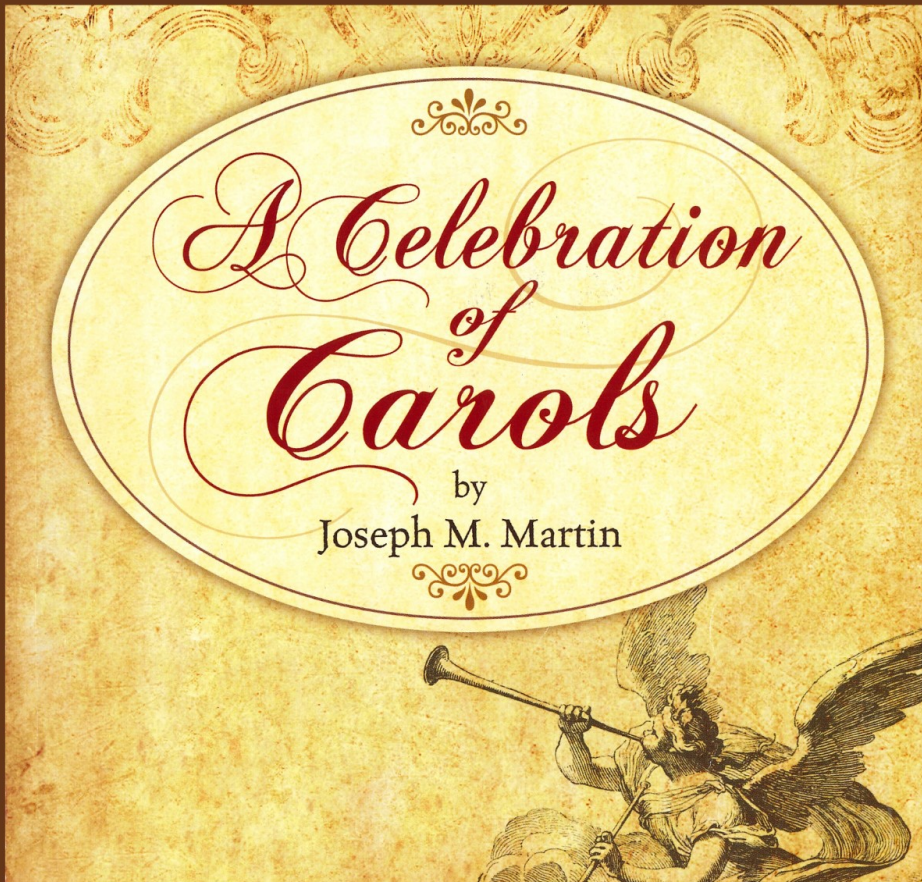


The Memorial Baptist Church
Chancel Choir
with Chamber Orchestra
presents



Sunday, December 11, 10:55am
1510 Greenville Blvd SE
Greenville, North Carolina

The Church In Worship

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS

The congregation is invited to sing the carols as printed.

PRELUDE

We Three Kings/O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Sandro Silva

Arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Wyatt Graham, acolyte — Bradley Turner, crucifer

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Brad Smith

A CHRISTMAS OVERTURE

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Allyson Rehm, Soloist

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

JÜNGST

People Lift Your Voices

CAROL OF THE BIRDS

Watchman Tell Us of the Night

FRENCH CAROL

Light Has Come, Let the Earth Proclaim!

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Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

Robbie and Megan Taylor
Kenly, Brooks, and Lincoln

† HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

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 heav'n above!

Glory to God, 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!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

THE FIRST LESSON

The Fall of Adam—Genesis 3:1-11

Beth Harman

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT: COME, LORD JESUS, COME

incorporating the tune VENI EMMANUEL

THE SECOND LESSON

The Promise to Abraham—Genesis 12:2-3

Brad Smith

PEOPLE OF PROMISE ARISE!

Incorporating carol tunes SUSSEX CAROL, BESANÇON, REGENT SQUARE

THE THIRD LESSON	The Peace of Christ Is Foretold—Isaiah 9:2, 6	Beth Harman
SONGS OF HOPE AND JOY	Incorporating tunes DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, HYFRYDOL, CRUSADERS' HYMN	
THE FOURTH LESSON	Christ's Birth and Kingdom Foretold—Isaiah 11:1-3	Brad Smith

Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> Heather Blais, Soloist	ST. LOUIS
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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.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
 No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

THE FIFTH LESSON	The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary—Luke 1:26-31	Beth Harman
MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD	Incorporating carol tune TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY Mary Roby, Soloist	

THE SIXTH LESSON	The Birth of Christ—Luke 2:1-7	Brad Smith
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LULLABIES OF BETHLEHEM		O COME LITTLE CHILDREN
<i>O Come, Little Children</i> Bonnie Porter, Soloist		
<i>Still, Still, Still</i> Laura Roach, Soloist		STILL STILL STILL
<i>Holy Jesus, Little One</i>		ROCKING CAROL
<i>O Come, Let Us Adore Him</i> Ella Roach, Soloist		ADESTE FIDELIS

THE SEVENTH LESSON	The Shepherds Go to the Manger—Luke 2:8-17	Beth Harman
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† HYMN	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
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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!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
 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 newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE EIGHTH LESSON

The Magi Follow the Star—Matthew 2:1-2

Brad Smith

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CJ Messerli, Deacon

The offering will be received as the choir sings.

CAROLS OF SEEKERS

*Seekers Come, To Find the Promised One
Shine Holy Light, With Golden Ray*

LA MARCHE DES ROI
COVENTRY CAROL

THE NINTH LESSON

The Mystery of the Incarnation—John 1:1-5

Beth Harman

LET CHRISTMAS BEGIN

STOWEY

Maggie Ford, Soprano
Bill Lee, Tenor

Joyce Chandler, Alto
Dave Taylor, Bass

† A TRILOGY OF CHRISTMAS HYMNS

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Stanza 2—Choir only

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Noel the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.
With th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us all from earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

CLOSING WORDS AND BENEDICTION

Brad Smith

† POSTLUDE

Toccatina on *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Sandro Silva

† All who are able, please stand.

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