

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christmas Eve 2018

MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND TRUMPETS

Christina Harmon

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Larry and Lindsey Burroughs *trumpet duo*

Rev. Douglas Vancil *organ*

CHIMING THE HOUR

Five o'clock in the Afternoon

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Alan Sherouse

CHORAL INTROIT

Johann Sebastian Bach

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Courtney Willis

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**,
Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless
peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

**He will establish and uphold it with justice and with
righteousness, from this time onward and forevermore.**

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

– Isaiah 9.2-7

†CAROL 173

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

A **treble descant** found in the leaflet may be sung on stanza three.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Cherry

†CAROL 155

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

stanza one only

Children are invited to meet Christina McCord at the chancel during the verse of the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. Afterward children may return to their families.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Christina McCord

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Willis

Luke 2.1-20

†CAROL 152

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

MEDITATION

Rev. Sherouse

Christmas: An Adoption Story

†CAROL 162

THE FIRST NOEL

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say

stanzas one, two, and six

COLLECTION OF OFFERINGS

Rev. Amy Grizzle Kane

Senior Resources of Guilford County - Meals on Wheels

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adolphe Adam

Cantique de Noël

Logan Trotter soprano

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Sherouse
David Worsley *Deacon Chair*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christina Harmon
Away In a Manger

CHRIST CANDLE

The Sherouse Family

†CONFESSON OF FAITH

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

**What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

**He was in the world,
and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.**

He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,

**who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man, but of God.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

**and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's
only son, full of grace and truth.**

— from John 1.1-5, 9-14

CAROLS

HAGEN

Morning Star, O Cheering Sight

Morgan Alexander *soloist*

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night, Holy Night

†BLESSING

Rev. Sherouse

†CAROL

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come