



Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary Choir presents

THE NEW DAY

*CELEBRATING THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST WHILE LOOKING FORWARD TO
HIS SECOND ADVENT*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
6:00 P.M.

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church and our annual Christmas concert. This year has been a challenging year for most if not all of us, and we have all had to re-think what we do and how we do it. This can be a good thing. When coping with the limitations of this year I am sure many of us have had to make value judgements on the activities of our lives. It is my hope that this re-alignment that has been forced upon us has helped us focus more on our relationship with Jesus Christ. This year's program, *The New Day*, strives to deliver the message of hope – but not a generic, Hallmark hope – a hope grounded in Jesus Christ. As you listen and participate, here is a quote from one of the songs in the program which hopefully shows you Christ, whether you are now a believer or Christ is now working in your heart to the glory of the Father.

When our life is darkest night, hope has burned away;
Love, your ray of guiding light, show us the new day.
Love of all things great and small, leaving none, embracing all,
fold around me where I fall; bring in the new day.

This new day will be a turning point for everyone
if we let the Christ-child in and reach for the new day.
Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life; healing sadness, ending strife;
you we welcome, Lord of life.

In my 15 years at Covenant I have never been prouder of a group of singers than these in front of you this evening. Singing with masks and six feet away from anyone singing their part has been challenging, but they have exceeded any hope I had for what we as a group could do. We miss our brothers and sisters who cannot sing with us tonight, but if you are or have been one of those who have been up here, know that we miss you and count you as singing with us this evening.

Many thanks are needed to pull off a concert that is safe and accessible for those who wish to hear it. Thank you to our tech crew that is working on our first livestream concert this evening. Thanks to Vangie for always gilding the lily with her musical exploits on the organ. Thank you to my faithful and most essential worker, Alayne, for always being there for not only me but also the choir through her accompaniment and her ear. Thank you to my family, and especially my wife, Meka, for the sacrifice and support given to this group as well as me each and every day.

Merry Christmas, and thanks for your love.

Jeremy Gaines
Music and Worship Director

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Sanctuary Choir Christmas Concert
A New Day
December 20, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O Savior of Our Fallen Race Keith Getty/arr. Daniel Grassi

O Savior of our fallen race, O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might before the world knew day or night.

Remind us, Lord of life and grace, how once, to save our fallen race,
you put our human vesture on and came to us as Mary's son.
O Jesus, very Light of light, our constant star in sin's deep night:
now hear the prayers your people pray throughout the world this holy day.

Come, Thou redeemer of the earth, and manifest Thy virgin birth:
let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.
and we are jubilant today, for you have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing on this, the birth of Christ our King!

O Savior of our fallen race, the world will see your radiant face,
for you who came to us before will come again and all restore.
Let songs of praise your name adorn, O Christ, Redeemer, virgin-born,
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

2013 Concordia Publishing House

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Reading *I Am the Light of the World*

Heavenly Light

Alexander Kopylow/ arr. Peter Wilhousky

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given
on great and small to shine, O Light divine.
May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly Light.
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation.
All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar.
O shine from above, divine Light of love!
Show us the way unto our God, we pray!
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be. Light divine, we praise Thee!
1937 Carl Fischer

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland/ ed. Frank Pooler

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word.
The Word was with God and the Word was God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to His own, and His own received Him not.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
Full of grace and truth.
1974 Harold Lyche and Company

Reading

from CANTUS DIVERSI

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

1961 Walton Music

Glory to God in the highest!

Reading

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Alleluia

Elaine Hagenberg/ text St. Augustine

Alleluia!
All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love.
Behold our end which is no end.
Alleluia! Amen.
2020 Elaine Hagenberg Music

Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Reading

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Brightest and Best

Southern Harmony/arr. Shawn Kirchner

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger,
lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and offerings divine,
gems of the mountains, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2016 Boosey and Hawkes

Born on a New Day

John David/ arr. Peter Knight

You are the new day.
You are the new day.

Meekness, love, humility come down to us this day:
Christ, your birth has proved to me you are the new day.
Quiet in a stall you lie, angels watching in the sky
whisper to you from on high "You are the new day."

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You we welcome, Lord of life, born on a new day.
You are the new day.
2017 Horal Brothers Music Ltd.

Carol

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Silent Night

Hans Grüber/arr. Dan Forrest

Silent night! Holy night!
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant, beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
"Alleluia" to our King,
"Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born."
2019 Beckenhorst Press

Reading

Good Christians All, Rejoice!

Ring Out, Loud Bells

Arr. Gilbert Martin

Good Christians all, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow,
and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath op'ed the heav'nly door
and all are blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!

Good Christians all, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow,
and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, today, today!
1980 Hinshaw Music

Closing Remarks

Hallelujah (from Messiah)

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
And He shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah!
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Benediction

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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 born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

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un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

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

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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 the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Covenant Christmas Choir 2020

Jenny Armao, alto
Bonnie Folkening, alto
Dory George, alto
Tammy Higgins, alto
Becky Pearce, alto
Susan Steere, alto
Jeremy Armao, baritone
Daniel Fowler, baritone
Jay Spalding, baritone
Dan Steere, baritone
Geff Adams, bass
James Creamer, bass
Duane Ferrel, bass
Steve Lewin, bass
John Morrison, bass
Jeremy Gaines, director
Alayne Griffin, piano

Christine Armao, soprano
Camille Calloway, soprano
Susan Close, soprano
Catherine Coffey, soprano
Dianne Cosby, soprano
Melissa Ferrel, soprano
Domekia Gaines, soprano
Linda Lander, soprano
Diane Lazor, soprano
Nicole Lewin, soprano
Phyllis Massey, soprano
Maggie Wade, soprano
Jason Collins, tenor
Jonah Gaines, tenor
Tom Runkle, tenor
Phil Wade, tenor

Instrumentalists

Mary Benno, violin
Rebecca James, violin
Steven James, violin
Rachael McFarlane, violin
Casie Runkle, viola
Susan Whitacre, viola
Rachel Beckmann, cello
Suzanne Sims, cello
Bryan Holland, bass
Evangeline Wykoff, organ