

The Carols of Christmas Cantata

December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson

*CAROL Angels We Have Heard On High

FMC Worship Team

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah Appleton

In this sacred season, the music of Christmas surrounds us once again.

Carols of hope and peace, of love and joy, fill our hearts and stir our souls.

These carols tell the story that words alone cannot express—

The story of God's love, born in a manger, alive among us still.

As we sing and listen, may these melodies rekindle wonder and awaken joy.

For the music of Christmas carries the sound of heaven to earth.

Come, let us worship the One whose birth sets our hearts to singing!

We come with joy to celebrate Christ, the Song of our Salvation!

OPENING PRAYER Jeremiah

God of melody and meaning, You fill our hearts with songs of faith throughout this season. As we lift our voices in the carols of Christmas, remind us that these are more than familiar tunes—they are the language of hope, peace, joy and love made known in Jesus Christ. May every note sung and every word spoken draw us closer to the mystery of Your love made flesh in Jesus Christ. Let the music of our worship echo the angels' song and fill this place—and our lives—with Your unending joy. Through Christ, the Lord of song and Savior of the world, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

The McGough Family

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gina

THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS CANTATA

READING Isaiah 40:1, 3-5 – GOD'S PEOPLE COMFORTED Jeremiah Appleton

*CAROL Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

MEDITATION TRUST – DO NOT BE AFRAID! Pastor Gina

CAROL I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day FMC Worship Team

MEDITATION Christmas Bells by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Pastor Gina & Jeremiah

CAROL Let There Be Peace on Earth FMC Worship Team

READING Isaiah 11:1-6 – THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM Jeremiah

CAROL Mary Did You Know FMC Worship Duet

*CAROL The Holly and the Ivy

MEDITATION Healing and Life Jeremiah

OFFERING OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

Jeremiah

We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering in the plate as the ushers pass it to you. There is also a basket located in the rear of the sanctuary. Gifts can also be given online and prayers can be emailed to church@fmcmoorestown.com.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Go Tell It On the Mountain FMC Worship Team

Luke 2:8-14 - THE SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS READING Jeremiah

*CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing **FMC Worship Team**

John 1:1-5, 9-14 - THE TRUE LIGHT Pastor Gina & Jeremiah **READING**

*CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful **FMC Worship Team**

*BENEDICTION **Pastor Gina**

*POSTLUDE



'Special thanks to all the members of FMC Music Ministry who shared God's praises in this Cantata!

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

4th Sunday of Advent - December 21st 9 & 11 A.M. Services— Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

4:00 P.M. Family-Friendly Contemporary Service 6:46 P.M. A Musical Prelude with Bells & Brass 7:00 P.M. Traditional Service with Bells & Brass

First Sunday of Christmas, December 28th - 10:00 A.M. Combined Worship Service

Join us for Carol singing and discover how Jesus is the Gift that keeps on Giving!

ALL OTHER SUNDAYS

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship | 11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship

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