

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

Festival of Carols

December 20, 2009 6:00 P.M.



Prelude: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Brooks/Redner
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Wade
"Joy to the World" Watts/Mason

* Choral Call to Worship: "Arise and Shine!" Rentz

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine upon you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

* Prayer for Advent:

Grant to us, Almighty Father, that as your Son Jesus Christ, at his first Advent, came to seek and to save that which was lost, so at his second and glorious appearing may he find in us the fruits of redemption which he has accomplished, so that we might enter into his joy, through the same LORD Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: II Samuel 7:10-16

Duet: "Once in Royal David's City" arr. Althouse

* Carol: Back Page of Bulletin "In the Bleak Midwinter" CRANHAM
[The congregation is asked to join in singing verses 2-4]

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Choral Anthem: "Christ Is Born" arr. Vree

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Choral Anthem: "Still, Still, Still" arr. Wetzler

Covenant Kids' Choral Anthem: "Ring Those Bells" arr. Krogstad

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Choral Anthem: "Angels' Carol" Rutter

* Carol: Insert "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" TRADITIONAL

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Whitinsville Christian School

Offertory

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-23

* Carol: Insert "On Christmas Night" SUSSEX CAROL

Choral Anthem: "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" arr. Larson

* Carol: PH 340 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FODE;ES

* Benediction:

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude

** indicates congregation stands*

