



The Carols of Christmas Cantata

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| December 14, 2025 | 3rd Sunday of Advent | 11am |
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| PRELUDE | Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella | FMC Handbell Choir |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson |
| *CAROL #220 | Angels from the Realms of Glory | |
| *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 O’Hanlan Family |
| MORNING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER | | Pastor Gina |

THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS CANTATA

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| READING | Isaiah 40:1, 3-5 – GOD’S PEOPLE COMFORTED | Jeremiah |
| *CAROL #196 | Come Thou Long Expected Jesus | |
| MEDITATION | TRUST – DO NOT BE AFRAID | Pastor Gina |
| CAROL & MEDITATION | I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY FMC Worship Choir | Henry Wadsworth Longfellow |
| CAROL | Still, Still, Still | FMC Handbell Choir |
| READING | Isaiah 11:1-6 – THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM | |
| Jeremiah | | |

*CAROL #242

Love Came Down at Christmas (vv 1-2)

READING

Luke 1:26-33 – THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

Pastor Gina

CAROL

The Holly and the Ivy

FMC Worship Choir

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

What Child is This?

FMC Worship Choir

READING

Luke 2:8-14 – THE SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

Pastor Gina

*CAROL #240

Angels We Have Heard on High (vv 1-3)

READING

John 1:1-5, 9-14 – THE TRUE LIGHT

Pastor Gina & Jeremiah

CAROL

Arise and Shine, Your Light Has Come

FMC Worship Choir

*CAROL #237

Sing We Now at Christmas (vv 1-3)

*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

6:45 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

Services are held in our Sanctuary and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

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