



Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church



How does a
weary world
rejoice?

An Advent series in
Luke's Gospel

Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra Christmas Music Concert

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Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra

Christmas Music Worship Service

Celebration of the Lord's Day, Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Prelude

Choral Prelude on In dulci jubilo
arr. Johann Michael Bach

Hyoun Joo Song

Processional

Alleluia, Venite Gaudete

arr. Gary Fry

Duet: Elizabeth Conti and Hannah Smith

This is an excellent arrangement based on a 16th century Finnish/Swedish Christmas tune. Gary Fry, through this music, is making a majestic announcement of the birth of the Christ child by the Virgin Mary. Alleluia, O come let us adore him!

Original Latin:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, alleluia!

Gaudete, Gaudete!

Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete!

Tempus adest gratiae hoc quod optabamus, carmina

laetitiae devote redamus. Gaudete, Gaudete!

Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete!

Venite adoremus, venite adoremus!

Ergo nostra constio psallat iam in lustris; Bendicat

Domino, salus Regni nostri!

Gaudete, Gaudete!

Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete!

Alleluia!

Translation:

Alleluia!

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary!

The time of Grace has come, which we have waited for,
let us devotedly render him joyful songs!

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary!

Therefore, our congregation praise him in brightness!

Bless the Lord! Greeting to our King!

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary!

Alleluia!



Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Gail and Keith Funderburk

One: How does a weary world practice peace?

All: By listening before we speak and saying sorry when we need to.

One: By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor.

By practicing Sabbath and forgiving seventy times seven.

All: By choosing grace over hate and opening the door for each other.

One: There are a million ways to practice peace.

So today we light the candle of peace as a reminder and a charge.

All: With God's help, may we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Brian Ireland and Drew Phillips

Plainsong

Congregation please remain seated and sing the refrain.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. **(refrain)**

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. **(refrain)**

(Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.)

Introduction

The Rev. Katie Day

For Unto Us a Child is Born

Chancel Choir

George Frideric Handel

More than 700 years after Isaiah prophesied the coming of the Messiah, Jesus the Christ child came to earth, fully human, fully divine. Wonderful, meaning “extraordinary to the point of being miraculous,” and counselor conveying a “divine miraculous character that would not be possible through simply human devices” Mighty God, “so powerful so as to be able to absorb all evil and defeat it,” and everlasting father, indicating that he is the author and creator of time.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
And his name shall be called Wonderful!

Counselor!
The Mighty God!
The Everlasting Father!
The Prince of Peace!

Magnificat

Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

Canticle of Mary (Luke 1:46-55). Countless composers have set this text and many of these works have endured for hundreds of years. Mark Hayes humbly offers this setting with hope that it will inspire and bring joy to your heart.

Original Latin:

Magnificat anima mea Dominum!
Et exultavit spiritus meus
In Deo salutary meo.
Et sanctum nomen ejus.
Sanctus.

Translation:

My soul magnifies the Lord!
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior.
My soul magnifies the Lord.
And my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he who is mighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.
And holy is his name.
Holy.

Recitative for Soprano Nos 14 – 16

Soprano Solo: Pam Griffin

George Frideric Handel

These four recitatives narrate the Christmas story from the shepherds abiding in the fields to the angel's chorus, “Glory to God”.

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.
And lo! The angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,
and they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God

Chancel Choir

George Frideric Handel

This chorus is attributed to the multitude of heavenly hosts singing, “Glory to God, and peace on earth.”

Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth.
Goodwill towards men.

O Holy Night
arr. Rene Clausen

Soprano Solo: Erin Towe

This Christmas piece known worldwide was composed by Adolphe Adam, a prolific Jewish composer. The words were based on a poem by Placid Clappeau, who later turned atheist which caused this song to be banned in all French churches for a period. An American abolitionist and Unitarian minister, John Sullivan Dwight, in 1855 translated the words from French to English with a few changes. This translation spread throughout the world as a beautiful song about the birth of the Christ child.

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and terror pining, til he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night devine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night devine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
Led by a star, above them brightly gleaming, appeared the wise men from far eastern land.
The king of kings lay in a lowly manger, to us this day is born to be our God.
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night devine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night devine.

Do You Hear What I Hear
arr. Harry Simeone

Chancel Choir
Baritone Solo: Paul Shane

Words by Noel Regny, music by Gloria Shayne. This collaboration of Regny and Shane was written as a plea for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962. The world during this time was nervous and fearful, so the words "pray for peace people everywhere" were highly emotional during the stand off between the US and USSR. This carol has been sung by many choirs and popular singers through the years and is still being sung year after year.

Congregation, please stand and sing the words in bold when directed.

Said the night wind to the little lamb, **Do you see what I see?**
Way up in the sky, little lamb. **Do you see what I see?**
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite.
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, **Do you hear what I hear?**
Singing through the sky, shepherd boy. **Do you hear what I hear?**
A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea.
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, **Do you know what I know?**
In your palace warm, mighty king, **Do you know what I know?**
A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, let us bring him silver and gold, let us bring him silver and gold.
Said the King to the people everywhere, **Listen to what I say:**
Pray for peace, people everywhere! **Listen to what I say:**
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night, he will bring us goodness and light. Bring us light.

Invitation to Offering

The Rev. Katie Day

Drop your gift in the plate when the Usher comes by.
Scan the QR code.
Go to www.pleasanthillpc.org and click on the Giving tab.
Text givePHPC to 73256.
Please sign the red friendship pad.



Organ Solo
arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

The Shepherds from Nativity Suite

Hyoun Joo Song

Two Spirituals on the Christmas Star

Baritone Solo: Ralph Griffin

Gary Fry

One of Gary Fry's most recent arrangements commissioned by the Dallas Symphony. Beginning with an ethereal, mysterious feeling and developing into an energetic duel between solo and choir, this superb arranging by Gary Fry celebrates the beauty of these two spirituals.

Behold that star, behold that star up yonder! It is the star of Bethlehem.
The wise men traveled from the east, to worship him, the Prince of Peace.
A song broke forth up on the night, from angel hosts all robed in white.
Behold that star, behold that star up yonder, behold that star. It is the star of Bethlehem.
Rise up, rise up, rise up, rise up!
There's a star in the east on Christmas morn; rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the savior's born; rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your eyes, and leave your arms; rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your sheep, and leave your lambs.
Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow, follow the star to Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
If you take good heed to the angel's word, you'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd.
Leave your burdens, lay them down, for you that holy child will wear a crown,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow the star to Bethlehem!
Rise up, rise up, rise up, shepherd, and follow the star!

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

Dancers: Samantha Grabowski and Christian Smith

Dan Forrest has arranged the hymn tune "Humility" (1871) with text by Edward Caswall (1858) swelling with emotion and reverent worship. This is a stunning arrangement.

Alleluia, alleluia
See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the 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."
Alleluia, alleluia
Lo, within a manger lies he who built the lofty skies,
He, who throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Alleluia, alleluia
Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.
Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Alleluia, alleluia

Mary's Little Boy Child

Solo: Drew Phillips

arr. Gary Fry

Trumpet: Ryan Moser

Early in the 1950s songwriter, Jester Hairston was asked to provide a new Christmas carol for an upcoming concert.

Hairston thought back to a song he had composed a few years earlier in which he used a Calypso rhythm.

He penned some new Christmas-themed lyrics for the melody and came up with "Mary's Little Boy Child".

This carol has found its way into numerous hymnals and has been sung by many popular singers.

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say, Mary boy child, Jesus Christ, he born on Christmas Day! Oh Mary boy child, Jesus Christ, he born on Christmas Day! While shepherds watched their flocks by night, they see a bright blue shining star, and then they hear a choir sing, the voices seem to come from afar. Hark now hear the angels sing a new king born today, and man will live forever more, because of Christmas Day! Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen what they say, that man will live forever more, because of Christmas Day! Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night, didn't find no place for to born she child, not a single room was in sight; then by and by they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn, and in a manger cold and dark Mary little boy was born. Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say, Mary boy child, Jesus Christ, he born on Christmas Day! Oh Mary boy child, Jesus Christ, he born on Christmas Day! Hark now hear the angels sing a new King born today, and man will live forever more, because of Christmas Day!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

*First published in 1751 in John Wade's Cantus diversity as the Latin "Adeste Fidelis",
this great Christmas Carol is one of modern Christianity's finest hymns.*

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God; Glory in the highest! (refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Son of the Father,
now in flesh appearing! (refrain)

Benediction

The Rev. Katie Day

Hallelujah Chorus

arr. George Frideric Handel

Chancel Choir

Words and music from Messiah (1741). Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! And he shall reign for ever and ever.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
And of his Christ, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

J. S. Bach

This is the Day that is so Joyous

Hyoun Joo Song



PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

Christmas Brunch Today

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Brunch immediately following the church service. All are welcome!

Project Angel Giving Event Today

Purchase a gift in honor of loved ones/friends supporting our local & international mission partners. The event runs until Sunday, December 17. Visit the Project Angel table in the Narthex following worship.

Youth Fellowship Opportunities

Celebrate the joy of the season with other PHPC youth! Join us on Sunday, December 10, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for a festive youth Christmas party in collaboration with John's Creek Presbyterian Church. The spirit continues on Friday, December 22, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, as we embark on a magical Christmas lights tour. Further details about both events can be found in this week's newsletter.

Sign Up for PHPC's Advent Daily Devotional

We invite you to embark on a daily journey of reflection, inspiration, and community through our exclusive Advent daily devotional newsletter. Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season as we share beautiful art, heartfelt writings, and delicious recipes submitted by our wonderful PHPC community. To join this uplifting experience, simply scan the QR code provided or reach out to Veronica at veronica@pleasanthillpc.org.



Year-end Donation Planning

Thank you for your generous financial support of PHPC this year. If you're planning your year-end donations, here are some things to consider: **Donating Appreciated Stock** - There are significant tax advantages when you donate stock that has appreciated to a church or qualified charitable organization. Ask your tax advisor how you might benefit. If you plan to donate to PHPC, email Mary at mary@pleasanthillpc.org for simple instructions. **Donating Some or All of your RMD** - If you are 73 or older, you may know that RMD stands for Required Minimum Distribution, or the amount that the IRS requires you to withdraw annually from your IRA. Doing this has tax consequences and you may benefit from directing all or a portion of your RMD to a church or other qualified charity. Ask your tax advisor first, but all you have to do is to instruct your IRA custodian to send the RMD payment directly to PHPC. Please let us know if we can help with your year-end giving in any way. Donations must be received or postmarked by Sunday, December 31 to be tax deductible in 2023.

Chancel Choir

Director of Music: Paul S. Dean

I Soprano

Tiv Alston
Gail Funderburk
Ivie Goorsky
Pam Griffin
Nai-Chia Kuo
Ladonna Pitts
The Rev. Ming Chen (Grace) Lo Rohrer
Margaret Snyder
Chere Stricker
Erin Towe

II Soprano

June Davenport Dean
Laura Huffman
Mary Kate Veal

I Alto

Lee Bourgeois
Huey Chen
Shannon Hudson
Robin Prater
Brenda Torri

II Alto

Betty Dean
Tereza Kisele
Angie O'Farrell
Carol Ann Stough

Tenor

Mark Clark
Cordell Prater
John Reineking
Tom Stricker
Greg Veal

Bass

Barry Arnold
Keith Funderburk
Stan Fyfe
Ralph Griffin
Doug Griswold
Brian Ireland
Aldo Liedtke
Dale Murphy
Drew Phillips
Paul Shane



Orchestra

Violin

Alison James
Holly Bryan
Heather Heart
Elonia Varfi

Flute

Karen Vaughn-Smith
Isabel Brock

French Horn

Helen Werling

Harp

Tyler Hartley

Percussion/Timpani

Michael Garrett
Carson Lee
Redden Belk
Charles Goorsky

Oboe

Mandy Dunaway

Trumpet

Ryan Moser
Michael Meo

Piano/Organ

Hyoun Joo Song

Viola

Cindy Beard

Clarinet

Miranda Dohrman

Cello

Sarah Kapps

Bassoon

Michelle Hung

Trombone

Erin Cundiff
Phil Truex
Aaron Devin Whitt

Double Bass

David Metrio



Praise in Motion Dance Company

Director: Susie Grimley

Assistant Director: Christian Smith

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Taylor Ethridge
Gloria Fort
Samantha Grabowski

Ella Griffith
Callie Hightower
Ava James
Ara Oh
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How does a weary world rejoice?

An Advent series in Luke's Gospel

Advent and Christmas at PHPC 2023

- Dec 13 **Advent Bible Study**, 10:30am
Explore the history of beloved carols.
- Dec 15 **Men's Breakfast**, 7:30am
Join the men of PHPC for a devotion, fellowship, and food.
- Dec 17 **Third Sunday of Advent**
10:00am **Advent Worship & Laundry Love Collection**
11:15am **Church School & Project Angel Alternative Gift Market**
- Dec 20 **Advent Bible Study**, 10:30am
Explore the history of beloved carols.
- Dec 24 **Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve**
10:00am **Advent Worship with Flying Biscuit Breakfast**
5:30pm **Candlelight Worship with Interactive Nativity**
7:30pm **Candlelight Worship with Communion**
- Dec 31 **First Sunday After Christmas**
10:00am **Worship**
11:15am **Church School**

Welcome

Welcome to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. We have been part of the Duluth community since 1985. Our vibrant congregation embraces people from all walks of life as we live out our mission statement of "connecting faith with everyday life." We are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

We are delighted you are worshiping with us and we invite you to become part of our church family. To learn more about us, make a note on the red Friendship Pad or contact the church office.

Worship services are livestreamed at www.pleasanthillpc.org/phpc-live. Worshipers may appear on this live feed. If you wish to remain off camera, psit in the back rows of any section of pews.

Hearing enhancement devices and printed copies of today's sermon are available for use during our service. Ask an usher for assistance.

For Our Younger Worshipers

All children are welcome in worship at PHPC.

Elementary age children are invited to the Playground after the Children's Sermon. Worship Bags and Worship Journals are available. Parents must sit in the pews closest to the Playground.

Parents may walk **children age 3-Kindergarten** (potty-trained) to Room B103 for Play & Praise following the Children's Sermon.

A nursery is available for **children under 3** in room A114.

Elders

Class of 2024
Michael Armstrong
Marian Miller
Pat Miller
Robin Prater
Ben Badinger

Class of 2025
Kristen Ching
Gail Funderburk
Shannon Sligar
Kay Strickland

Class of 2026
Amanda Dannemiller
Alan Klein
Angie O'Farrell
John Reineking

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Class of 2025
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Class of 2026
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