us for refreshments
in the lobby outside the Bookmark Bookstore.*

Thank You, Paul Roberts

Several years ago, Paul Roberts and his wife moved to Memphis following his retirement from a distinguished 36-year tenure as the Director of Music and Arts at First Presbyterian Church in Augusta, GA. Since becoming a member at Second, Paul has poured his time and talents into our music ministry, enriching it in countless ways. His gifts have often taken the form of original hymn arrangements and compositions, which he has so generously shared with our congregation.

Tonight, we are blessed to sing three of his beautiful arrangements: "Angels We Have Heard on High," "What Child Is This," and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain." We are deeply grateful for Paul's unwavering dedication to glorifying God through the power of music. Thank you, Paul, for your ongoing contributions to our worship and to the heart of this ministry! We are grateful to call you one of our own!

The Chancel Choir

Becki Albert	Jauna Ellis	Sam Johnson	Tristian Rogers
Phillip Bond	Sarah Enoch	Dominique Jones	Stephanie Rolfe
Jerry Bowman	Beth Fischer	Harold Knight	Gay Rhodes
Marjorie Bowman	Fred Flinn	Donna Lee	Ava Shatley
Haleigh Boykin	Antoinette Goode	Rob Liddon	Leslie Shaw
Valletta Brinson	Emily Hale	Caesar Lomo	Sam Shaw
Katie Brown	Eric Hale	Suzanne Mariencheck	Steve Tackett
Suzanne Burgar	Alex Happ	Daija McNeil	Paola Tennon
Shawn Campbell	Garrett Heady	Greg Mason	Laura Twumasi
Phoebe Carter	Alissa Heirigs	Brody Melton	Susan Warner
Pat Corbitt	Ben Hughes	Kenya Nichols	John Woodard
Kennedi Dickens	Lorraine Hughes	Carol Overcast	Emily Woelke
Mary Edwards	Katie Hutcheson	Jackie Robertson	Rachel Young
Caleb Ellis	Melanie Jacks	Dennis Rogers	<i>Calvin Ellis, director</i>

Faithline Youth Choir

Chase Ellingsworth	Evie Fore	Caroline Hill	Elle Wilkinson
Mary Anne Ellingsworth	Margaret Fore	Ronshel Kurusanthony	Harry Wilson
Hunter Fair	William Frazee	Matthew Lankford	<i>James Ryan, director</i>

Sunday Night Worship Team

Phillip Bond	Emily Hale	Randi Meyer	Ava Shatley
Shawn Campbell	Eric Hale	Dennis Rogers	Adrienne Steele
Phoebe Carter	Brenae Johnson	Stephanie Rolfe	Emily Woelke
Jauna Ellis	Daija McNeil	Tamlyn Sampson	<i>Calvin Ellis, director</i>

The Orchestra

Violin 1	Cello	Clarinets	Trombones
Andy Yu	Carrington Truehart	Robyn Jones	John Mueller
Priscilla Tsai	Alisha Rufty	Gary Buss	Steve Davis
Kate Ryan			
James Ryan	Bass	Bassoon	Tuba
	Chris Butler	Michael Scott	Joe Sellmansberger
Violin 2	Flute	Horns	Timpani
Gaylon Patterson	Delara Hashemi	Robert Patterson	Michael Karcz
Dan Gilbert	Dee Walker	Audrey Davis	
Lori Gilbert		James Currence	Percussion
Kristy Robinson	Piccolo		Ed Murray
	Dee Walker	Trumpets	Paul Hayes
Viola	Oboes	Alex Schuettrumpf	Pipe Organ/Piano
Michelle Pellay-Walker	Saundra D'Amato	Michael McKenzie	Leo Davis
Beth Luscombe	Courtenay Harter	Marc Franklin	
Lenny Schranze			

Advent

**Sing Hallelujah:
An Evening of Advent Worship**
December 15 at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

Next Sunday evening, our True North youth, Shine Ministry participants, college students, and Crossroads young adults will lead us in worship.

We invite you to join us in continued celebration of the season.

Nine Lessons and Carols
December 22, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas PJ Party
December 22, 4:30 p.m.

A Gospel Christmas
December 22, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 p.m. Family Service
5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Services

Visit 2pc.org/advent for more details and for a list of service opportunities.

January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 5, we will hear from guest pastors during morning and evening worship on themes related to and discussed in Luke 4 as Jesus begins His public ministry. Join us these Sundays for worship as we refocus on those things which Jesus made a priority in His ministry, that we might make them a priority in ours.

January 5: Brad Morrow,
Pastoral Resident, Second Presbyterian Church

January 12: Greg Ealey,
Campus Pastor, Colonial Presbyterian Church

January 19: Claude Atcho,
Pastor, Church of the Resurrection

January 26: Afshin Ziafat,
Lead Pastor, Providence Church

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