



FESTIVAL of CAROLS



BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN

PERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 14, 2008
Nine o'clock and Eleven o'clock in the morning

Perry United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Choir
and
Sanctuary Bells
with
Orchestra
present
Festival of Carols
by Joseph M. Martin

Prelude	Harp Selections
Greeting	Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams
Announcements	Rev. Billy Kimbrel
Advent Candlelighting Litany	9:00 Mark and Lyle Massey and Family 11:00 Betty Whipple and Jane Whipple Mallory Bowen

Leader: God's Word calls us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. The candles of the season herald that light, brightening these days of preparation.

People: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let there be light!"

Leader: By the light of God's creation, we are led to the brighter light of faith and trust in him:

People: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?

Leader: With the coming of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the light shines still more brightly.

People: In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shines in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Leader: May the glow of these candles symbolize the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, shining in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. May our paths be lighted with his peace, not only now, but all the days of our lives.

People: All praise to God's eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore!

The Offertory Prayer Rev. Kimbrel

The Offertory *Pastorale* from Concerto Grosso "Christmas Concerto" in G Minor, op.6 no.8 A. Corelli
flutes, strings and organ

Festival of Carols

*A Christmas Processional choir and congregation IRBY and ADESTE FIDELES
Rev. Roland Fall, Bidding Prayer

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!

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 “The Fall of Adam” Russell Walker
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

A Father’s Love, A Perfect Rose 13th Century Plainsong DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
choir with Tommy Storey, soloist

The Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18 “God’s Covenant with Abraham” Lanier Moore
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 15th Century Plainsong VENI EMMANUEL
choir and congregation

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
our spirits by Thine Advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease.
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

Refrain

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 “The Birth of Christ Foretold” Rev. Kimbrel
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

Celtic Advent Carol Angerman/Martin

The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-3a, 4a, 6-9 “The Peace of Christ Foretold” Emma O’Neill
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus choir and congregation HYFRYDOL

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet, a king,
born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne!
By Thine own eternal spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone.

The Fifth Reading: Luke 1: 26-35, 38 “The Angel Gabriel’s appearance to Mary”
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

Claire Flowers

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

13th Century Plainsong
choir with Nanette O’Neill, soloist

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2: 1, 3-7 “The Birth of Jesus”
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

Kollyn Lawson

Cradle Carols

choir and congregation

MUELLER/ST LOUIS/STILLE NACHT

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the Little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright 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.

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.

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.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born.”

The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16 “The Shepherd’s Journey to the Manger”
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

Brenda Duke

A Noel Celebration

Medley of Traditional Spanish, German and French Melodies

The Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 “The Scholars’ Pilgrimage to the Child” Dennis Hooper
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

A Christmas Invitation

KINGS OF THE ORIENT/WASSAIL SONG
SUSSEX CAROL/IN DULCI JUBILO

The Ninth Lesson: John 1: 1-14 “The Mystery of the Incarnation” Charles Hargrove
congregational response: **Thanks be to God.**

A Christmas Thanksgiving

choir with Miriam Marchetti, soloist

CRADLE SONG

*Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Jackson-Adams

**A Christmas Recessional*

choir and congregation

GLORIA/REGENT SQUARE
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 angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace.
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings;
Risen 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.

Refrain

Postlude

Brass Selections

*stand as able

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Jackie Beeland
Martin Beeland
Beverly Birdsong
Wayne Bohannon
Sybil Brown
Jessica Cadwell
Jean Campbell
Jeanie Cassell
Julie Cawthon
Mollie Culpepper
Charles Daniel
Grace Daniel
Betty Dawkins
Skip Dawkins
Brenda Duke
Elizabeth Flowers
Ed Graening

Fran Hartman
Carla Hillis
Donna Hooper
Carol Horton
William Jackson
Bill Jackson-Adams
Junie Jamison
Tara Johnson
Martha Johnson
Beth Jones
Marge Jordan
Barbara Langston
Robert McTyre
Miriam Marchetti
Jackie Marshall
Allen Mason
Linda Mason

Bob Messer
Leona Mixon
Bill Montgomery
Sara Muse
Ben Newberry
Michael O'Neill
Nanette O'Neill
Foster Rhodes
Vera Scott
Dianne Scruggs
Randy Stillwell
Connie Storey
Tommy Storey
Alice Street
June Stubbs
Anita Williams

THE SANCTUARY BELLS

Eunice Andrews
Skip Dawkins
Fran Hartman
Carla Hillis
Junie Jamison
Allen Mason
Linda Mason
Michael O'Neill
Anita Williams
Caron Williams

Violins: Conrad Thomas
Adrian Gnam
Viola: Ting Chaowen
Cello: Robert Nowak
Bass: Susa Quinn
Flutes: Kelley Dixson
Christina Hennecken
Oboe: Abby Rowswell
Clarinet: Gene Salyer
Monty Cole
Bassoon: Jerome Minor

THE ORCHESTRA

Trumpets: Marcel Marchetti
Mike Richter
Matt Kirkpatrick
Trombones: Charles Anderson
John Alexander
Eric Frank
French Horn: Ryan Miles
Kori Miles
Harp: Calista Anne Waddy
Percussion: Jay Jimerson
Dave McArel
Tim Shaw

Jane Kimbrel, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams, Senior Pastor

Rev. Roland Fall, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Rev. Billy Kimbrel, Associate Pastor for Evangelism

Krissy Pope, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministries

Miriam Marchetti, Music Associate

Grace Daniel, Organist

Deborah Walker, Pianist

Dicky Gilbert, Sound Technician