CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018
The Arts Program at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
Rev. Bill Britt, Senior Minister

presents

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday, December 16, 2018, 5:30 pm

PRELUDE

Gesù Bambino
Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

Betsy Stuart, oboe

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bill Britt

INTROIT

Creator of the Stars of Night
Conditor Alme
The Chamber Singers

OPENING CAROL

Once in Royal David's City
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

† Please stand as the crucifer passes your pew.

Stanza one      Katherine Beale, soloist
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.

Stanza two      All
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 Saviour holy.

Stanza three    Women of the Congregation
And through all his wondrous childhood He would honour and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay. Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

Stanza four     Men of the Congregation
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.

Stanza five     All
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.

Stanza six      All
Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by. We shall see him; but in heaven, set at
God’s right hand on high. Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

† The people are seated.
FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15, 17-19

Read by Dan Beale
(from the Chamber Singers)

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL, 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(stanzas one and four)

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Read by Julie Trowbridge
(from Peachtree Carillon)

Christ's birth is foretold by Isaiah.

ANTHEM

Lully, lully, lullay

Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

Lully, lully, lully, by, by, lully, lullay. O sisters too how many we do so for to preserve this day? This poor youngling for whom we sing, thou little tiny Child. Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day. His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day. For Thy parting neither say nor sing, by, by, lully, lullay.

Traditional Carol

Mary Alison Hamby, soprano

THIRD LESSON

Micah 5:2-5

Read by Tom Cook
(from the Carols by Candlelight Choir)

Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem.

CAROL, 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(stanza one)

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Read by Eva Batelaan
(from Doxology Youth Chorale)

The Angel Gabriel.

ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel

arr. William Gross
(Peachtree Carillon
(Twentieth Century)

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Read by Francie Lovein
(from the Confirmation Class)

The Christ Child's Birth.

ANTHEM

Carol of the bells

M. Leontovich
(arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
Doxology Youth Chorale

Hark how the bells; sweet silver bells, all seem to say “throw cares away”. Christmas is here bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold. That is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling. Hark to the bells, high sounding bells, joyfully ring, born is the King. Oh how they pound, raising the sound, o’er hill and dale, telling their tale, gayly they ring, while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas is here. Merry Christmas! On they send, on without end their joyful tone to every home. Born is the King.

Doxology Youth Chorale
SIXTH LESSON  
Luke 2:8-14  
Read by Kate Coker, Caeley Ellinger  
(from the Confirmation Class)  

An angel proclaims the Messiah’s birth.

CAROL, 219  
What Child Is This  
(stanza one)  

SEVENTH LESSON  
Luke 2:15-20  
Read by Dayton Mucha  
(from the Confirmation Class)  

The shepherds go to the manger.

ANTHEM  
How far is it to Bethlehem  
Setting by Gordon Lawson  

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far. Shall we find the stable room lit by a star? Can we see the little child, is he within? If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in? May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass or sheep? May we peep like them and find Jesus asleep? If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake? Will he know we’ve come so far just for his sake? Great kings have precious gifts, and we have naught, little smiles and little tears are all we brought. For all weary children Mary must weep, here on his bed of straw, sleep, children sleep. God’s in his mother’s arms; babes in the byre, sleep as they sleep who find their heart’s desire.

The Carols by Candlelight Choir

EIGHTH LESSON  
Matthew 2:1-11  
Read by Lucy David, Chase Elsas  
(from the Confirmation Class)  

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

At the Offertory

CAROL, 254  
We Three Kings  
Kings of Orient  

† The people stand.

NINTH LESSON  
John 1:1-14  
Read by Rev. Bill Britt, Senior Minister  

The great mystery of the Incarnation unfolds.

CAROL, 234  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
(Adeste Fidelis)  
(stanzas one, two, three, four and six)  

† The people are seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CAROLS

_Silent Night, Holy Night_  
Stille Nacht

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, 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.

_The First Noel_  
Traditional English Carol

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.

_Angels We Have Heard On High_  
Gloria

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain:* _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.

*Refrain*

BENEDICTION  
Rev. Bill Britt

† The people stand.

CLOSING CAROL  
_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 host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Refrain:* _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.

*Refrain*

† The people extinguish their candles.

POSTLUDE  
_Noel Etranger_  
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Scott Atchison, organ
THE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT CHOIR  
Nicole Marane, Conductor

**Soprano**  
Kate Alexander  
Patricia Batelaan  
Chelsea Bohannon  
Claire Bowen  
Ann Brock  
*Melanie Burbules  
Elizabeth Byrd  
Collier Collier  
Elizabeth Dangler  
Lindsay Geist  
Wendy Guttin  
Kelly Guest  
*Mary Allison Hamby  
Harriet Hoskyns-Abraholl  
Hannah Jones  
Virginia Killorin  
Janet Kresser  

**Alto**  
Beth Ahrenhold  
Anne P. Bailey  
Julia Forbes  
*Clarke Harris  
Lesley Jones  
Janell Martin  
Jackie Pirkle  

**Tenor**  
*Matthew Boatwright  
Mason Brannon  
Tom Cook  
Jason Cox  
*William Green  
Craig Honaman  
Pablo Mejias  
Stephen Murphy  
David Tyler  

**Bass**  
*Marcus Allen  
Brian Alexander  
Richard Brock  
Tommy Brunson  
Merv Darter  
*Michael Lindsay  
Workman Meeks  
John Parkes  
Alan Porter  
Jeff Stevenson  
Allen Taylor  
Hayes Wilson  
*Staff Singers

THE CHAMBER SINGERS  
Scott Atchison, Conductor

**Soprano**  
Lisa Beale  
Melanie Burbules  
Mary Allison Hamby  
Holly Hanchey  
Sally Westmoreland  

**Alto**  
Clarke Harris  
Sue Reynolds  

**Tenor**  
Matthew Boatwright  
William Green  

**Bass**  
Dan Beale  
Richard Brock  
Michael Lindsay

DOXOLOGY YOUTH CHORALE  
Kathy Fletcher, Conductor

Eva Batelaan  
Will Batelaan  
Austin Beale  

Katherine Beale  
Arden Gipson  
Avery Gipson  

Benjamin Harding  
Anna Kitts  
Will Langley  

PEACHTREE CARILLON  
Nicole Marane, Conductor

Margaret Cook  
Kay Dietz  
Tiffany Eisenbise  

Jennifer Evans  
Amanda Geib  
Patrick Hyland  

Kathy Murphy  
Marsha Powell  
Anne Steward  

Doree Stow  
Julie Trowbridge  
Cynthia van der Wiele
MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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Scott H. Atchison, Director of Music and Organist
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Come celebrate this glorious night with us! Our beautiful services offer meaningful messages and magnificent music. Complimentary childcare for ages 3 and under for the 4:00 & 6:00 pm service.

12:00 pm | Christmas Service of Holy Communion
A celebration of the Eucharist.

4:00 pm | Family Candlelight & Pageant
Children's Choirs and Christmas Pageant with nativity characters.

6:00 pm | Family Candlelight & Pageant
Children's Choirs and Christmas Pageant with nativity characters.

8:00 pm | Festival of Lessons & Carols
Chancel Choir and Brass herald in this most Holy Night.

10:30 pm | Festival Choral Eucharist
Chancel Choir and Brass with a celebration of the Eucharist.