

PROGRAM OF MUSIC

Family Christmas Lovefeast - December 24, 2024 - 2:30 p.m.

Chorales and CarolsMoravian Low Brass, Art Sorensen, director

Organ Prelude - *Voluntary on "Hark the Herald-Angels Sing"*T. Mendelssohn
David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Serving

Of the Father's Love Begotten*Divinum Mysterium*
Men's Chorus Plainsong Mode V, 13th cent.
Arr. James Engel

Of the Father's love begotten ere the world began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see evermore and evermore.

Christ, to you, with God the Father and the Spirit, there shall be hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and the shout of jubilee: Honor, glory and dominion and eternal victory evermore and evermore.

Partaking

Infant HolyTraditional Polish Carol, Arr. Anthony Giamanco
Men's Chorus

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the child was born for you. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all.

Offertory

Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten T. *Westminster Abbey*, Arr. David Schack
Men's Chorus

Light of light, O sole-begotten radiance of the Father's face, Word made flesh, who lived among us full of truth and full of grace, shine upon our human darkness, pierce the night that shrouds our race. Light of light, light of light. Word eternal, through your being God created all we see, when the empty spaces echoed with the Father's "Let there be..." Light and life burst from the glorious power of your majesty! Light of light, light of light. Still your brooding spirit hovers over chaos, dark and deep, calling out with invitation: "Rise, awaken from your sleep; Christ the Lord will shine upon you and from death your soul shall keep." Light of light, light of light. Come Lord Jesus, by your Spirit in our hearts your work begin. Bring the healing restoration of your image lost by sin; from your fullness all receiving grace on grace, new life within! Light of light, O light of light.

Candle Anthem

Thou Child Divine.....J.A.P. Schulz (1749-1800)
Men's Chorus

Thou Child Divine, Immanuel, welcome unto thy humble manger. With heartfelt joy thy birth we hail, and greet with songs the heavenly stranger. Our doubts and fears and sadness are turned to joy and gladness. Good will to men and peace on earth are now declared by a Savior's birth. Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Postlude - *Fantasia on "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* (BWV 729)....T. *In dulci jubilo*
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Morning Star soloists: Charlotte McCrory, Louise Johnson

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A Christmas Prayer

Rejoice, for to you is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord! We join in prayer for the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ as we offer God our worship in this holy season. May the peace of the Lord abide with us all.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*
Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*

Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*

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