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became
FLESH



The Sanctuary Choir
and Orchestra
with Dr. Michael Kinsley, narrator

Sunday, December 14, 2025
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Perry Methodist Church
1002 Carroll Street

Christmas Cantata

Welcome and Invocation

Rev. Tom Carruth

A Word About the Service

Dr. Jane Kimbrel

Lighting of the Advent Candle

9:00 Dr. Bryce and Liz Westmoreland
11:00 Chuck and Skylar Register, and Charlie

Congregational Response: **Come, Lord Jesus, come. Fill us with joy as we prepare to welcome you into our world. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Carruth

Offertory Music

Christmas Fantasy
Orchestra

arr. Dan Goeller

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Words and Music by Dan and Heidi Goeller
Dr. Michael Kinsley, Narrator

This Is My Father's World

1. *This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.*
2. *This is my Father's world,
I comfort in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*
3. *This is my Father's world
O may my will not sway;
The oceans' tide, the rivers wide
His will they do obey.*
4. *This is my Father's world,
His will shall be my prayer.
The Lord is King, let all nature sing;
His glory we declare!
God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good.*

The Fall of Man

Dr. Michael Kinsley

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. *Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.*
2. *Come to us, redeem and cleanse us,
Show us mercy, grant us peace.
Heir unto the throne of David
Fear and strife shall ever cease*
3. *By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*
4. *Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

The Savior Foretold

Unto Us a Child Will Be Born

1. *Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.
Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.*
2. *He will rule with justice,
His peace will never end.
Reigning on the throne of David,
He will rule forevermore.*
3. *Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.
Unto us a Son will be given,
And his name will be called:*
4. *Mighty God, Eternal Father,
Counselor, the Prince of Peace.
In his kingdom He will bring us
Justice, peace, and righteousness.*
5. *Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.
Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.*

The Angel Gabriel

Gabriel's Message with Gloria and Magnificat

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow, His eyes as flame
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
2. For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
4. Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
Magnificat anima mea dominum.
5. Of her Emanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will
ever say, "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

The Child Is Born

Infant Holy and Silent Night (Sing a-long)

1. Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing,
Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Angels winging, Praises singing,
Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
2. Flocks were sleeping,
Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, Heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
3. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing
Greet the morrow: Christ the Babe was born for you!
Christ the Babe was born for you!
4. 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.
5. Silent night, holy night, Son of God,
love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Good News of Great Joy

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

1. Gloria in excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest.
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest.
2. And peace to His people on earth.
Peace to His people on earth.
Peace on earth to those
With whom He is pleased.
3. Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father;
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Heaven and earth rejoice and sing.

The Shepherds' Joy

Angels We Have Heard on High and Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Sing a-long)

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains:
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Come to Bethlehem,
And see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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3. *Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King;
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
 God and sinners reconciled."
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With angelic hosts proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King."*

4. *Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings,
 Ris'n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.
 Hark! the herald an-gels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King."*

The Wise Men

Joy to the World! and O Come, All Ye Faithful (Sing a-long)

1. *Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

2. *He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.*

3. *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!*

4. *Yea, Lord, we greet Thee born this happy
 morning,
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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We Have Seen His Glory

1. *The Prince of Peace has come;
 He left His heavenly throne above
 And made this world His home.*

2. *We have seen the glory,
 Of the Father's only Son;
 Whose vict'ry rescues us from death,
 The curse of sin undone.*

3. *God the Father, rich in mercy,
 Reaches down from heav'n above.
 To offer us salvation
 By virtue of His love.
 Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate,
 Hero of redemption's story.
 We worship and adore Him,
 For we have seen His glory.*

4. *We have seen His glory,
 Raise your voice in one accord.
 Let ev'ry tongue His name confess
 That Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Benediction

Rev. Carruth

Postlude
 String Ensemble

I Saw Three Ships

arr. Michael Tyree

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