



DECEMBER 10, 2023

The Memorial Baptist Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

O HOLY LIGHT

A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS

by Mary McDonald

presented by the

Chancel Choir
with Orchestra



The Church in Worship

Advent 2023: *O Holy Light*—A Cantata For Christmas



HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?

We Find Joy in Connection

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Three Bells

WELCOME TO THE WORSHIPERS

Brad Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy Brown and Congregation

Welcome to worship.

Welcome to worship.

I am glad you're here.

I am glad you're here.

Surely God is in this place.

Surely God is in this place.

I see the presence of Christ in you.

I see the presence of Christ in you.

Let us worship together.

Let us worship together.

PRELUDE

Excerpt from *Festive Overture for Christmas*
arr. Cranfield

Orchestra

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 104

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Acolyte: Ella Roach—Crucifer: Aubrey Turner—Banner: Bradley Turner

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Joy

Matt and Julie Turner
Zach, Bradley, and Aubrey

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Scott Godefroy

OFFERTORY

Choral Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"
BWV 645—J.S. Bach

Sandro Silva

During the Offertory, all preschoolers through five years old (including K)
are invited to move to Extended Session in the Children's Wing.
Meet Mrs. Susan Snellings at the front of the Sanctuary, piano side.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PRESENT

O Holy Light

by Mary McDonald

I. Rejoice! Your Light Has Come

Children, arise! Open your eyes! See heaven's glory illumine the sky!

Children, rejoice! Lift up your voice! Darkness will turn to light!

Hope is dawning, peace to the world; Christ will come and cheer,

Bringing joy and love to the world; the Advent of Christ is here!

Arise and shine, your light has come, the glory of the Lord is with you!

Arise and shine, your light has come, the Light of the world is with you!

Come, people, arise! Open your eyes! See heaven's glory illumine the sky!
Let every voice sing and rejoice! Darkness will turn to light!
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, rejoice!

II. O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until God's Son appear.
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night. Dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come, O Israel, shall come, O Israel!
O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, order all things far and nigh.
To us the path of knowledge show. Lead us in her ways to go.
O come, Desire of nations, bind all in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease. Fill the world with heaven's peace.

III. Worship Christ, the Newborn King

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight over all the earth.
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching over their flocks by night.
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
O come, little children, o come, one and all, to Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall,
and see with rejoicing this glorious sight, our Father in heaven has sent us this night.
Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen the Infant's star.
Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly, the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.

IV. The Christmas Gift

'Tis the Gift of a Savior, 'tis the Gift of God's love who came to us from heav'n above.
The Promised Messiah born in Bethlehem's stall came to free his own as the Lord of all.
Sing, sing, a simple song of cheer; a Christmas gift for all is here!
Sing! Sing, for this Holy One is a gift of love, God's holy Son!
Give a gift, sing a carol, let the heart rejoice, share the news of Christ, lift up your voice,
the darkness fades, there is Hope this night: Christ is born, the Lord of Light!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

V. In a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but Little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Sleep, sleep, Child in the night. Baby Jesus, sleep till the light.
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.

VI. O Holy Light

On a silent night, shone a holy light; light of joy, hope, peace and love, sent to us from heav'n above.
On a quiet night, led by God's own light, shepherds followed from afar, led by a shining star.
O star of wonder, star of night, a heav'nly light! Behold His glory at the sight: God's holy Light.
Lord, come to us, abide with us; grant us Your peace and love, hope and joy from heav'n above.
Emmanuel, God with us! His glory shining bright. Noel! Noel! For Christ is born, is come to us this night!

VII. May the Light of Christ

May the light of Christ dwell in our hearts, and His Spirit shine through us.

May the love of Jesus ne'er depart, and His love abide in us.

The baby Jesus, born tonight, is a light for all to see. His glory shines a radiant sight. God's only Son is He.

May the light, may the light of Jesus shine, a reflection of love for all;
a gift of love, bringing peace, giving hope, this One, the Son of God.

He is God of glory, heaven's peace, Lord of life and Lord of love.
Descend to us this Holy night from the Father's home above.

The Son of Mary, Son of God, the host of angels sing:
"Gloria! Rejoice this Holy night." Born a Savior, born a King!

VIII. Come and Adore Him

Congregation Sings

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!

Good Christians, all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!

Man and beast before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.

Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains;
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

IX. Rejoice! Your Light Has Come (reprise)

Come, people, arise! Open your eyes! See heaven's glory illumine the sky!

Let every voice sing and rejoice! Darkness will turn to light!

Arise and shine, your light has come, the glory of the Lord is with you!

Arise and shine, your light has come, the Light of the world is with you!

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, rejoice!

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?
Finding Joy in Connection

Brad Smith

† BENEDICTION

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† POSTLUDE

The Joy of Christmas
arr. Cranfield

Orchestra



† All who are able, please stand

Please note that the nursery is available during today's Morning Worship service for infants and children up to three years of age.

Serving in Worship Today:

Mr. Andy Brown—Call to Worship

Ms. Ella Roach—Acolyte

Ms. Aubrey Turner—Crucifer

Mr. Bradley Turner—Banner Holder

Mr. Matt and Mrs. Julie Turner, Zach, Bradley, and Aubrey Turner—Lighting the Advent Candle

Mr. Scott Godefroy—Deacon

Mrs. Susan Snellings—Extended Session

Mr. Chad Graham, Mrs. Brianne Lamm, and Mr. Tony Godwin—Media Ministry Team

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Dr. Andrew Roby, Associate Pastor—Music and Worship Arts

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Mrs. Beth Harman and Mr. Jay Surles

THE ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

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Yulia Price

VIOLA

Jorge Richter

CELLO

Jesse Smith

TRUMPET

Carlos Richter

TROMBONE

Jesse Rackley III

PERCUSSION

Quintin Mallette

TIMPANI

Harold Jones

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Dale Cox

OBOE/ENGLISH HORN

Robert Burkett

HORN

Bobby Malone

CLARINET

Pamela Day

BASSOON

Christopher Ulffers

DOUBLE BASS

Chris Buddo

ORGAN

Sandro Silva

PIANO

Fran Wilson

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANO

Debra Bradshaw

Deborah Dufresne

Maggie Ford

Sue Morgan

Bonnie Porter

Allyson Potter

Marsha Rehm

Jennifer Smith

TENOR

Gavin Adams

Guy Divon

Russ Gray

Thomas Lamm

Bill Lee

Tyler Roach

BASS

John Carroll

Jim Harris

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Laura Roach

Mary Roby

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Sharon Surles

Cynthia Wease

Ann Wilmer



How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Advent 2023



Advent 1 - Sunday, December 3

We exchange weariness for hope

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:55 am - Morning Worship -

Hanging of the Green

6:00 pm - Youth Angel Tree Shopping

7:00 pm - O Holy Light at Cypress Glen



Advent 2 - Sunday, December 10

We find joy in connection

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:55 am - Chancel Choir and Orchestra present

O Holy Light in Morning Worship

5:00 pm - Children & Youth Advent Party



Advent 3 - Sunday, December 17

We allow ourselves to be amazed

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:55 am - Youth Worship Arts and Chancel

Handbells share in Morning Worship

3:00 pm - Caroling & Youth Progressive Dinner



Advent 4 - Sunday, December 24 (Morning)

We sing stories of hope

10:00 am - Fellowship Coffee Hour

10:45 am - Casual Morning Worship

Sunday, December 24 (Evening)

We make room

7:00 pm - Candlelight, Carols, and Communion Service



Christmas at Memorial



DECEMBER 3-
Hanging of the Green

10:55 AM



DECEMBER 10-
"O Holy Light" Cantata

10:55 AM



DECEMBER 10-
Youth & Children Party

5:00 PM



DECEMBER 13-
Preschool Christmas
Program

11:00 AM



DECEMBER 14
Children's Storytime

6:00 PM



DECEMBER 17
Christmas Caroling

3:00 PM



DECEMBER 17
Youth Progressive
Dinner & Caroling

3:00 PM



DECEMBER 24
Fellowship Coffee Hour

10:00 AM



DECEMBER 24
Casual Morning
Worship

10:55 AM



DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

7:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
Second Sunday in Advent

9:45 am—Sunday School
10:55 am—Morning Worship—
O Holy Light Cantata
5:00 pm—Youth Worship Arts
5:00 pm—Youth & Children Advent Party
5:45 pm—Chancel Handbells

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:00 pm—Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

11:00 am—Preschool Christmas Program
7:00 pm—Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:00 pm—Children's Story Time

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
Third Sunday in Advent

9:45 am—Sunday School
10:55 am—Morning Worship
3:00 pm—Christmas Caroling
3:00 pm—Youth Progressive Dinner

Children's Story Time

Thursday, December 14
6:00-7:30 pm

WE WILL BE READING "THE SPARKLE BOX" BY JILL HARDIE, AND MAKING A CRAFT. DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED! CHILDREN CAN WEAR PAJAMAS, AND BRING A STUFFED ANIMAL, PILLOW, AND BLANKET

Youth - Reach out to Mrs. Jane to help with story time!

Join Us!

**CHRISTMAS
CAROLING**

Sunday, December 17

3:00 pm

First Time?

Please fill out
our electronic
Guest Form
by scanning
the QR code below.



Thank you for visiting!

We are so glad you could join us
in worship this morning!
Want to know more? Reach out
at info@tmbc.org or
(252) 756-5314 to get connected!



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