

'I Believe Even When ...
Fill The Night with Music and Light'
Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Advent / Christmas 2020 Musical Highlights *A Musical Gift to the Christ Child*

"Raise your voice... raise it; don't be afraid!" - Isaiah 40:9

Advent 1 November 29, 2020

"I Believe in the Sun: Hope for Tomorrow"

(Mark 1: 1-15 and Isaiah 40: 1-11)

Gathering Music/Prelude:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL)

George W. Warren

Arr. Billy Madison

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello / Rick Fortney, piano

Chancel Choir Anthem: ***Prepare The Way of the Lord***

William Rowan

Carol of Hope: ***I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*** (WALTHAM)

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, text

John Baptiste Calkin

Rick Fortney, baritone soloist and pianist / Joan Wojcicki Fortney, handbells

*I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth good will to men*

*I thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men.*

*And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men*

*Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep*

*The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, goodwill to men.*

*Then ringing singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

Postlude: **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** (GO TELL IT) American Folk Hymn
Arr. Gary Lanier
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello / Rick Fortney, piano

Advent 2 December 6, 2020
"I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationship"
(Isaiah 7:10-14, Matthew 1:1-17)

Gathering Music / Prelude:
Listen for His Coming arr. Mark Hayes
(Medley of **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** and **Come, O Come Emmanuel**)
Doug Day, piano

Chancel Choir Anthem: **Be Not Afraid** Craig Courtney
Postlude: **Panis Angelicus** (Angelic Bread) SACRIS SOLEMNIIS Thomas Aquinas
Sherry Spencer, bassoon / Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello

Advent 3 December 13, 2020
"I Believe in God: Ode to Joy"
(Luke 1: 52 and Isaiah 57: 15b)

Gathering Music / Prelude:
Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella French Carol Melody
Barbara Graves, organ
Ding! Dong! Merrily on High 16th Century French Carol
arr. Larry Shackley
Cathy Graves, flute / Barbara Graves, piano

Opening Hymn Medley:

Angels We Have Heard on High (GLORIA)

Verses 1 and 3

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (MENDELSSOHN)

Verses 1 and 3

Angels We Have Heard on High (GLORIA!)

Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply

Echo back their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

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Come to Bethlehem and see

Him whose birth the angels sing,

Come, adore on bended knee,

Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

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James Chadwick, text

Francois-Auguste Gavaert

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (MENDELSSOHN)

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!”

Charles Wesley, text

Felix Mendelssohn

Hail the heaven 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 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!”

Chancel Choir Anthem: ***Where Shepherds Lately Knelt***

Carl Schalk

Arr. Craig Courtney

Postlude:

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav T. Holst
Arr. Larry Shackley

Cathy Graves, flute / Barbara Graves, piano

Advent 4 December 20, 2020

"I Believe in the Light: Illuminating Peace"

Isaiah 9:2-7, John 1:1-14

Gathering Music / Prelude:

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Gustav Holst

Arr. Doug Day

Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish Carol

Arr. Mark Hayes

Doug Day, piano

Music before the Children's Message: ***This Little Light of Peace*** Harry Dixon Loes

Chancel Choir Anthem: ***Ding Dong! Merrily on High*** 16th Century French Melody
Arr. Charles Wood

Advent Benediction Handbell Response: ***I Believe***

Mark A. Miller

Arr. Stephanie Rhoades

POSTLUDE:

Away in the Manger

James R. Murray

Susan Richardson, flute; Joan Wojcicki Fortney, Cello; Doug Day, piano

Christmas Eve December 24, 2020 (KIDS Family Life, 5:00 p.m. Service)

OPENING HYMN ***Glory to God***

Keith Currie

Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to God, Glory in the highest.

And peace on earth, good will to men, Peace on earth,

And peace on earth, good will to men,

Peace on earth a Savior is born.

Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to God, Glory in the highest.

I bring you good news, Good tidings of great joy.

I bring you good news, To you a Savior is born. To you a Savior is born!

HYMN: ***Joy to the World!*** (ANTIOCH)

Isaac Watts, text
George Frederic Handel

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

*He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

HYMN: ***Jesus Joy!***

Keith Currie

*Jesus joy, Jesus joy, Bubbles up in joy heart.
Jesus joy, Jesus joy, The best part of Christmas.*

*Baby boy, baby boy – God has come to earth.
Baby boy, baby boy – Lying in the manger.*

*Angels sing, angels sing, Telling of His birth.
Angels sing, angels sing, Singing to the shepherds.*

*Hallelujah! Christ is born; Hallelujah! Christ is born.
Glory, glory, angels sing; Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Wise men come, wise men come, riding from the East.
Wise men come, wise men come.
Bowing down to worship, bowing down to worship, bowing down to worship.*

Hymn: ***Silent Night! Holy Night!*** (STILLE NACHT)

Franz Xaver Gruber

(Pageant Players: Hunter and Blair Domin, Emory and Merritt Schultz,
Gabriel and Wyatt Kompan, and Avery Knox)

*Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace - Sleep in heavenly peace*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth - Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.*

Closing Song: **Happy Birthday Jesus!**

Keith Currie

*Happy Birthday, Jesus; Happy Birthday to the Lord!
Happy birthday, happy birthday, happy birthday to the Lord!
Happy Birthday, Jesus; Happy Birthday to the Lord!
Happy birthday, happy birthday, happy birthday to the Lord!*

*Let the earth cry out, "Hallelujah!" Let the people shout for joy!
Let the star burn like the brightest candle
and celebrate the birthday of God's baby boy.*

*Happy Birthday, Jesus; Happy Birthday to the Lord!
Happy birthday, happy birthday, happy birthday to the Lord!
Let the angels sing, "Glory in the highest!" Let the shepherds shout for joy!
Let the wise men bring out the presents
and celebrate the birthday of God's baby boy.*

*Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday, Jesus; Happy Birthday to the Lord!
Happy birthday, happy birthday, happy birthday to the Lord!*

Christmas Eve December 24, 2020 (Traditional, 8:00 p.m. Service)

GATHERING MUSIC/PRELUDE:

"VIII. Noel Etranger"
(Sur Les Jeux D'Anches, Sans Tremblant Et En Duo)

Louis Daquin

WORDS OF HOPE: ***I Believe in Peace***

Mark A. Miller

Hymn No. 93 ***Joy to the World!*** (ANTIOCH)

Isaac Watts, text
George Frederic Handel

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns. Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains.
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and grace; And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

Chancel Choir Anthem:

Were You There on that Christmas Night

Natalie Sleeth

Advent Doxology: ***Give Thanks***

Henry Smith

*Believe, with a grateful heart! Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what our God has done for us."
Believe! We Believe!*

Peace, Peace

Sylvia and Rick Powell

arr. Fred Bock

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Franz Xaver Gruber

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Postlude:

Silent Night! Holy Night! (STILLE NACHT)

Franz Gruber

Arr. Gary Lanier (BMI)

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello/ Rick Fortney, piano

Sunday After Christmas December 27, 2020

One December, Bright and Clear

Catalonian Carol
Arranged by Mack Wilberg

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

16th Century French Melody
Arr. Charles Wood

Dona Nobis Pacem

Sixteenth Century Round
Arr: James L. Fisher

The First Nowell (THE FIRST NOEL)

Traditional English Carol
Arranged by Mack Wilberg

Additional Christmas Favorites:

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Walter Kent

White Christmas

Irving Berlin

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blaine

Ed Homer, baritone soloist

The Christmas Song

Bob Wells and Mel Torme
Arr. Doug Day

Doug Day, pianist

There's a Song in the Night (CHRISTMAS SONG)

Josiah G. Holand

John Ness Beck, Transcription

Craig Courtney Voice and Keyboard Transcription

Clayton Dusek, tenor soloist

Away in a Manger (AWAY IN THE MANGER)

James R. Murray

Clayton Dusek, solo

*Away in a manger No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay*

*The cattle are lowing The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus Look down from the sky
And stay by my side 'Til morning is nigh*

Continued Away in the Manger (CRADLE SONG)

William J. Kirkpatrick

*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 take us to Heaven To live with Thee there*

O Come, All Ye Faithful (ADESTE FIDELS) - Refrain

John F. Wade

Joan Wojcicki Fortney

*Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*For he alone is worthy, for he alone is worthy,
for he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.*

*We'll praise Your name forever, We'll praise Your name forever,
We'll praise Your name forever, Christ the Lord.*

*Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

O Little Town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS)

Lewis H. Redner

Joan Wojcicki Fortney, soloist

*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.*

I'll Give My Heart

Chris Chistensen

Marcy Uhl, soloist

Whose is that star we've seen in the East? Bethlehem town, you're not the least.
Who sings that song of love and of light? Angels and heaven's host fill up the night.
Glory to God in the highest! Peace on the earth and good will to men.

Who is the child, that baby boy? Who but the Song of God could bring so much joy?
What is His name, this Lamb to be slain? Jesus, the Christ, the King who will reign.
Glory to God in the highest! Peace on the earth and good will to men.

What can I give, what can I bring? What is a gift that is fit for a King?
I'll give my life – not just a part; I'll give my all to Him – I'll give my heart.

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I'll give my life – not just a part; I'll give my all to Him –
I'll give Him my heart.

ALPC Chancel Choir 2020 Fall Anthems:

<i>Call to Remembrance</i>	Richard Farrant
<i>Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You</i>	Jay Althouse
<i>God So Loved the World</i>	John Stainer
<i>Praise His Holy Name</i>	Keith Hampton

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir 2020 Fall Anthems:

<i>Do Lord</i>	African-American Spiritual Arr. Bill Ingram
<i>Simple Gifts</i>	Shaker Tune Arr. Linda McKechnie

2020 Fall Soloists:

<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Early American Melody Arr. Bill Holcombe
Susan Richardson, flute / Doug Day, piano	

<i>Adagio, Op. 71</i>	Ludwig van Beethoven Arr. S.S
Sherry Spencer, bassoon	

<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Love</i> (PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS)	Sebastian Temple
Rick Fortney, singer/pianist	

<i>Give Thanks</i>	Henry Smith arr. Joel Raney
Susan Richardson, flute; Rick Fortney, piano	

Kid's Song before the Fall Children's Message:

<i>God is the Master Builder</i>	Rob Evans
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Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Chancel Choir, Fall / Winter 2020

Soprano: Jackie Day Tammy Dusek
Susan Richardson Marcy Uhl
Sarah Waggoner

Alto: Joan Fortney Beth Shoemaker

Tenor: Dave Brunner Clay Dusek
Jeff Hansen

Bass: Doug Day Ed Homer

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Bell Choir, Fall / Winter 2020

Doug Day Linda Swartz
Cheryl Dean Sherry Spenser
Sarah Waggoner Dave Brunner
Kathy Navarro Joan Wojcicki Fortney
Beth Shoemaker Barbara Graves
Muriel Homer Cathy Graves

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Pianist: Doug Day

Instrumentalists/Soloists:

Cathy Graves, Flute Susan Richardson Flute
Sherry Spencer, Bassoon
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, Cello Doug Day, String Bass
Barb Graves, Organ and Piano

12.27.20 Additional Singers from The TrueNorth Chorale:

Jennifer Bertoni Kristen Jones
Meghan Joyce McCarthy Janine Porter
Ruth Williams

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