

DECEMBER 13, 2015

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – JOY

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The joy of Christ be with you.

Jason W. Crosby

**And also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

PRELUDE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

Choir: 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 only Child.

Congregation and Choir: 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 low lived our Savior long ago.

Choir: But our eyes in truth should see him  
through his own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above.  
As he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Congregation and Choir: Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by  
Shall we see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars his children, crowned, all in white,  
his praise will sound! Cecil F. Alexander, 1848

\*BIDDING PRAYER

Jason W. Crosby

LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT – JOY

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

**Thanks be to God.**

In Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, we find our greatest joy.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

This Advent season may we celebrate gifts already found in Christ  
and faithfully anticipate God's gifts yet to come.

**May we prepare the way.**

FIRST LESSON: TO US A CHILD IS BORN

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

CAROL *Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light* Johann Sebastian Bach  
Christmas Oratorio

Break forth, O beauteous, heavenly light and usher in the morning;  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be.  
The pow'r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Johann Rist, 1641; tr. Troutbeck, c. 1885

SECOND LESSON: THE BRANCH FROM JESSE Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

CAROL *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ROS' ENSTPRUNGEN

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold is, the Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior  
When half spent was the night.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load. 16<sup>th</sup> century German Carol, tr. Theodore Baker, 1894

THIRD LESSON: A PROMISED RULER FROM BETHLEHEM Micah 5:2-5a

\*CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Congregation and Choir: 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 everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Choir: For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch  
of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.

Congregation and Choir: 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, Immanuel!

Philip Brooks, 1868

FOURTH LESSON: THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD Luke 1:26-35, 38

CAROL *O How Joyfully* Traditional German Carol

O how joyfully, O how blessedly, grace comes to us at Christmastime!  
God to us has given blessings from heaven. Sing for joy at Christmastime!  
O how joyfully, O how blessedly, grace comes to us at Christmastime!  
Heaven's hosts in the sky sing rejoicing from on high. Sing for joy  
at Christmastime!

FIFTH LESSON: THE BIRTH OF JESUS Luke 2:1-7

## CAROL

*Away in a Manger*

## CRADLE SONG

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay.  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Anonymous, 1885

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

Gregory Rahming, bass-baritone; Louie Bailey, piano

## SIXTH LESSON: THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

Luke 2:8-16

## CAROL

*Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

Traditional French Carol

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing!  
Ding dong, verily the sky, is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria Deo, hosanna in excelsis. (*Glory to God, hosanna in the highest.*)  
E'en so, here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And I-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria Deo, hosanna in excelsis.  
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria Deo, hosanna in excelsis.

## SEVENTH LESSON: THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

Matthew 2:1-11

## \*CAROL

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

Congregation As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
and Choir: As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.

Choir: As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heav'nly King.

Congregation In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
and Choir: Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

## EIGHTH LESSON: THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT

Matthew 2:13-18

## CAROL

*Coventry Carol*Traditional 16<sup>th</sup> Century English Carol

Lullay thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay.  
O sisters, too, how may we do, for to preserve this day;  
This poor Youngling for whom we sing, by, by, lully, lullay.  
Herod the king in his raging, charged he hath this day;  
His men of might, in his own sight, all children young, to slay.  
Then woe is me, poor Child, for thee, and ever mourn and say;  
For thy parting nor say nor sing, by, by lully, lullay. Robert Croo, 1543

## NINTH LESSON: THE WORD BECAME FLESH

John 1:1-14

CAROL *Only Begotten, Word of God Eternal* John Leavitt

Only begotten, Word of God eternal, Lord of creation, merciful and mighty,  
Hear us, your servants, as our tuneful voices rise in your presence.

Holy, this temple where our Lord is dwelling;  
This is none other than the gate of heaven.  
Ever your children year by year rejoicing chant in your temple.

God in three Persons, Father everlasting, Son co-eternal, ever blessed Spirit:  
To you be praises, thanks and adoration, glory forever, glory hallelujah!

Text from Bern, 9<sup>th</sup> century

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

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.**

မၤသးဒ်န့ၣ်ဒီးဘိထုကဖုၣ်တၢ်ဒ်အံၤ, အိၣ်လၢမူခိၣ် ပပၢ်ဇၢ, မံနမံၤဘၣ်တၢ်ဟံၣ်ဆံၣ်အံၤတက့ၢ်န့ၣ်. နဘီ  
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CHORAL OFFERTORY Karen Youth

\*DOXOLOGY *O Source of Joy, the Giver and the Gift* VENI EMMANUEL  
O Source of Joy, the Giver and the Gift,  
With glad and gen’rous 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 joy with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY  
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 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Congregation and Choir: Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”  
Choir: Christ by highest heav’n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God head see; hail, incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”  
Congregation and Choir: 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 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!"  
Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

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

- Service based on *Festival of Lessons and Carols* by John Leavitt.
- Worshipers are requested to turn off all cell phones and pagers.
- CDs of today's service are available in the sound booth following the service.
- Texts are reprinted by permission of CCLI License 1801331 and One License A718444.
- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you are uncomfortable doing that but would like to explore baptism or church membership, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.
- Cover Art by Tom Scott, Sr.
- Instrumentalists provided in part by a generous gift from a Crescent Hill member

Instrumentalists:

Violin I: Jennifer Shackleton

Violin II: Elisa Spalding

Viola: Laura De St. Croix

Cello: Felix Borges

Bass: Patti Docs

Flute: Allison Hammons

Clarinet in B flat: Andrea Levine

Clarinet in C: Marilyn Nije

Piano: Jennifer Gilcreast

Conductor: Louie Bailey