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!



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

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



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 an - gels sing, 1. Hark! the her - ald "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. ris'n with heal - ing in Light and life all He brings, His wings. to 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, more may die, Mild He lays His glo - ry by, born that man no "Christ is Beth - le - hem!" With th'an gel - ic host pro claim, born in Pleased as Je - sus, man with men to dwell, 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 the new - born King!" to Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry King!" the new - born to Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry the new - born King!" to

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

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"



Greetings and Announcements

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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.

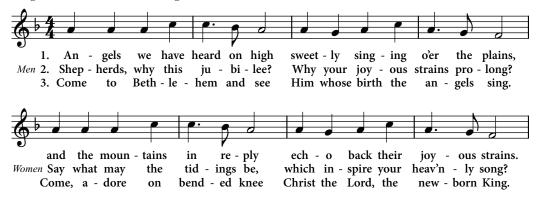
"A little child shall lead them," the prophets said of old. In storm and tempest keep them until the bell is tolled.

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

"Ukrainian Bell Carol" Mark Hayes Words: Mark Hayes / Mykola Leontovych; arr. Mark Hayes / Luke 2

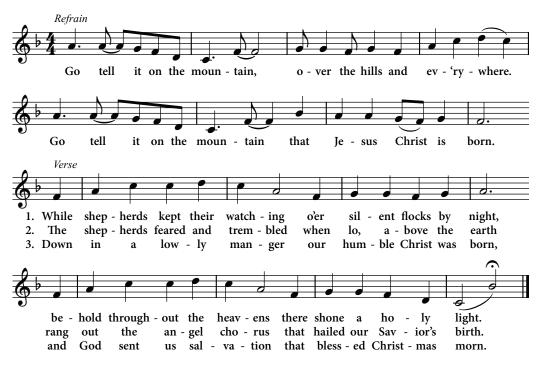
Hark! Hear the song, joyful and strong, music so fair, filling the air. Radiant the sound, heard all around, shatt'ring the night, bringing the light. Seraphs sing, joy-bells ring, news of a birth throughout the earth. Promise fulfilled; heaven revealed. All is made right this Christmas night. Hope is 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.

"Angels We Have Heard on High"





"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"



"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, when we come.

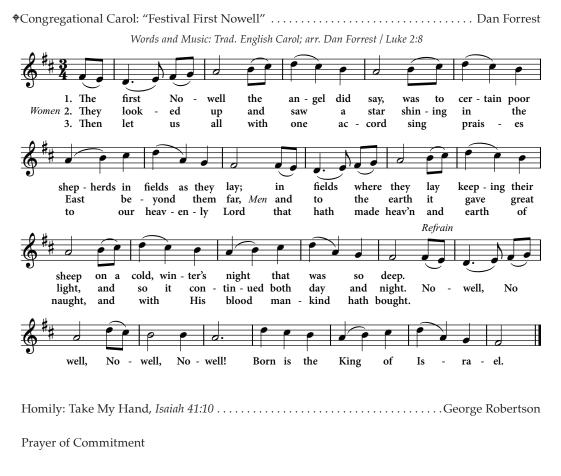
Little Baby, pa rum pum pum, I am a poor boy, too, pa rum pum pum pum. I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum, That's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum. Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

Shall I play for You, pa rum pum pum, 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, me and my drum.

Danny Cosby and Brenae Johnson, soloists Elijah Wynne, drums



"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"Broadway Inspirational Voices Words: Isaac Watts / Music and Additional Lyrics: Michael McElroy, Joseph Joubert, Buryl Red / Psalm 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.

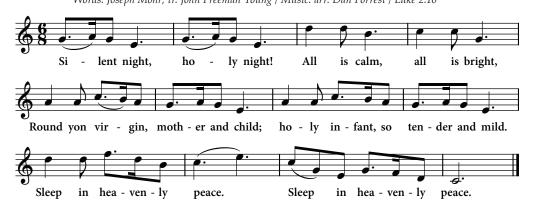
Sing, sing great joy!

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



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

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The Orchestra

Violin 1

Andy Yu Priscilla Tsai Kate Ryan James Ryan

Violin 2 Gaylon Patterson Dan Gilbert Lori Gilbert Kristy Robinson

Viola Michelle Pellay-Walker Beth Luscombe Lenny Schranze **Cello** Carrington Truehart Alisha Rufty

Bass Chris Butler

Flute Delara Hashemi Dee Walker

Piccolo Dee Walker

Oboes Saundra D'Amato Courtenay Harter **Clarinets** Robyn Jones Gary Buss

Bassoon Michael Scott

Horns Robert Patterson Audrey Davis James Currence

Trumpets Alex Schuetrumpf Michael McKenzie Marc Franklin **Trombones** John Mueller Steve Davis

Tuba Joe Sellmansberger

Timpani Michael Karcz

Percussion Ed Murray Paul Hayes

Pipe Organ/Piano Leo Davis

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

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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,	January 19: Claude Atcho,
Pastoral Resident, Second Presbyterian Church	Pastor, Church of the Resurrection
January 12: Greg Ealey, Campus Pastor, Colonial Presbyterian Church	January 26: Afshin Ziafat, Lead Pastor, Providence Church

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