

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 11, 2011
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 and 11:00 AM

*The organ prelude is a call of consecration to worship the Living God.
Let us prepare our hearts in reverence and silent prayer.*

The Prelude *WHAT IS THIS LOVELY FRAGRANCE?* arr. Jordan

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register — Visitors please give complete address and phone number.)

The Introit *LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE* PICARDY
The text for the introit is hymn 193, stanza 1.

The Call To Worship Isaiah 59:20

* **The Hymn 529** *LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING* BEECHER

* **The Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

* **The Gloria Patri** Hymnal Page 735

* **The Confession of Faith** WCF VIII:II Hymnal, page 853

The Commandment Exodus 20:4-6
You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

The Confession of Sin and Supplication for Grace

Father, no one can forgive sins except You alone. No one can determine what is a sin except You alone. We confess that, according to Your law, we have all fallen short in many ways. We have sinned against You in this last week, and we seek Your cleansing and forgiveness now. Particularly, we have not loved You as we ought. We have neglected to glorify You in thought, word, and deed, and we have sought our own interests without reference to You. For these sins, we ask Your forgiveness for Christ's sake. Mercy and truth go before Your face. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. And yet, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, to You belongs great mercy. We come to You now, Father, seeking Your free pardon in Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 55:7
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem *WHAT SWEETER MUSIC* John Rutter
What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turned to May...Why does the chilling winter's morn smile like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth. We see Him come, and know Him ours, who, with His sunshine and His showers, turns the patient ground to flowers...The darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome Him...The nobler part of all the house here is the heart which we will give Him; and bequeath this holly and this ivy wreath to do Him honour, who's our King and Lord of all this reveling...

* **The Doxology** *Hymnal Page 731* OLD HUNDREDTH

* **The Prayer of Dedication**

The Scripture Reading Exodus 29:38-30:10 (Page 78 in the Pew Bible)

The Prayer of Intercession

* **The Hymn 218** *ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY* REGENT SQUARE

♦ **The Interlude** Children's Church: Shepherd-William Compton

The Scripture Ruth 1-4 (selected) (Page 240 in the Pew Bible)

The Sermon Dr. O. Palmer Robertson
LOVE CAME DOWN AT BETHLEHEM

* **The Hymn 201** *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM* ST. LOUIS

* **The Benediction**

* **The Choral/Congregation Response** *THREEFOLD AMEN* DANISH

The Postlude *IN DULCI JUBILO* arr. Martin

*Congregation Standing
♦8:30 AM Worship Service Only
♦11:00 AM Worship Service Only

Welcome
Visitors

We are delighted to have you join us for worship today. We are a founding congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America, the largest Bible-believing Presbyterian denomination in America. We invite you to take a Visitors Packet and a weekly newsletter located throughout the church and learn more about how you can become a part of our mission.

THE LORD'S DAY

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 pm

Join us for the presentation of
"The Story of Christmas"
by H. Alexander Matthews

this Lord's Day
at our evening worship service.

Please invite family and friends
to share in this special
service to the glory of God.

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

King of Kings
and Lord of Lords."

Rev. 19:11-16

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT

We welcome to the pulpit this Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. O. Palmer Robertson. Dr. Robertson serves as President of the African Bible Colleges with campuses located in Liberia, Malawi and Uganda. He is also a founding father of the PCA and beloved teacher of ministers including our own Richard D. Phillips. We welcome Palmer and his wife Joanna and children Murray, Elliot and Daniel.

The Poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day to the glory of God,
and in loving memory and honor of friends and family by loved ones.

DUTIES FOR THE WEEK

Nurseries:		Ushers:
AM Monitor	Leslie Martin	Main Floor: 8:30 am: Ed Butler, Tim Owens, Tindell Russell
8:15 Treasures/Cherubs		11:00 am: Rich Moran, Bill Turek, Bill Braeckelaere, Richard Chivers, Ron Mahon
Sunbeams/Kings K.	Hilary Caldwell	Balcony: Kevin Mobley, Henry Martin
9:45 Treasures	Julie Stoddard/Leslie Martin	Evening: Rich Moran, Kevin Worley, Kip Altman, John Gray, Ed Butler
Sunbeams/Cherubs	Jane Stillman	Counters:
10:45 Treasures	Sarah and Leslie Martin	Kevin Worley, Kip Altman, John Gray
Cherubs	Chris Zimmerman/ Addison Maralit	Elders on Duty:
Sunbeams	Helen Kee/Amelia Gray	Keith Pratt and Ken Safford
Kings Kids	Carrie Ann Mann	Wednesday night workers:
PM Monitor	Erin Shreve	Prep/Serve:
5:50 Birth-2 yrs	Erin and Ethan Shreve	Clean-up: Laurie Farley, Walter Russell, Don Woodard, Rich McCall
2 to 3 years	Linda and Katie Morgan	
Children's Church:	Rosie Hedgpeht	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11
 8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 9:55 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP
 4:00 PM Regular Adult Choir Rehearsal
 4:45 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP
 Christmas Cantata - "The Story of Christmas"

Monday, December 12
 11:45 AM Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon
 6:30 PM Session Meeting
Basketball games: Please check Herald for times and places.

Tuesday, December 13
 10:00 AM WIC Circles 1 & 3 meet at the church
 11:30 AM WIC Circle 5 Christmas Luncheon at Pat Shuford's
 12:00 PM Men's Bible Luncheon at Tommy's Ham House
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 828
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 2 meets at the home of Tammy Looper
 7:00 PM WIC Circle 4 meets at Panera Bread on Augusta Street

Wednesday, December 14
 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 5:45 PM FAMILY CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
 6:15 PM Covenant Choir
 6:45 PM CAT Kids and Covenant Kids
 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
 6:45 PM PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY
 6:45 PM WIC Circle 6

Thursday, December 15
 6:00 PM Evangelism Explosion Training
 6:30 PM Jessamines "Christmas Cookie Exchange"

Friday, December 16
 6:30 PM Jr. High Christmas Party at the Sparkmans

Saturday, December 17
 2:00 PM Maria Pennington/Spencer Player wedding

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Church Services: Sunday: Sunday School-10:00 AM
 Morning Worship – 8:30 and 11:00 AM • Evening Worship – 6:00 PM
Wednesday: Supper – 5:45 PM & Prayer Meeting and Bible Study – 6:45 PM

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 Asst. Katie Spears

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To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
 To all who mourn and long for comfort;
 To all who struggle and desire victory;
 To all who sin and need a Savior;
 To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
 To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
 and to whoever will come;

This church opens wide her doors
 and offers her welcome in the name
 of the Lord Jesus Christ.

December 11, 2011



The Story of Christmas
A Cantata for Christmastide and Epiphany



by H. Alexander Matthews

presented by

The Adult Choir
H. Elizabeth Guest, Music Director
Ellen Shearer, Organist

Cindy Duncan, Soprano
Denise Patton, Soprano
Jonathan Doyle, Tenor
David Parker, Baritone

Second Presbyterian Church
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The Prelude Brahms
Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

The Call to Worship Luke 2:11

Part One: The Prophecy

Chorus
Behold the Days Come, Saith the Lord

Jeremiah 23:5
 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice on the earth: and this is the name whereby He shall be called the Lord our Righteousness. O Emmanuel, our King and lawgiver, hope of every nation, and our Saviour: come and save us O Lord our God.

The Annunciation

Soprano Solo and Chorus
The Angel Gabriel was Sent from God

Luke 1:26-33
 The angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man named Joseph of the house of David and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came unto her and said, "Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And behold, thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end, there shall be no end.

Part Two: The Vision of the Shepherds

Chorus and Baritone Solo
There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field

Luke 2:8-14
 There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear ye not, for, behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, 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 in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Journey of the Shepherds

Tenor Solo and Chorus
And it Came to Pass, When the Angels Were Gone Away

Luke 2:15
 And it came to pass, when the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the Shepherds said, one to another: Let us now go even to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Voices of the Sky

Chorus
 O lovely voices of the sky that hymned the Saviour's birth! Are ye not singing still on high, ye that sang "Peace on Earth?" To us yet speak the strains wherewith in days gone by, ye blessed the Syrian swains, O voices of the sky! O clear and shining light! Whose beams that hour heaven's glory shed around the palms and over the streams, and on the shepherds head; be near, through life and death, as in the holiest night of hope, and joy, and faith, O clear and shining light!

Part Three: The Quest of the Magi

Baritone and Tenor Solos and Chorus
Behold, There Came Three Wise Men from the East

Matthew 2:1-8
 And Behold, there came three wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where, where is He that is born the King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the King had heard these things; he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered the chief priests and scribes together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him: In Bethlehem of Judea. For it is written by the prophet: And thou, Bethlehem in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of these come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men together, inquired of them what time the star appeared. And sent them to Bethlehem, and said: Go and search diligently for the child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. And when they had heard the King, they departed. From the Eastern mountains, pressing on they come, wise men in their wisdom, to His humble home. Stirred by deep devotion, hasting from afar, ever journeying onward, guided by a star. Light of light that shineth, e'er the world began, draw thou near and lighten every heart of man.

Part Four: The Fulfillment of the Prophecy

Tenor Solo and Chorus
And When They Were Come Into the House

Matthew 2:9-12
 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him, and presented unto Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. And the Lord hath comforted his people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem. The King of Israel is in the midst of Thee. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee, hymn, and chant, and high Thanksgiving, and unwearied praises to be: Honour, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore! Amen!

The Chorus and Congregational Hymn 208: O Come All Ye Faithful

The Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 (Page 849 in the Pew Bible)

The Sermon **GLORY TO THE KING** Rev. Richard D. Phillips

The Hymn 203 *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING* MENDELSSOHN

The Benediction

The Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. Page