

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. The Variations by Dupré heard at the end of the prelude and for the postlude are on the 15th century French Christmas Carol, Noël Nouvelet.

About the Choral Introit

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" [hymn no. 20], this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune. TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander. 1848; MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849.

PRELUDE

Fanfare on Adeste Fideles Prelude on Veni, veni Emmanuel Meditation on In the Bleak Midwinter

Paul Fey

The First Nowell God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

David Willcocks

Prelude on Regent Square The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Joy to the World

Hal Hopson

Selections from Variations on a Noël

Marcel Dupré

CHORAL INTROIT

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

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, oppressed, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Do not be afraid; I bring good news of great joy! Light shines on those who walk in darkness.

A child has been born for us, a son given to us. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Jesus Christ, born in our midst,
we seek your good news as one people.
In your life and by your birth
we receive your grace appearing,
we experience your salvation nearing,
and we feel your great light dawning.
Draw us deeper into this mystery
in the stillness and silence
of this Christmas Eve. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 133

ADESTE FIDELES

About Hymn 133

O Come All Ye Faithful

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

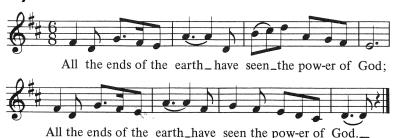
Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Old Testament, page 638 in your pew Bible)

Psalm 98

David Haas Marty Haugen

Refrain:



Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; God's right hand has won the victory, God's holy arm. *Refrain*.

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named. TEXT and MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1743.

The Lord has made salvation known, God's justice revealed to all; Remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. *Refrain*.

All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out, all you lands, break forth in song. *Refrain*.

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord. *Refrain*.

Titus 2:11-14 (New Testament, page 215 in your pew Bible)

*GOSPEL PROCESSION

(The congregation stands for the Gospel. The Gospel is read in the midst of the people, symbolic of the Word made flesh and dwelling among us. As the Bible is carried into the Nave, please turn in the direction of the reader, and join in singing:)

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.

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20 (New Testament, page 58 in your pew Bible)

(Following the reading of the Gospel, the congregation will sing:)

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.

SERMON "Well, what do you know!" Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

Anthem Before the Marvel of This Night

Carl Schalk

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 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 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, the love that rules our universe above:

Sing love, sing love! Sing love, sing God is love!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin.

He lived as a Jew among Jews.
He announced to his people
the coming of God's kingdom of justice
and peace on earth.

We affirm that Jesus was born of a woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child.

The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule.

Through his birth, life, death and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

(From A Declaration of Faith)

Carl Schalk (1929-2021) was a noted Lutheran composer, author, and lecturer. Between 1965 and 2004 he taught church music at Concordia University Chicago. During this time he guided the development of the university's Master of Church Music degree, which has since graduated more than 140 students. Schalk is well known for his numerous choral compositions as well as is hymn tunes and carols, which number over one hundred.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from scripture or creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

Offering

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below:



"Sussex Carol" is a Christmas carol popular in Britain, sometimes referred to by its first line "On Christmas night all Christians sing". Its words were first published by Luke Wadding, a 17th-century Irish bishop, in a work called Small Garland of Pious and Godly Songs (1684). It is unclear whether Wadding wrote the song or was recording an earlier composition.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Sussex Carol

English carol/arr. Robert Lau

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.

News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place.

Then all creation with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia.

Glory! Glory to God! Glory!

Now and forevermore, amen. Amen, amen!

*DOXOLOGY

MENDELSSOHN

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

*INVITATION

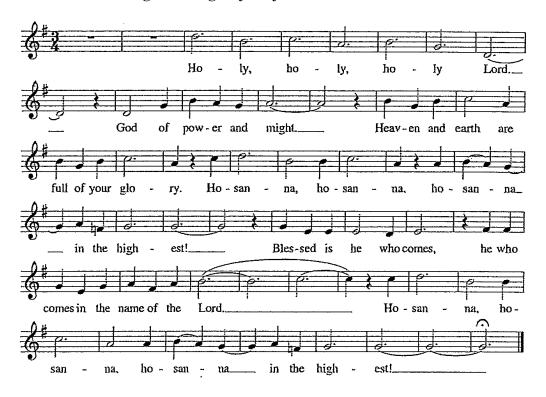
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... and we behold your glory, Emmanuel!

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs.

and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty... dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Prayed together.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Music during Communion

ANTHEMS

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst/arr. G. Alan Smith

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.
Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
Worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: Give my heart.

Though this text describes winter weather in England rather than in Palestine, the poet is using familiar surroundings as a means of making the Nativity more immediate and personal. The tune name honors a Gloucestershire village near the composer's birthplace in Cheltenham. MUSIC: Gustav Holst, 1906.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

(The plastic shield that you received with your candle is intended to ensure the safety of the congregation. Slide the shield down the candle for the purpose of lighting the candle. Once lighted, slide the shield up to fully enclose the flame.)

SPREADING THE LIGHT

HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new born King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round you virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugato and Presto on a Noël

Marcel Dupré

^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler by email at hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

Today @ Westminster

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Fran Linley

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CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

The offerings received tonight will be used to meet unanticipated or emergency situations of need, which from time to time, come to the attention of the pastors, and for which there is no provision in the regular budget. A portion of the proceeds are used for homeless and transient people. Your generosity is appreciated greatly!

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Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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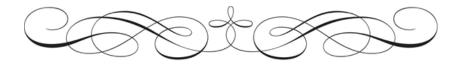
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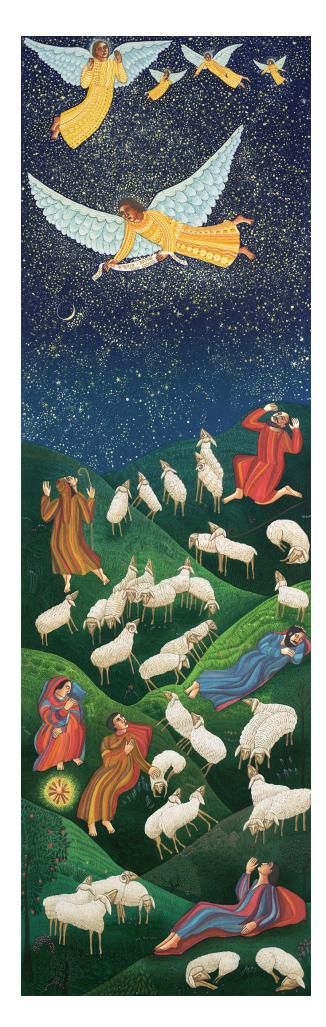
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On the cover:

The Shepherds – History of the Image The Shepherds was first drawn by John August Swanson in 1979 as an 8.75" x 5.5" pencil drawing to plan a scratchboard piece. It was later elongated to a 23" x 7" watercolor in 1983. Two years later, it was used in the creation of a 1985 serigraph, printed at Advanced Graphics Studio in London. And, three years after its printing, it became part of the Nativity Triptych in 1988, when Nativity, 1988 and Epiphany, 1988 were printed. The Triptych was further expanded to six artworks with the inclusion of: A Visit, 1995, Flight into Egypt, 2002, and Presentation in the Temple, 2004.

In 2011, Swanson revisited *The Shepherds* and *Nativity* for one of one editions created for Juan Diego Catholic High School in Salt Lake City, UT. A scan was made of the 1985 *Shepherds* serigraph, and a single giclée was printed of the piece. Additional details were hand-painted on top of the print by Swanson for the school, and the Swanson Studio kept a digital record of the artwork.

In March, 2023 work began on the posthumous giclée of *The Shepherds*. This giclée edition has been sized to match the height of *The Annunciation*. It has added soft, warm skin tones and gradations, as well as features additional details in the plants and sky from Swanson's other serigraphs, paintings, and sketches. Work was done directly on the digital record of the Juan Diego print to increase its resolution, to sharpen and refine its details, and to ensure there was no image degradation in the prints. This giclée edition completes Swanson's planned *Giclée Nativity Triptych*, and finished printing after almost seven months on September 29, 2023.



December 24, 2024 (10:30 p.m.)

