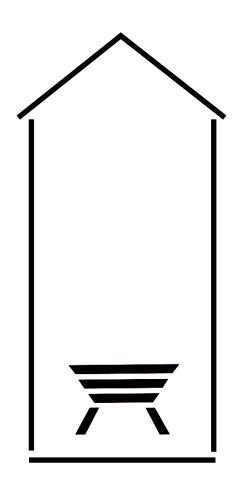
# Gloria in excelsis Deo!



#### THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

#### PREPARATION AND PRAISE

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection, and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

#### Gloria in excelsis Deo!

"Savior of the Nations, Come" The Prelude Bach

The Call to Worship "Advent Message" How

> Come, Lord Jesus, Amen, come, Lord Jesus, come. O come quickly, come, Lord come.

The Advent Banner Iyanu Carson

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace

Blair Elv

The Processional Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: "Glory to God, all glory in the highest";

Refrain:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Refrain:

The Greeting Scott Dickison

The Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Scott Dickison

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offertory Carol

"The First Noel"

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.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,

And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:

The Offertory Prayer Bowen Cox

The Offertory Fantasy on Stille Nacht Coker

LASST UNS ERFREUEN The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia!

THE	<b>MEDITATION</b>	T

## The Angels' Song

#### "Gloria"

# Scott Dickison Antonio Vivaldi

#### Part 1

I. Glory to God in the highest.

II. Et in terra pax hominibus and peace on earth to all of goodwill

voluntatis.

III. Laudamus te, benedicium te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.

Pam Steadman and Shirley Foster, sopranos

IV. Gratias agimus tibi We thank you

V. Propter magnam gloriam tuam. for your great glory.

VI. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Lord God, king of the heavens,

Deus Pater omnipotens. God almighty Father

Cheryl Coker, soprano

#### THE MEDITATION II

### The Night of Christ's Birth

Scott Dickison

## "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity"

Timothy Coker

This is the month, and this the happy morn, Wherein the Son of Heav'n's eternal King, Of wedded Maid, and the Virgin Mother born, Our great redemption from above did bring; For so the holy sages once did sing,

That he our deadly forfeit should release, And with his Father work us a perpetual peace.

But peaceful was the night Wherein the Prince of Light

His reign of peace upon the earth began:

The winds with wonder whist, Smoothly the waters kist,

Whispering new joys to the mild Ocean,

Who now hath quite forgot to rave,

While birds of calm sit brooding on the charmed wave.

Ring out ye crystal spheres! Once bless our human ears

(If ye have power to touch our senses so)

And let your silver chime Move in melodious time,

And let the bass of Heav'n's deep organ blow;

Yea, Truth and Justice then

Will down return to men,

Orb'd in a rainbow; and, like glories wearing,

Mercy will sit between,

Thron'd in celestial sheen,

With radiant feet the tissu'd clouds down steering;

And Heav'n, as at some festival,

Will open wide the gates of her high palace hall.

—John Milton (1608-1674)

#### THE MEDITATION III

The Word Becomes Flesh

Scott Dickison

## "Gloria"

Antonio Vivaldi

#### Part 2

VII. Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe, Lord Begotten Son, Jesus Christ

VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis;

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Cecelia Stearman, mezzo-soprano

IX. Qui tollis peccaa mundi, suscipe Who takes away the sins of the world,

deprecationem nostram. receive our prayer.

X. *Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris*, Who sits at the right of the Father,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Cecelia Stearman, mezzo-soprano

XI. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus

Jesu Christe,

Cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria XII. Dei Patris. Amen.

Because only you are Holy, only you are Lord in the Highest Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Time of Response

The Recessional Carol

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

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 heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. 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 we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.

The Postlude

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

Hudson

## The Northminster Choir

Soprano I

Abdeen-Riggs, Cambria \* Coker, Cheryl Haynes, Suzy McGinnis, Neely Porter, Rose Mary Steadman, Pam

Alto I

Milam, Amanda Moore, Wendy \* Smith, Suzanne

Tenor I

Browning, Troy Burt II, Derrick Strum, Farrar

Bass I

Haynes, Roger Joiner, Richard Montague, Cade Watson, Kyle

Soprano II

Blount, Carrie Brunson, Cindy \* Cook, Jeanne Foster, Shirley Pace, Patricia Williams, Jean

Alto II

Petrocelli, Veronica Moak, Mary Jane Thompson, Sally Boyd, Tricia

Tenor II

Coker, J J Fillingham, Frank Bass II

Edwards, Jack England, John Horner, Tom \* Mahaffey, Eddie McDaniel, Jack Rankin, Joe D.

\* Denotes visiting choir member

Cecelia Stearman, visiting soloist Sheila Hess, Organist/Rehearsal Accompanist Timothy Coker, Conductor

## The Orchestra

Violin I

Marta Szlubowska Ruvim Echiusciu Mary Rogers Sarah Cartwright

Violin II

Milena Rusanova Ann McNally Jerome Hawkins Kate Morgan

Viola

Ausra Jasineviciute Leslie Wood Alex Sullivan Wesley Cole

Cello

Veronica Parrales Nancy Bateman Margaret Pigott

**String Bass** 

Glenn Hale

Oboe

Julie Hudik

**Trumpet** 

Ben Bullock

**Organ** Sheila Hess