



December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

Repeat the Sounding Joy
Memorial Ringers

Sandra Eithun

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to worship.

All: **Welcome to worship.**

One: I am glad you're here.

All: **I am glad you're here.**

One: Surely God is in this space.

All: **Surely God is in this space.**

One: Let us worship together

All: **Let us worship together.**

Lighting the Second Advent Candle of Peace

Hailey Faber and Alana Henderson

*Hymn

Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 82

Children and youth may depart for Sunday School or remain to their pew

Welcome and Announcements

Messiah (Part 1) by G. F. Handel

Overture (organ)

Tenor Recitative: Comfort Ye My People

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.

Tenor Aria: Every Valley Shall be Exalted

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

Chorus: And the Glory of the Lord

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.

Bass Recitative: Thus Saith the Lord of Hosts

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. 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.

Alto Air: But Who May Abide

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

Chorus: And He Shall Purify

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Alto Recitative: Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.

Alto Air: O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get Thee up into the high mountains; 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. Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee.

Bass Recitative: For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth

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.

Bass Air: The People That Walked in Darkness

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

Chorus: For Unto Us a Child is Born

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Pastoral Symphony (organ)

Soprano Recitative: There Were Shepherds

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

Soprano Recitative: And Lo! The Angel of the Lord

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.

Soprano Recitative: And the Angel Said Unto Them

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.

Soprano Recitative: And Suddenly There Was With the Angel

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

Chorus: Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, good will towards men.

Soprano Air: Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Savior and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Alto Recitative: Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped: then shall the lame man leap as an hart and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Alto and Soprano Air: He Shall Feed His Flock and Come Unto Him

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. Come unto Him, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and He shall 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.

Chorus: His Yoke is Easy

His yoke is easy and His burthen is light.

Offering

We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah (Part 2 of Messiah)

G. F. Handel

J. Jay Smith, director and organist
Rebecca Shimer, soprano Daria Dragan, contralto
Theodore Chletsos, tenor Duane McDevitt, baritone
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Leslie Leith, Ramona Musso, Sarah Murcek, Barbara Sickles
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Tenors: Jim Gillberg, Keith LeBoeuf, Jane Perkins, Chris Runk, Dave Shearer
Basses: Ben Cahill, Ronald Campbell, Floyd Stafford

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