

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church


*Third Sunday in Advent*

*Cantata Sunday*

*December 17, 2023*

*10:00 AM*

**PRELUDE** *(Kevin Kauermann, cello)*  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*




arr. MacDonald & Nelson

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Advent Study, Tuesday (12/19) at 7:30 AM (Calm Waters Coffee) & 11:30 AM in the Large Conference Room.

# CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: THE CANDLE OF PEACE



(Corinne Kauermann & Kevin Kauermann)

SINGERS: *Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.*

*(HYMN #84: Creator of the Stars of Night)*

READER 1: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and set lights in the sky — sun and moon and stars. By these stars, our ancestors charted their journeys. By these stars, they knew God was with them.

READER 2: Today we light three candles to bring the fire of the stars down from heaven to earth, to nestle among the greens.

We name the first candle Hope. (Light the first candle.)

We name the second candle Peace. (Light the second candle.)

We name the third candle Joy. (Light the third candle.)

**ALL: We too are on a journey, and we do not always know the way. But we chart our path by the star of joy. Even when despair is all around us and apathy seems the order of the day, we set our face steadily towards the light.**

READER 1: Listen now to the prophecy of Isaiah: “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,” (Isaiah 61:1-3).

READER 2: Lord Jesus, as we search for signs of joy this week, help us to become the signs of joy for which others are searching. As these candles are but a glimpse of the light of the heavens, help us to be a glimpse of heaven’s joy. Amen.



**A CHRISTMAS CANTATA**  
*Come Worship the King!*

*Presented by the Choir.*  
*(Narration provided by Dana Winslow)*

*Sue C. Smith, Russell Mauldin,  
Lee Black, Johnathan Crumpton*



*Come Worship the King Medley*

*(includes Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Angels, from the Realms of Glory  
and O Come, Let Us Adore Him)*

Arranged by Russell Mauldin

*We Need a Savior*

Words and Music by SUE C. SMITH and  
LEE BLACK, arranged by Russell Mauldin

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Words and Music by MARK LOWRY and  
BUDDY GREENE, arranged by Russell Mauldin

*The First Noel (with Noel, He Is Born)*

Traditional English Carol  
Arranged by Russell Mauldin

*Light of the World*

Words and Music by LAUREN DAIGLE,  
PAUL DUNCAN and PAUL MABURY,  
arranged by Russell Mauldin

*Find All You Need in Jesus*

*Words and Music by SUE C. SMITH and  
LEE BLACK, arranged by Russell Mauldin*

*Behold (with O Come, Let Us Adore Him)*

*Words and Music by  
PHIL WICKHAM, STEVEN FURTICK and  
DALLAS JENKINS, Arranged by Russell Mauldin*



# A JOYFUL GATHERING OF CAROLS

*Sung by the Choir and the congregation*

## HYMN

*Joy to the World*

**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.**

ANTIOCH

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**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.**



# HYMN

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills, and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!**

*GO TELL IT*

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**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills, and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!**



**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills, and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!**



# HYMN

## *The First Nowell*

## THE FIRST NOWELL



**The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.**



# HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels*

**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 hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

MENDELSSOHN

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**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen 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!"**



# **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE** *(Jes Stehr & Andy Chen)*

*Pat-A-Pan*

arr. Larson



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
& CHRISTMAS EVE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**4 pm Family Candlelight Service**

*(No morning worship service)*

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**4 pm "Watch Night" Service**

*(No morning worship service)*



## WORSHIP NOTES:

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We thank our choir and their director, the fabulous Trish Conover, for today's beautiful music. Thank you to Corinne Kauermann & Kevin Kauermann for their accompaniment this morning. And many thanks to Dana Winslow for his narration of the Christmas story.

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