

Floravian Christmas Lovefeast



PRELUDE

“Personent Hodie”
“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”
“Holly and Ivy”
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

arr. Gustav Holst
Brass Choir
Brass Choir
Handbell Choir

Chancel Bells
Brass Choir

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.”

*PROCESSIONAL

(Congregation to stand and sing)

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!	Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!	Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!	O, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!	O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels; (R)	Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (R)	Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. (R)

(R) Refrain: O, Come let us adore Him
O, Come let us adore Him
O, Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Glory to God”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Jeff Smith

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

“Come Little Children”

Christy Lombardozzi, director

SERVING OF THE LOVEFEAST

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in the fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay
keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that
was so deep. (R)

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them
far,
And to the earth it gave great
light,
And so it continued both day
and night. (R)

This star drew nigh to the
northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and
stay,
Right over the place where
Jesus lay. (R)

(R) Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel born is the King of Israel

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
no crying He makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.

Becca Eggers-Gryder & Kevin Eller

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
and love me I pray;
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
to live with Thee there.

SOLO

“Maria Wiegenlied (A Virgin’s Slumber Song)”
Christy Lombardozzi, soloist; Brandon Winbush, pianist

Max Reger

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” (R)

Christ by highest heaven adored;
Christ the Everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
To the earth from heaven’s home;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. (R)

Hail, the heaven born
Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
(R)

(R) Refrain: Hark the herald angels sing, “Glory to the Newborn King.”

MORAVIAN BLESSING (In unison)

**Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless our loved ones everywhere and keep them in thy loving care. Amen**

PARTAKING OF THE LOVEFEAST

ANTHEM

“A Winter’s Night”

David Waggoner

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon a 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 men,
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 prophet bards foretold,
When with the evercircling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When the new heaven and earth
shall own
The Prince of Peace their King
And the whole world send
back the song
Which now the angels sing.

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Angels from the realms of
glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the
earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
(R)

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by
night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
(R)

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star: (R)

(R) Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

****JOY TO THE WORLD*** (congregation stands)

Joy to the world!
The Lord has come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and
nature sing.

Joy to the world!
The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, Repeat the
sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth
and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His
righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His
love.

MEDITATION

“In the midst of chaos”

Rev. Jeff Smith

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

SILENT NIGHT

Becca Eggers-Gyder & Brandon Winbush

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"People Look East"
"The Father's Love Begotten"

Traditional French Carol
Finnish Hymn

MORNING STAR

F.F. Hagan, 1815-1907/arr. by John Kemp

SOLO: Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night!

ALL: (Repeat above)

SOLO: Jesus mine,

ALL: In me shine;

SOLO: In me shine,

***ALL: Jesus mine; Fill my heart with
light divine.***

SOLO: Morning Star, Thy glory bright
Far excels the sun's clear light;

ALL: (Repeat above)

SOLO: Jesus be,

ALL: Constantly.

SOLO: Constantly,

***ALL: Jesus be, more than thousand suns to
me.***

SOLO: Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star
Cheer the nations near and far;

ALL: (Repeat above)

SOLO: Thee we own,

ALL: Lord alone,

SOLO: Lord alone,

***ALL: Thee we own, Man's great Savior,
God's dear Son.***

SOLO: Morning Star, my soul's true Light,
Tarry not, dispel my night;

ALL: (Repeat)

SOLO: Jesus mine,

ALL: In me shine;

SOLO: In me shine,

ALL: Jesus mine; Fill my heart with light divine.

Annie Fowler, Susanna Goff, Gracen Hiatt, Emma Lehman, Madelyn Trexler

Christy Lombardozi, Director

***CHRIST THE LORD, THE LORD MOST GLORIOUS** (congregation stands)

Christ the Lord, the Lord most
glorious now is born;
O shout aloud!
Man by Him is made victorious;
Praise your Savior, hail your God!

Praise the Lord, whose saving
splendor shines into the dark-
est night;
O what praises shall we render
for this never-ceasing light!

Praise the Lord, God our
Salvation, Praise Him Who
retrieved our loss; Sing, with
awe and love's sensation,
Hallelujah, God with us.

***THE BENEDICTION**

(please extinguish candles)

Rev. Jeff Smith

***THE CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Handel

POSTLUDE

"As Lately We Watched"

Brandon Winbush