

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

Festival of Carols

December 18, 2011 6:00 P.M.



Prelude

ANTICIPATING THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

* Call to Worship:

Isaiah 4:2-5

In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem. The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.

Then the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a canopy. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

* Carol:

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOEL

* 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:

Micah 5

Carol:

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

FOREST GREEN

Choral Anthem: "Sweet Child of Bethlehem"

Raney

Covenant Kids Anthem: "Come to Earth, O Tiny King"

arr. Schram

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:1-7

Choral Anthem:

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

arr. Wolff

The congregation is asked to join the choir in singing stanzas 1, 2, and 4.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

Choral Anthem: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" arr. Fettke

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-15

* Carol: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" CAROL

Choral Anthem: "A Virgin Unspotted" Billings

Covenant Kids Anthem: "Gifts at the Manger" arr. Schram

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Whitinsville Christian School

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:16-20

Carol: "The Birthday of a King" NEIDLINGER

Choral Anthems: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" arr. Drennan
"Splendor Is Coming" Pelz

* 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.**

* Carol: PH 355 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

Postlude: "God Rest You Merry" Held

** indicates congregation stands*

