

*Carols,  
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and Carols...*

**It's Christmas!**

December 3, 2023  
7:00 pm

**First United Methodist Church McKinney**

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Welcome

Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

## Congregational Carol

"Once in Royal David's City"  
Congregation and Choirs  
Verse 1 - Trinity del Regno, soloist  
Verse 2 - Choir only  
Verses 3-6 - Congregation and Choir (*\*Please stand*)

Verse 1 *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.*

Verse 2 *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 lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

**\*Verse 3** **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.**

**\*Verse 4** **For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew. He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

**\*Verse 5** **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.**

**\*Verse 6** **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.**

## Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

## Handbell Carol

"Earth Shall Ring"  
arr. Margaret Tucker (*from Hymn No. 248*)

## Flute Carol

"Coventry Carol"  
arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

## Chancel Choir Carol

"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night"  
by Kenneth Jennings

*Calm on the listening ear of night, Come heaven's melodious strains, Where wild Judea stretches far Her silver-mantled plains.  
Celestial choirs, from courts above, Shed sacred glories there; And angels, with their sparkling lyres, Make music on the air.  
The answering hills of Palestine Send back their glad reply; And greet, from all their holy heights, The Dayspring from on high.  
"Glory to God!" the sounding skies Loud with anthems ring, "Peace to the earth, to all good will, From heaven's eternal King!"  
Light on thy hills, Jerusalem! The Prince of Peace is born! And bright, on Bethlehem's joyous plains, Breaks the first Christmas morn.*

**Congregational Carol** Hymn No. 229  
(*Please remain seated*)

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
Polish Carol to hymn tune *W Zlobie Lezy*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning  
new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the  
morrow: Christ the babe was born for you!

## Youth Choir Carol

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"  
arr. Larry Shackley

**Harp Carol**

“What Child is This”  
arr. Yolanda Kondonassis

**Handbell Carol**

“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”  
arr. Cathy Moglebust (*from Hymn No. 244*)

**Chancel Choir Carol**

“Three Nativity Carols”  
by Stephen Paulus

I. The Holly and the Ivy

*The holly and the ivy When they are both full grown Of all trees that are in the wood The holly bears the crown  
Chorus: The rising of the sun And the running of the deer The playing of the merry organ Sweet singing in the choir  
The holly bears a blossom As white as the lily flower And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To be our dear Saviour  
The holly bears a berry As red as any blood, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To do poor sinners good  
The holly bears a prickle, As sharp as any thorn, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ On Christmas Day in the morn.  
The holly bears a bark As bitter as the gall And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ For to redeem us all*

II. This Endris Night

*This endris night I saw a sight A star as bright as day; And ever among a maiden sung, “Lullay, by by, lullay.”  
This lovely lady sat and sung, And to her child did say: “My son, my brother, father, dear, Why liest thou thus in hay?”  
The child then spake in his talking, And to his mother said: “Yea, I am known as heaven-king, In crib though I be laid.”  
“Now, sweet son, since thou art a king, Why art thou laid in stall? Why dost not order thy bedding In some great kingès hall?”  
“Mary mother, I am thy child, Though I be laid in stall; For lords and dukes shall worship me, And so shall kingès all.”  
“And in thy arm thou hold me warm, And keep me night and day, And if I weep, and may not sleep, Thou sing, By by, lullay.”*

III. Wonder Tidings

*Chorus: What tidings bringest thou, messenger, Of Christes birth this jolly day?  
A babe is born of high nature, The Prince of peace that ever shall be; Of heav'n and earth he hath the cure: His lordship is eternity:  
Such wonder tidings ye may hear, That man is made now Goddes peer, Whom sin had made but fiends prey.  
A wonder this is now befall; That King had formed star and sun, heaven and earth and angels all, Now in mankind is new begun:  
Such wonder tidings ye may hear, An infant now of but one year. That hath been ever and shall be ay.  
That loveliest gan greet her child, “Hail, son! Hail, brother! Hail, father dear! Hail, daughter! Hail, sister! Hail, mother mild!  
This hailing was of such good cheer Than mannes pain turned to play.*

**Flute Carol**

“Silent Night”  
by Franz Gruber, arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

**Chancel Choir Carol**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
arr. Stephen Paulus

**Congregational Carol**

(\*Please stand)

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”  
by Felix Mendelssohn

**\*Verse 1** 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!”

**\*Verse 2** 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 Godhead see, Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

**\*Verse 3** Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings; Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

**Closing Prayer and Blessing**

Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

*As you depart this evening, you are invited to leave a love offering in the boxes at the exits  
that will support our Music Ministries.*

# Participants

## Instrumentalists

Laura Brandenburg, harp

Lynn Alferts, Sharon Mollenkopf, piano

Nathan Ingram, oboe

## Ensembles

### Chancel Choir

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### Youth Choir

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Cathy Beckett

Leslie Cain

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Diana Ditges

Erin Ditges

Robert Froehlich

Gavin Godbey

Sarah Grubbs

Tyler Hammett

Velvet Hammond

Daryl Jackson

Penny Maple

Sharon Mollenkopf

Tatiana Morales

Ruvi Morales Marrero

Pamela Parmley

Suzanne Powell

Luis Rodriguez

Mary Alice Ross

Jon Rowley

Paula Scott

Ann Spaight

Candace Tillman

Don Wallace

Adelaide Dorff

Evaleigh Hathcote

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Amy Tullos

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Elena Berg

Clara Berg

Stephen Berg

Jeannine Boss

Cynthia Bullmer

Debra MacDonald

Regan Moore

Page Schreck

Amy Tullos

## Audio/Visual

Sound, Lights and Video

Josh Brummett and Waverly Hammond

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Consider sharing your musical talents in one of our ensembles in the New Year. Contact the respective director of the group you are interested in at the email address listed for more information. Please join us!

## Advent and Christmas Events

For more information on these events, please visit our website. [www.SharingTheHeart.org/Advent](http://www.SharingTheHeart.org/Advent)

**Children's Choir program - December 10 - 3:00 pm**

Come hear our Children's Choirs present their Christmas offering.

**Night in Bethlehem - December 10 - 4-6:00 pm**

Join us for a hands-on experience that transports you to the marketplace of Bethlehem! We will have fun activities for everyone!

**Blue Christmas service - December 17 - 3:00 pm**

Special worship service for those who are having a hard time around the holidays. We will ring bells and say the names of those we are remembering.

## Christmas Eve Services

All services will be livestreamed on the website and on Facebook.

**Traditional Advent Worship - 10:05 am in Sanctuary (Wellspring livestream only)**

**Traditional Services with Communion & Candlelight in the Sanctuary**

3:00 | 5:00 | 7:00 | 9:00 | 11:00 pm

**Wellspring Contemporary Services with Communion & Candlelight in Dyer Hall**

3:00 | 5:00 | 7:00 pm

**Children's Service in the Sanctuary - 1:30 pm**

**Melissa UMC - 3851 McKinney St., Melissa, TX 75454**

9 am Advent Worship ♦ 11 am Family Service ♦ 6 & 8 pm Candlelight services ♦ 11:00 pm Carols by Candlelight