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THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Please remember to put cell phones on silence or turn off electronic devices while in the sanctuary. Thank you.

The Announcements and Words of Welcome

The Prelude

The Invocation

The Scripture: Isaiah 7:14

Congregational Hymn: The First Noel #265
(Printed in Bulletin)

The Awana Choir Presentation:

"Away In A Manger" by Cradle Song"
by William J. Kirkpatrick, music by James R. Murray
Violinist: Mrs. Linda Brenize, Pianist: Mrs. Elaine Shughart

"The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy" by
(Folk song from Trinidad)
Pianist: Mrs. Linda Brenize



The Christmas Cantata: Presented by the Adult Choir
Arranged by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed where a
Mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

The Reader

And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love,
For that Child, dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

First Lessons and Carols

The Reader

The Holly and the Ivy/* The Sans Day Carol

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it and Mary bore
Jesus, who rose from the dead. And Mary bore Jesus, our Savior for to
be, and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly, holly.
The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown, of all the
Trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. And Mary bore
Jesus, Our Savior for to be and the first tree in the greenwood, it was
the holly, holly. Of all the trees that are in the wood the holly
Bears the crown.

Second Lesson and Carols

The Reader

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn
King! All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn
King!

Third Lesson and Carols

The Reader

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See, a tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn; hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem; Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Fourth Lesson and Carols

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when
Half spent was the night.

The Reader

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory, by,
Born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons from earth,
Born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King! Gloria, gloria, glory to the newborn King!

Congregation Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #279

Infant holy, infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall,
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings bringing
Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all! Christ the Babe, is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story –Tidings of a gospel true,
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises voicing greet the morrow;
Christ, the Babe, was born for you! Christ, the Babe, was born for you!

Fifth Lesson and Carols

The Reader

What Child Is This?

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and
Angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of
Mary.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while
Mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth, and praises
Sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Sixth Lesson and Carols

The Reader

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

Joseph, dearest Joseph mine, help me cradle the Child divine;
God reward thee and all that's thine in paradise, so prays the
mother Mary. Gladly, dear one, lady mine, I will cradle this
Child of thine; God's own light on us both will shine in paradise,
As prays the mother Mary. He came among us at Christmas-
Time, at Christmas time in Bethlehem. All shall bring Him from
Far and near Love's diadem. Jesus! Jesus! Lo! He comes and
Loves and saves and frees us!

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

Good Christian men rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born
For this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest
Forever more, Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Jesus Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Seventh Lesson and Carols

The Reader

Sing We Now of Christmas

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, Leave your flocks at rest,
Journey forth to Bethlehem, find the Child so blest.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Noel! Noel!
Christ is born! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas Sing we now Noel!

The First Noel

The first Noel 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. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel!

Eighth Lesson and Carols

The Reader

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let
Us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

The Reader

Congregational Hymn: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne #292
(Printed in Bulletin)

The Closing Prayer

The Postlude

All are welcome to the gym following the program for cookies and punch. Thanks to all who provided cookies this evening and Sister's of the Heart for their preparation. Following this social time, Pastor Greg is looking for volunteers to go Christmas Caroling in Boiling Springs. Please see Pastor Greg if interested.

Those in Service this evening:

Music Director/Organist: Mr. Michael Minnich
Pianist: Mrs. Elaine Shughart
Reader: Mrs. Brenda Mallery
AWANA Choir Director: Mrs. Linda Brenize
Assistant Awana Choir Director: Mrs. Nicole Smith
Song Leader: Adult Choir

AWANA Choir Members:

Gavin Hoover
Easton McConnell
Amina Ruiz
Gabbi Smith
Jack Smith

Adult Choir Members:

Patti Martin	Diana Ciucci
Sprink Walters	Julie Gross
Mary Jane Wickard	Judy Prosser
	Janet Singer

Brian Bittinger	Rev. Walt Frankenberry
Rev. Mike Poe	Doug Roof

This year the offering(s) from both the organ concert and the Cantata will be donated to organizations who work to remove people from situations in countries where they are enslaved or persecuted for their beliefs. Those organizations are The Nazarene Fund and Gospel Passion Ministries. The Nazarene Fund was established to liberate the captive, to free the enslaved, to rescue and rebuild and restore the lives of Christians and other persecuted religious and ethnic minorities wherever and whenever they are in need. The Gospel Passion Ministries was started in order to reach broken people with the love of Jesus. The main focus is currently to come alongside victims of exploitation in Ethiopia and help with escaping the situation they are in. They will be given the opportunity to receive educational training as well as learning first hand about the love God has for them! Thank you in advance for supporting this effort. Checks should be made out to Carlisle First Church of God.

A special thank you to all participants in tonight's program. Thank you to the parents who made sure their children were here for practice. A big thank you to all directors in putting the program together. Thank you choirs for your hard work and dedication.