

DECEMBER 21, 2014

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE LOVE

The love of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Jason W. Crosby

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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fold and tear it off at the perforation and put it in the offering plate.  
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ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 173 (ገገጋ)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

ADESTE FIDELES  
Descant by David Willcocks

LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT – LOVE

Rae and Diane Taylor

The birth of Christ brought forth into the darkness of this world a great light.

**Thanks be to God.**

Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, showed us the path to true hope, peace, joy, and love.

**Thanks be to God.**

Our Savior himself, however, promised to come again to fully redeem humanity and creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

As we share the hope, peace, joy, and love we have come to know in Christ,  
may we also shed light in this world by awaiting Christ's return with patient hearts.

**May we prepare the way.**

FROM MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel

ARIOSO, AIR AND CHORUS

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned:

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God. Isaiah 60:1-3

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight, and the rough places plain:  
Isaiah 60:4

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.  
Isaiah 60:5

RECITATIVE AND AIR

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, the sea, and the dry land;

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: Haggai 2:6-7

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in:  
behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:1

RECITATIVE, AIR AND CHORUS

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel, "God-with-us."

Isaiah 7:14

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,  
lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isaiah 15:9

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:1

ARIOSO AND AIR

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee,

and his glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 60:2-3

The people that walked in the darkness have seen a great light: and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,  
upon them hath the light shined.

Isaiah 9:2

#### RECITATIVES, ARIOSO AND CHORUS

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:8

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them:  
and they were sore afraid.

Luke 2:9

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Luke 2:13

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will toward men. Luke 2:14

#### \*HYMN OF REJOICING 152

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

FROM MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel

AIR

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee:  
he is the righteous Saviour, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: Zechariah 9:9-10

#### \*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

*O Source of Love, the Giver and the Gift*

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Love, the Giver and the Gift,  
With glad and generous hearts we now uplift  
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.  
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound  
To share your love with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

FROM GLORIA

Antonio Vivaldi

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Glory be to God on high.

*Domine Deus*

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

*Domine Fili Unigenite*

O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus*

For thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord. Jesus Christ.

*Cum Sancto Spiritu*

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

FROM MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel

RECITATIVE AND AIR

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Isaiah 35:5

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently  
lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40: 11

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11: 28-29

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jason W. Crosby

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

Jason W. Crosby

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 171 (G♭)

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Descant by David Willcocks

\*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

\*THE SENDING

*Hallelujah*

George Frideric Handel

Worshippers may join in singing if desired.

MESSIAH

Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ: and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Revelation 11:15; 19:16

\* Worshippers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

- Soloists: Ian Hooper, tenor; Joshua Steinbach, countertenor; Mera Kathryn Corlett, mezzo-soprano; Gregory Rahming, bass-baritone
- Worshippers are requested to turn off all cell phones and pagers.
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