



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
REBROADCASTED ON RADIO ONLY  
JANUARY 1, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please welcome today's guest musicians:

I Violin: Johnathan Spence

Cello: Jeff Phelps

II Violin: Olivia Cottrell

Flute: Wayla Chambo

Viola: Jocelyn Smith

Oboe: David Garcia

GREETING

Charles Qualls

VOLUNTARY

*A Holst Christmas*  
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

DOUGLAS WAGNER

\*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

BAUGH

**Hope, peace, joy, and love!**  
**These are gifts You bring from above.**  
**Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be**  
**light of Your joy, reflected in me.**

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Travis Felts

**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.**

\*CAROL 122

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IL DULCI JUBILO

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

Dawna and Jim Walton

We light this candle as a symbol of God's  
love for us and our love for one another.

**For the Lord rejoices over us, with gladness,  
and renews us in his love.**

He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

SUNG RESPONSE (seated)

*Emmanuel*

MCGEE

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**

\*CAROL 125

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

JOHN LEAVITT

\*DOXOLOGY

*What Child is This*

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant king, to own Him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

**Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.**

**Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charles Qualls

**The Gift**

**A Christmas Cantata by Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra**

**Narrators: Nancy Bridges and Travis Felts**

**(Note: The congregation is asked to sing the lyrics found in bold.)**

NARRATION

*Prepare, Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Your King shall come, the promised one.  
Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Your King shall come in the morning!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

NARRATION

*Come, Divine Messiah, Come*

Come, O come, divine Messiah, 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 thy own eternal Spirit, rule in all  
our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.  
Come, divine Messiah, come.

NARRATION

*Royal David's City*

*(Text may be found in the Celebrating Grace Hymnal, #104, stanzas 1 and 2)*

O holy child of Bethlehem; 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.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord,  
heaven's gift from above! And he leads his children  
on the place where he has gone. Emmanuel; God's gift of love.  
Jesus Christ, heaven's gift from above!

NARRATION

*Christ is Born This Holy Night*

Child of hope, child of peace, heaven's gift, love's purest light!  
Child of joy, child of grace, Christ is born this holy night.  
Prophets had foretold his coming,  
King of kings and Lord of lords!  
A humble manger now enthrones him,  
newborn King for all the world!  
Promised One, God's own son,  
heaven's gift sent from on high!  
Emmanuel now comes to dwell.  
Christ is born this holy night.

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing,  
tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ is born this holy night.

NARRATION

*Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!*

Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace on earth!  
Glory to God in the highest heaven, celebrate the birth  
of Emmanuel who comes to dwell with his people from on high.  
Rejoice and sing, the newborn King is born this holy night!

There were shepherds in the field on a cold,  
dark night keeping watch over their flock by the star's dim light.  
Then suddenly the night sky shone as the dark turned into light.  
And then the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring good news tonight!"

"Go to Bethlehem," so the angel said, "and there you'll find the babe in a manger bed." Then suddenly the heavens blazed as God's glory pierced the night. "All praise to God!" the angels sang as the music filled the skies. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Rejoice and sing, the newborn King is born this holy night!

NARRATION

*Come and Worship the King*

Gentle Mary laid her child in a lowly manger; there he lay, the undefiled, yet to the world a stranger. Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story! Praise this King who comes to earth; praise the King of glory! Come and worship the King; join the shepherds who bring their praise. Worship and adore!  
Come and worship the King; join the Magi who bring their gifts.  
Come and worship the Lord.

The shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
all the plains lit that night; all the hills were ringing.  
Sages marveled at his birth, sought the King and found him!  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him!

Come and worship the King; join the shepherds who bring their praise. Worship and adore! Come and worship the King; join the Magi who bring their gifts. Come and worship the Lord. O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Come and worship the King; earth and heaven shall ring with praise! Come and worship the Lord.

NARRATION

*The Gifts We Bring*

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its glorious light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,  
there to bend the knee before the child, he whom heaven and earth adore;  
so, may we with faithful, willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

Lord, receive our grateful offering, gifts of heart and mind,  
and soul and strength. Lord, receive the humble gifts we bring.

As they offered gifts most rare at the cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with true and holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
our costliest treasures humbly bring to Christ the newborn King.

Lord, receive our grateful offering, gifts of heart and mind, and soul and strength. 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 can I give him?  
Give him my heart. Lord receive the gifts we bring.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Year-End Contributions**

In compliance with IRS regulations, all contributions for 2022 must be **received by December 31, 2022**. Any contributions received after that day will be posted to 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Anyone interested in donating stock to the church prior to the end of the year may use our accounts at Wells Fargo or Edward Jones in Franklin. If you have any questions, please call Bill Howell at 757-650-8893.

### **Missions Team Coat Project**

We are looking to provide 120 coats to Franklin High School 8th-12<sup>th</sup> graders. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year donating coats to students.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please include **School Missions in the memo line**. The deadline for donations is **December 31, 2022**. Thank you for your continued support!



### **New Year Day Worship Only at 10:00 AM - Chapel**

New Year Day also happens to be The Lord's Day as 2023 dawns. **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM** we'll gather for a brief service in the chapel. Join us for music and an abbreviated traditional service featuring a meditation entitled, "You Never Know What a New Year Will Bring!" **No Sunday School**.



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