



WELCOME Rev. Terry Brandt, Vice President for Advancement

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Adoration” by Florence Price

The Concordia Orchestra, Dr. Kevin F.E. Sütterlin, director

GREETING Rev. Dave & Kim Adams, Campus Pastors

P: Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy.

C: To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

P: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child
wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace!
Let us go now to Bethlehem.

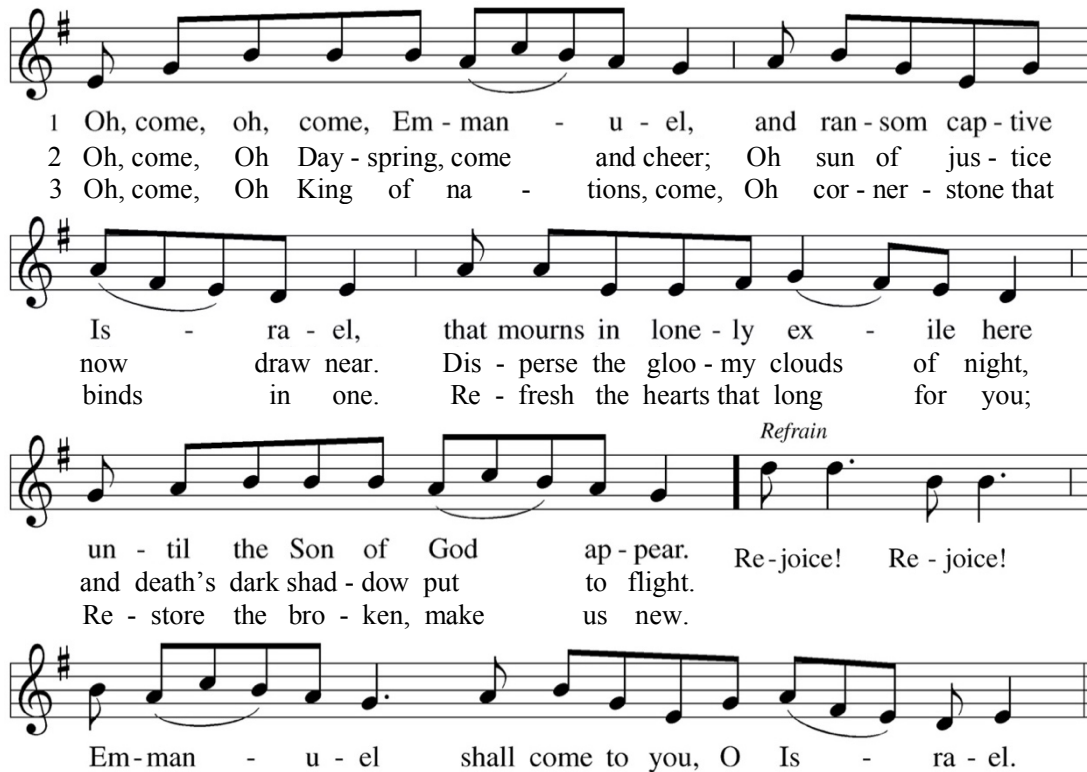
A PROPHETIC VOICE *Isaiah 40:1-5* Glory Godwin, '23, reader

R: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

Professor Andrew Steinberg, '12, organist



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, Oh Day - spring, come and cheer; Oh sun of jus - tice
 3 Oh, come, Oh King of na - tions, come, Oh cor - ner - stone that

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 now draw near. Dis - perse the gloo - my clouds of night,
 binds in one. Re - fresh the hearts that long for you;

Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 and death's dark shad - dow put to flight.
 Re - store the bro - ken, make us new.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
 who was in the beginning,
 who makes a dwelling among us,
 who covers us with justice and mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: God of goodness and lovingkindness,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have turned away from your invitation to new life.

We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.

In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,
those we know and those known only to you,
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Hear the good news of peace and salvation!

God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work,
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.

With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

AN ADVENT OFFERING

“E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come” by Paul Manz

Concordia Schola, Dillon Swanson, '22, director

AN ADVENT BLESSING

“A Blessing Called Sanctuary” by Jan Richardson

from “Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons”

Deacon Jon Leiseth, Minister for Faith & Spirituality in Action, '92, reader

THE ANNUNCIATION & MAGNIFICAT *Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38*

from “Holden Evening Prayer” by Marty Haugen

Karin Selland, '21 & Anna Brock, '22, vocalists

Rev. Dave Adams, pianist

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Living God, in the promise of your light we gather
to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.

C: Teach us to know you so well that our lives may befriend this world
you have made. In the name of Jesus Christ, Word made flesh,
light of the world. Amen.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS Luke 2:1-7 Nick Schons, '21, reader

THE RESPONSE "Away In a Manger" Dillon Swanson, '22, organist



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

"Mary, Did You Know?" arr. Roger Emerson

Harmonia, Marin Wilts, '21, director

THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:8-14 Jessica Skindelien, '21, reader

THE RESPONSE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Dillon Swanson, '22, organist



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

"Open Up" by John Arndt & David Gungor

Rev. Matthew Fleming, '09 & Hannah Fleming '08, vocalists

Corwin Holk '97, guitarist and vocalist; Tim Graf, pianist and vocalist

THE HOLY FAMILY *Luke 2:15-20* Sara Revoir, '23, reader

R: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

"Still, Still, Still" arr. Robert Hobby

Performed by the Concordia College Choral Faculty & Staff

Dr. Michael Culloton, '98; Dr. Kira Winter;

Kristen Kocher, '16; Wyatt Steinke, '17; Professor Andrew Steinberg, '12

LITANY OF LIGHT *Isaiah 60:1; 9:2, 6*

P: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

C: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

P: For a child is born to us, an heir is given us,
upon whose shoulders dominion will rest.

C: This One shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Strength of God,
Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace.

P: Let us pray: Loving God,

C: by the gift of your Spirit teach us to treasure your words and ponder them in
our hearts; through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

P: Come, O Lord, this day, with light.

C: And in the morning, with your glory,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE RESPONSE “Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

Professor Andrew Steinberg, '12, organist



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

“On Christmas Night”

arr. and conducted by Dr. René Clausen

from the 2016 Concordia Christmas Concert

CREED Hannah Papenfuss, '21

L: Trusting in the promise that has been revealed to us
in the flesh of a baby, let us together profess our faith.

C: We believe in God,
the creator of all things seen and unseen.
We believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who was promised by prophets,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
announced by angels,
and worshiped by shepherds.
He suffered, died and was buried,
only to rise again in the fullness of God,
and he will come again to restore all creation.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
whose presence breathes life into our world,
and who ignites our faith in Christ,
so that we, too, might kneel before the manger
and worship the One who has come to make all things new. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE Eunice Kayitare, '22

WORD OF LIGHT *John 1:1-5, 14* Isaac Samuelson, '21, reader

R: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE "Silent Night"

Oliver Knudson, '23, organist



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

BENEDICTION

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
 the obedience of Joseph,
 the joy of the angels,
 the eagerness of the shepherds,
 the determination of the Magi,
 and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

Professor Andrew Steinberg, '12, organist



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the
ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -
room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

SENDING

P: Know this world as a place blessed by Christ's birth.

In your words and in your work, let the light of love shine.

Give thanks each day, and rejoice!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on 'Antioch'" by Craig Phillips

Professor Andrew Steinberg, '12, organist

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