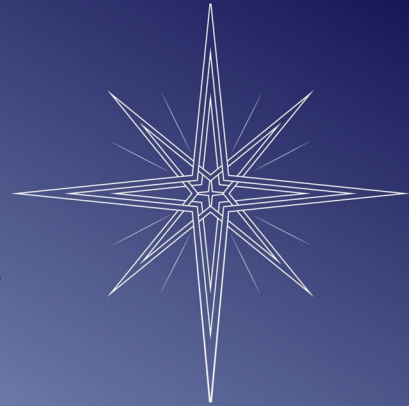


## LARGE PRINT

# Festival of Carols



NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 — 3:00 P.M.

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*\*Those who are able, please stand*

WELCOME

Ben Ball, Director of Traditional  
Music/Worship and Organist

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*In Sweet Rejoicing*  
(*In Dulci Jubilo*, BuxWV 197)  
Setting by Dietrich Buxtehude

Text for meditation:

*In sweet rejoicing, now sing and be joyful!  
Our heart's joy lies in a manger  
and shines like the sun in His mother's lap.  
You are the alpha and omega.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Through Your Mercy*  
Duane Higgins, Elder

Leader: Heavenly Father, You sent Your messengers to tell  
of the birth of Your Son, that people might believe in Him.

**People: Open our ears to hear Your call, to repent of our sins, and to look for our heavenly inheritance.**

**Leader:** May we profess Christ until by His grace we stand before the glory of Your majesty;

**People: Grant this for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*Once in Royal David's City*

Tune name: IRBY

**SOLO:** 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.

**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, the mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**CHOIR: And through all His wondrous childhood  
He would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms He lay;  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as He.**

**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.**

**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;  
When like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHOIR ANTHEM

*In Silence We Wait*  
Words by John Parker  
Music by Lloyd Larson

In silence we wait for the day of God's mercy,  
In silence we wait for Emmanuel to come.  
In silence we wait for the gift of God's promise,  
In silence we wait and pray.

Lord, hear our prayer: "Deliver Your people.  
Send us a Savior to show us the way!  
Guide us in mercy, shepherd us in love."  
In silence we wait and pray.

In darkness we wait for the light of the Christ-child.  
In darkness we wait for the Day Star to shine.  
In darkness we wait for the glory of morning.  
In darkness we wait and pray.

Lord, hear our prayer: "Deliver Your people.  
Send us a Savior to show us the way!  
Guide us in mercy, shepherd us in love."  
In silence we wait and pray.

In silence we wait. In silence we pray.  
Lord, send Your Christ today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Wayne Morton, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Arranged by Lani Smith

Bob Rae, piano / Ben Ball, organ

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Duane Higgins, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Creation Will Be At Peace*

Arranged by Anna Laura Page

Sanctuary Choir

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
Their young will play together; a little child will lead.  
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw,  
They will war no more, a child will lead them all.  
In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
Creation will be at peace.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38

Signe Pagel, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
(*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659)  
Setting by Johann Sebastian Bach

Text for meditation:

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's Son, make here Your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Not by human flesh and blood, by the spirit of our God  
Was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.  
Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the virgin undefiled,  
Though by all the world disowned, still to be in heav'n enthroned.  
From the Father's throne He came and ascended to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell. High the song of triumph swell!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Wayne Morton, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*How Quietly*  
Words and Music by Joel Raney  
Elly and Vivie Ball, soloists

How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me.  
How sweet and gentle, how meek and mild;  
This precious gift, this Holy Child.

Angels sing to God, our King, of peace to all on earth.  
Morning stars break through the darkness  
Proclaiming the holy birth.

How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me.  
How sweet and gentle, how meek and mild,  
This precious gift, this Holy Child.

How quietly, how quietly, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Tune name: St. Louis

**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 ever-lasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Linda Hart, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Tune name: GLORIA

**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.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

Signe Pagel, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*What Child Is This?*

Tune name: GREENSLEEVES

**What Child is this, Who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through;  
The cross be born for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-9

Wayne Morton, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God,**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

*All Through the Silent Night*  
(*Silent Night* and *All Through the Night*)  
Arranged by Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:10-14  
Linda Hart, reader

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

from *Prayers from the Ancient Celtic Church*  
Duane Higgins, Elder

Leader: Let us pray together...

**People: O blessed Savior, as the prophets foretold, You were born of a virgin, and You came to be a Treasure to the poor, a Light to those who walk in darkness, the Strength of the weak, the Health of the sick, and the Resurrection of the dead. Grant that through Your glorious nativity we may be loosed from the bonds of our sins, and may always rejoice in Your praise. Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Tune name: ADESTE FIDELES  
Arranged by Sir 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!**

**God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, 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, 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 giv'n;  
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 congregation is asked to be seated for the closing voluntary)*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Arranged by Jason Payne

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