

A Christmas Carol Ring and Sing-Along
Presented by the Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club

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First Presbyterian Church Fargo
December 12, 2022
7:00 PM

Prelude **Angels, from the Realms of Glory** Arr. E. C. Johnson
Dillon Swanson, Organ

Welcome Jill Post, President FM Area Music Club

***Carol** **O Come, All Ye Faithful**
Sally Harmon, Organ

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing:
Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
Refrain

Reading **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day** Longfellow

Gift of Music **Ring Those Christmas Bells** Fisher & Levene
Noteables & BELLissimo Arr. Murphy

Carol **People, Look East**
Dillon Swanson, Organ

People, look east, the time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able;
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
 One more light the bowl shall brim,
 Shining beyond the frosty weather,
 Bright as sun and moon together.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
 Christ who brings new life to earth.
 Set every peak and valley humming
 With the word, the Lord is coming.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Reading *Going Home* Larson

Gift of Music **Ukrainian Bell Carol** Arr. Guebert
 BELLissimo

Carol **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**
 Dillon Swanson, Organ & Flute

Good Christian friends, 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 Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
 Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
 He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, 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 the everlasting hall.
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Reading *Angel-Filled Advent* Weems

Gift of Music **The First Noel** Arr. Forrest
 Noteables

Carol **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**
 Alex Swanson, Organ & Violin

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
 "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":
 The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
 And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
 Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
 And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
 When with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold,
 When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
 And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Reading *Christmas in the Heart* Hoffrek

Gift of Music **Fantasia on Greensleeves** Vaughan Williams
 BELLissimo, Flute & Violin Arr. McChesney

Reading *Sitting on the Hillsides* Weems

Gift of Music **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night**
 Noteables Arr. Courtney

Carol **Angels We Have Heard on High**
 Michael Olson, Organ & Brass

Angels we have heard on high
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply
 Echoing their joyous strains.
 Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 Which inspire your heav'nly song?
 Refrain

Go in peace and Merry Christmas!

** Please stand as you are able*

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Flute Peggy Hammerling **Violin** Alex Rydell
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BELLissimo Handbell Choir

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