



## 48th Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2017

7:30 p.m.

### WELCOME

PRELUDE *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 769: Canon per augmentationem*  
(From Heaven on High, I Come Here) J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Allen, Paula, Anthony, and Kelly Burton

*Pastorale Natalizia* Ettore Pozzoli  
(1873-1957, Italian)

HYMN Once in Royal David's City *IRBY*  
Words: C.F. Alexander  
Music: H.J. Gauntlett  
Verses 1-3 harmonized by A.H. Mann  
Verse 4 arr. by David Willcocks  
Trio: Alexandra DaSilva, Caterina DaSilva, and Chloe Eavy

*Trio: 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.*

*Choir: 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 and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*\*All: For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.*

\* If you are able, please stand

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah ix  
*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*  
Emmanuel Morgan

ANTHEM

Great Our Festivity  
Andrew Carter

Great our festivity, welcome the morn.  
Greet His nativity, Jesus is born.  
Veni nunc Domine, viva cum homine, Patris in nomine, Jesus is born  
(translates: Come now God, live among people in the name of the Father)  
Jesus is born.

Cradled in modesty, laid in the stall.  
Christ in His majesty waits for us all.  
Rex adorabilis, Rex tam amabilis, Salus mirabilis,  
(translates: King adored, King worthy of love, wonderful salvation)  
Jesus is born.

Here in serenity see His divinity.  
Here in tranquility kneel in humility.  
Come to Him prayerfully, follow Him peacefully, honour Him cheerfully,  
worship Him joyfully.

So sing we merrily, loudly and long.  
So make we melody, thankful our song.  
Pleni nunc gaudio, laeti cum angelo, laudamus Domino  
(translates: Filled with gladness, angels are messengers, praise God)  
Jesus is born.

\*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*ADESTE FIDELES*

Words and Music: J.F. Wade

Intro and verse 1 arr. by Robert J. Powell

Verses 3 and 4 arr. by David Willcocks

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!

True God of true God, light from light eternal  
Lo! he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, Begotten, not created:  
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,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, all 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 given;  
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!

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah xi

Hannah Foster

*The peace that Christ will bring is foretold*

## ANTHEM

## Carol of the Stable

Robert W. Lehman

Sleep, thou child, and peace attend thee, Holy angels 'round thy head.  
Ox and cattle keep their vigil in the stable 'round thy bed.

Lo, the earth in silence sleeping, welcomes not this holy child.  
Tender mother, vigil keeping o'er her son, so meek and mild.

Gentle Mary, loving mother, holy woman, sacred womb.  
Thou art chosen above all others, thou wilt see Him to the tomb.

Grace and peace, the worlds Redeemer, destined for a cruel fate.  
He who formed the arching heavens sleeps in such a low estate.

Heavenly Host, their silence breaking, tell the shepherds where they lie.  
Choirs of stars and angel hosts sing "Glory be to God on high".

Gloria in excelsis Deo! (translates: Glory to God in the highest).  
Angels sing o'er all the earth, Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Sing we of this holy birth.



## THIRD LESSON

St Luke i

Stacey Simpson Duke

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

## ANTHEM

## To Abraham the Promise Came

David MacDonald

Sam Kidd, *baritone* and Kristine Overman, *soprano*

To Abraham the promise came and to his seed forever,  
A light to shine in Isaac's line by scripture we discover.  
Hail promised morn the Savior's born, the glorious Mediator.  
God's blessed Word made flesh and blood assumed the human nature.

His parents poor in earthly store to entertain the stranger,  
They found no bed to lay His head but in the ox's manger.  
No royal things, as used by kings, were seen by those that found Him.  
But in the hay the stranger lay with swaddling bands around Him.

On that same night a glorious light to shepherds there appeared,  
Bright angels came in shining flame, they saw and greatly feared.  
The angels said "Be not afraid, although we much alarm you,  
We do appear good news to bear, as now we will inform you.

The city's name is Bethlehem in which God hath appointed.  
This glorious morn a Savior's born, for Him God anointed.  
By this you'll know if you will go to see this little stranger,  
His lovely charms in Mary's arms, both lying in a manger".

When this was said, straightway was made a glorious sound from heaven.  
Each flaming tongue an anthem sung "To men a Savior's given.  
In Jesus' name the glorious theme, we elevate our voices,  
At Jesus' birth be peace on earth, meanwhile all heaven rejoices".

Hail promised morn, the Savior's born, the glorious Mediator.  
God's blessed Word made flesh and blood, assumed the human nature.

\*HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Words and music: Trad. French Carol (Lk. 2:6-20)

Arr. by Mack Wilberg and Tim Doran

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 heavenly song?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ 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!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!



FOURTH LESSON

St Matthew i

Kevin Morgan

*St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus*

FIFTH LESSON

St Luke ii

Hannah Bingham

*St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

ANTHEM

Rosa Mystica

Chrysogonus Waddel

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu,  
Alleluia!

For in that rose contained was Heav'n and earth in little space,  
Resmiranda! (O thing of wonder)

By that rose we well may see there be One God in persons three,  
Pares forma! (Perfect form)

The angels sang, the shepherds too, Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gaudeamus! (Let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth,  
Transeamus! (Let us pass over)

## ANTHEM

## This Blessed Christmas Night

Eleanor Daly

Look to the east, good people, see the wondrous star,  
pointing the way to Bethlehem, shining from afar.  
Look to the east, behold the star of light,  
Love will shine for all this blessed Christmas night.

See the star of Bethlehem herald of the sky,  
Hear the angels singing "Glory to God on High".  
Tell how the shepherds saw the wondrous sight,  
Love is seen for all this blessed Christmas night.

Sages bring their gifts to worship the Jesus Child,  
Watching o'er Him sleeping, Mary the Virgin mild.  
Gold, myrrh and incense for the Child of Light,  
Love was given for all this blessed Christmas night.

Peace to all He brings us, hope to all the earth,  
Love, forever bringing life, and joy, and mirth.  
Come into our hearts, Thou chosen Son of light,  
Love has come for all this blessed Christmas night.

Look to your hearts, good people of a world forlorn,  
Sorrow and sadness are ended, Christ the Lord is born.  
Look to your hearts, Oh praise the Lord of light,  
Love is born for all this blessed Christmas night.

## \*HYMN

## Sing We Now of Christmas

*FRENCH CAROL*

Words and music: Trad. French carol

Arr. by Martin Shaw, John Bell, and Shin-Ae Chun

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!  
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,  
Seated by the manger, watching the holy child.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

From the eastern country came the kings afar,  
Bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;  
there was never a stable so like paradise.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

## SIXTH LESSON

St. John i

Paul Simpson Duke

*St John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation*

ANTHEM                                      O Magnum Mysterium                                      Tomas Luis de Victoria

O Magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum.  
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem.  
Jacentem in praesepio.  
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christe. Alleluia!

Translation:  
O great mystery and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals might see the birth of the Lord as He lay in the manger.  
O, Blessed Virgin,  
Who was worthy of bearing our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia!

SEVENTH LESSON                                      1 John iv                                      Pete Stover  
*St John exhorts us to love one another*

ANTHEM                                      In the Bleak Midwinter                                      Nathan Jones

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.  
But his mother only 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.

\*HYMN                                      Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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!

\*COLLECT (IN UNISON)

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming,  
grant that we, who with joy receive your only Son as our Redeemer,  
may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge,  
even your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

*STILLE NACHT*  
Words: Joseph Mohr  
Music: Franz Grüber  
Arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

\*HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*MENDELSSOHN*  
Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn  
Intro by Raymond H. Hann  
Verse 3 arr. by David Willcocks

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 host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*  
(From Heaven on High, I Come Here)

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Benton Price

The form of service known as The Festival of Lessons and Carols has been presented in First Baptist Church each Christmas Eve since 1970. It is patterned after a similar service presented annually since the close of World War I in King's College, Cambridge, itself based on ancient sources.

### *Announcements:*

Childcare is available on the third floor for infants through first grade. Older children are invited to take an activity packet, available at the entrances.

Please turn off all cell phones.

Donations for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering 2017 will continue to be received throughout the month of December. Envelopes are available in the pews, and offering plates are near the exit doors. Please give generously.

Please join us on Sunday mornings for our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

### *Special thanks to*

The Sanctuary Choir

*Soloists:* Alexandra DaSilva, Caterina DaSilva, Chloe Eavy,  
Samuel Kidd, Kristine Overman

*Readers:* Emmanuel Morgan, Hannah Foster, Stacey Simpson Duke, Kevin Morgan,  
Hannah Bingham, Paul Simpson Duke, Pete Stover

*Acolytes:* Charlie Duke, Rob Duke, Max Halliday, Sam Halliday

*Ushers:* Mary Davis, Geoff and Jeanette Halliday, Max Halliday,

Sam Halliday, Roberta Hause, Bob and Kristin Reynolds, Bill and Robbie Stapleton

*Sanctuary Decorations:* Greg Cartee, May Cartee, Sue Ellen Glover, Sam Halliday,  
Carolyn Hillebrand, Bev Inbody, Bob Kidd, Drew Mast, Nancy Paul, Joyce Robbins,

Nancy Rushton, Robb Rushton, and Geoff and Jeanette Halliday.

*Sextons:* Joshua Carver, Anjali Nemorin, Havah Roussel, Chance Stine

*Sound:* Joyce Robbins

Poinsettias have been given by \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of:

The Alaniz Family	Carol & Murphy Stumpf and Ralph & Barbara Alaniz
Her Grandchildren	Pat Huebel's 86th birthday
Beverly Inbody	Juanita Dieterle
The Morgan Family	Rick Stravers' 65th birthday
David Robbins	Joyce Robbins
Lynn Suits and Family	Jim & Jerry Suits

Poinsettias have been given by \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of:

The Bates Family	Bonnie Bates
Katherine Becker	Emory and Louise Eley Carl and Helen Becker
Katherine Becker & Beverly Inbody	Ginny McKeachie
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Roberta Hause	Jim Hause
Beverly Inbody	Orrin and Doris Inbody, and Wanda Finn
Vernon Jensen	Bonnie Jean Jensen
David, Candee & Andrew Lee	Harry & Elizabeth Lee
Omer & David Robbins	Elsie Robbins
Nancy Rushton	George and Velda Sanders
Lynn Suits and Family	Hazel Suits & Flossie Feiner
Linda Turner	Tommy Turner
The White Family	Burne K White

*\*\* Please take your poinsettias home after the service. \*\**

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