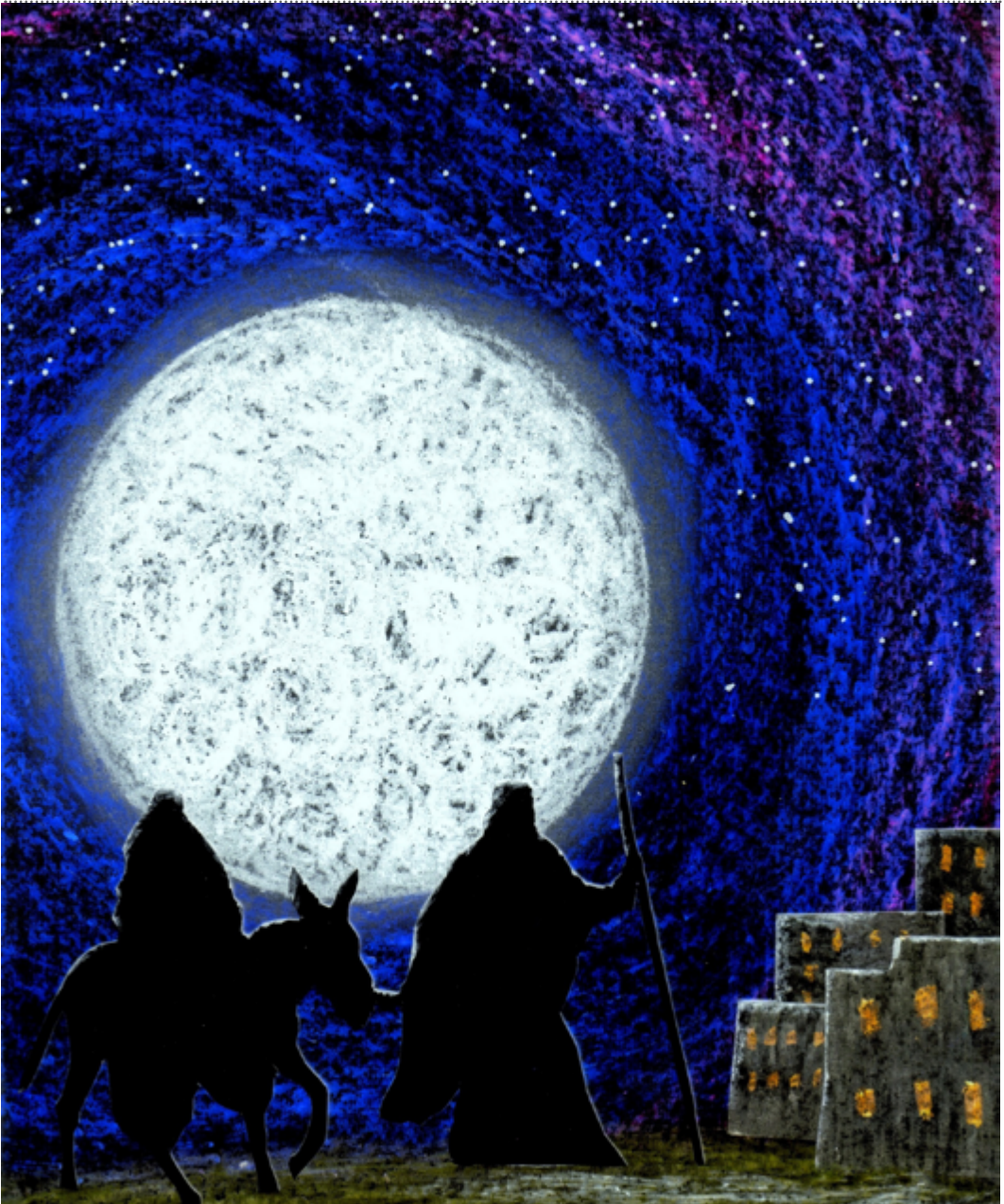




FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2018



John Stuart, *Arrival*, 2012

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Take a tour of the church. Have a cup of coffee with us. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. There are tons of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston
Senior Pastor

If You Are New Here

Please fill out the Welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Visitors Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). The folks at the Visitors Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs, volunteer opportunities, and the history of this congregation, which has served New York City since 1808. We also invite you on a guided tour of the church, starting from the rear of the Sanctuary shortly after the service.

These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin or a hearing-enhancement device, please ask an usher. We also have illustrated Bibles for children to use during the service. You may return these materials to the rear of the Chapel or Sanctuary after the service.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at fapc.org/pray.

Help With Transportation & Parking

If you need help getting to church on Sunday, we will be glad to put you in touch with a volunteer who will escort you by taxi, bus or car. For a ride, or to volunteer, contact congregationalcare@fapc.org. We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park Monday–Friday from 5 pm–12 am, or anytime until 1 am on Saturday, Sunday and holidays (12 hours maximum). Ask for discount coupons at the 55th Street entrance.

Visit Us During the Week

Our Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and Columbarium are open seven days a week for prayer and reflection. See the building hours listed on the back of the bulletin.



Worship Resources Online

You will find information about future worship services (including the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday) at fapc.org/worship. An archive of our recorded sermons is available at fapc.org/sermons. This morning’s Prayers of the People and midweek devotionals based on today’s sermon can be found at fapc.org/pray.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE • ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.
Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.*

PRELUDE

Variations on *In dulci jubilo*
("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!") • *Denis Bédard (b. 1950)*
Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen ("Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming")
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
Chorale Prelude on *In dulci jubilo*
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)
Proclamation on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*
("Sleepers Wake") • *Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)*
Prelude on *Helmsley* ("Lo, He Comes with Clouds
Descending") • *James Vivian (b. 1974)*
Offertoire sur Deux Noël's • *Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)*
Noël grand jeu et duo • *Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Elder Jane Hong*

Luke 2:10-11
Behold I bring you tidings of great joy;
for unto you this day, in the city of David, is born a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

* HYMN

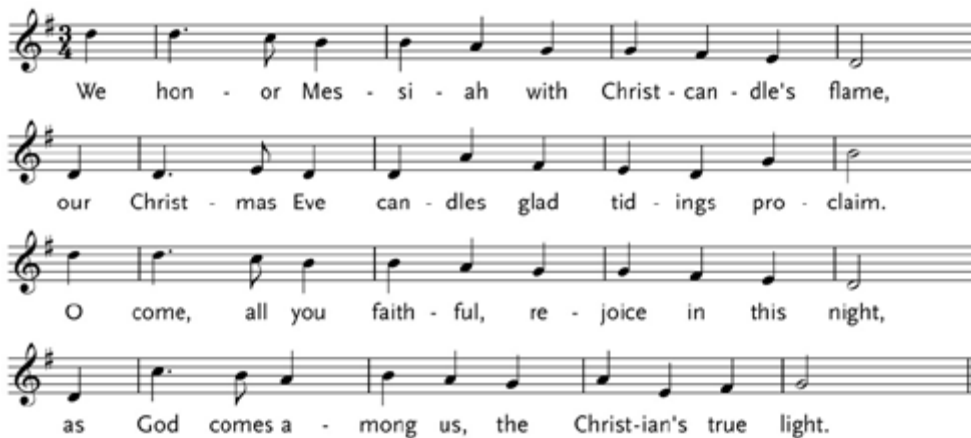
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Text by John Francis Wade (1711–1786)
Translated by Frederick Oakeley, Tune: ADESTE FIDELES
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
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 heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be 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!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Mary Jane Goode and Elizabeth, Ross and Walt Gramley (7:30 pm)

Joy and Sophia Canfield and Audrey Webber (11 pm)

SUNG RESPONSE



We hon - or Mes - si - ah with Christ - can - dle's flame,
our Christ - mas Eve can - dles glad tid - ings pro - claim.
O come, all you faith - ful, re - joice in this night,
as God comes a - mong us, the Christ - ian's true light.

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WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*"...and forgive us our debts..."*)

INVITATORY CAROL

The Huron Carol • *Traditional, arr. Robert B. Anderson*

Text by J.E. Middleton (1872–1960)

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled.
The Mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim
And wondering hunters heard the hymn:
Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis Gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found.
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round.
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high:
Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis Gloria.

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:
Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis Gloria.

THE FIRST LESSON

The Prophet Foretells the Coming of the Savior • Isaiah 9:2-7

The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell (7:30 pm)

The Rev. Kate Dunn (11 pm)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL

Seek Him That Maketh the Seven Stars

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959), Text: Amos 5:8; Psalm 139

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
And turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shines as the day,
The night is light about me.
Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

The Peace That Christ Will Bring Is Foreshown • Isaiah 11:1-6

Deacon Roseanne Lind (7:30 pm)

Deacon Janine Schindler (11 pm)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

CAROL

The Holly and the Ivy • *Traditional English Carol, arr. John Rutter*

The holly and the ivy
When they are both full grown;
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

O, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom
As white as any flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour.

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

THE THIRD LESSON

The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary • Luke 1:26-38

The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell (7:30 pm)

Elder Brenda Berkman (11 pm)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Ave Maria • Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Ave Maria, gratia plena,

Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus,

Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, mater Dei,

Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

* HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

THE FOURTH LESSON

The Coming of the True Light • John 1:6-14

Morgan King (7:30 pm)

The Rev. Kate Dunn (11 pm)

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

A Babe Is Born • William Mathias (1934–1992)

Text: Anonymous, 15th century

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us.

To him we sing both night and day.

Veni creator Spiritus (Come creating spirit).

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was;

And him to serve God give us grace, *O lux beata Trinitas* (O Trinity of blessed light).

There came three kings out of the east, to worship the King that is so free,

With gold and myrrh and frankincense,

A solis ortus cardine (From lands that see the sun rise).

The angels came down with one cry, a fair song that night sung they

In worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine* (Glory to you, Lord).

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us.

To him we sing both night and day.

Veni creator Spiritus, O lux beata Trinitas, A solis ortus cardine, Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!

THE FIFTH LESSON

St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus • Luke 2:1-7

Elder Sandy Lamb (7:30 pm)

Deacon Gary McKoy (11 pm)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King • *Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Text: "Go Tell It on the Mountain," with additional lyrics by Moses Hogan

What will we call that pretty little baby?

Baby born in Bethlehem.

What will we call that pretty little baby?

Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Where was he born, this pretty little baby?

Down in a lowly manger:

Where his birth was in a stable.

Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Born this night, the Son of Mary:

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace.

Glory to the newborn King.

Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.

Children, go and tell it on the mountain, Lord,

Over the hills and everywhere.

Why don't you go tell it on the mountain, Lord,

That Jesus Christ is born.

See the newborn baby.

Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King...

All praise to the newborn King, we're singin'...

Over hill and mountain, we're singin'...

Hail, the new King, we're singin'...

We're singin': Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.

THE SIXTH LESSON

The Shepherds Go to the Manger • Luke 2:8-16

Deacon Rebecca Tarby (7:30 pm)

Robert Schindler (11 pm)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

CAROL

O Magnum Mysterium (“O Great Mystery”) • *Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)*

Text: Responsorial chant from the Matins of Christmas

<i>O magnum mysterium,</i>	O great mystery,
<i>Et admirabile sacramentum,</i>	And wondrous sacrament,
<i>Ut Animalia viderent Dominum</i>	That animals should see
<i>Natum, jacentem in praesepio!</i>	The newborn Lord, lying in their manger!
<i>Beata Virgo, cujus viscera</i>	Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
<i>Meruerunt portare</i>	Was worthy to bear the
<i>Dominum Christum. Alleluia!</i>	Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

* HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Christmas at John’s House”

* CHRISTMAS EVE LITANY

The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell One:
(7:30 pm)

Light looked down and saw darkness.

All: “I will go there,” said Light.

The Rev. Kate Dunn (11 pm)

One: Peace looked down and saw war.

All: “I will go there,” said Peace.

One: Love looked down and saw hatred.

All: “I will go there,” said Love.

One: So he, the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace, the King of Love,
came down and crept in beside us.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY CAROL

O Holy Night • *Adolphe Adam (1803–1856)*
Arr. John Rutter, text by Cappeau de Roquetaure (1808–1877)

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 error pining,
Till 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! Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born,
O night divine, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger;
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Your King! Before him bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his Gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his Name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy Name.
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we,
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim,
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN 134 **Joy to the World**

THE SEVENTH LESSON

St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation • John 1:1-5
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

* HYMN 122 **Silent Night, Holy Night!**

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chorale Fantasy on *In dulci jubilo*
("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"), BWV 729
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

The ministry of music this evening is offered by: The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*
Claire Myers McCormick, *Soprano* • Rachel Mikol, *Soprano*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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wish you and those you love a merry Christmas!

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