

# A Service of Joyous Worship in word and song for the Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023	10:30 A.M.
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PRELUDE	J. S. Bach
<i>In dulci jubilo</i> Rich Lewis, Organ	
*GATHERING SONG	Praise Team
<i>Light of the World</i> - We The Kingdom <i>Allison Matthews</i> - Soprano Lead	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket or scan the QR code on the sanctuary screen)	
CALL TO WORSHIP This is the day the Lord has made. <b>We will rejoice and be glad in it!</b> This is the day of remembering God’s promises. <b>We will rejoice and be glad in them.</b> This is a day of worship, Advent waiting—and joy. <b>We will rejoice in God our Savior! Praise be to God who is with us.</b>	
PASSING OF THE PEACE/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING <i>Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.</i> Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.	
*HYMN	No. 204
<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER <b>Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>	
PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS: <i>As forgiven and reconciled people, we offer ourselves and our gifts to God.</i>	
<i>Face Of God</i> - Shane & Shane Praise Team	

# The Christmas Light

A Christmas Cantata by Benjamin Harlen

I.	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Chancel Choir
II.	<i>Guiding Star</i>	Chancel Choir
III.	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Kid’s Choir and Chancel Choir
IV.	<i>Mary’s Lullaby</i>	Chancel Choir
Soloists: Ashley Alston, Misty Weisman, Tony Quails, Matthew Take		
V.	<i>Glory to God!</i> with <i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i> and <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Chancel Choir
VI.	<i>Come See (Glory Hallelujah)</i> - Phil Wickam <i>Darren Nettles</i> - Tenor Lead	Praise Team
VII.	<i>Hope of the Ages</i> - Sovereign Grace <i>Millie Russell</i> - Soprano Lead	Praise Team
VIII.	Fairest Jesu with <i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> and <i>Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring</i>	Chancel Choir
IX.	<i>We Bring His Light</i>	Kid’s Choir, Praise Team and Chancel Choir
with <i>Joy to the World</i>		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		
<i>Light of the World</i> - Praise Team Band		

**Directors**— John Larsen and Millie Russell  
**Organist** – Rich Lewis  
**Narrators** – Brenda Chapman, Joe Springer

## Instrumentalists

Flute - Lee Sellers	Oboe - Emily Knight
Violin 1 – Rebecca Simpson	Violin 2 – Victoria Scarlett
Viola - Anne Nasrallah	Cello - Nancy Kilmer
Timpani - Jacob Parra	Percussion - Paul Butler

**Audio Visual Team:** Brittany Scott and Kaitlyn Fuller

## Chancel Choir

Ashley Alston	Wayne Bailey
Clark Burner	Diane Carrigg
Brenda Chapman	Emily Charleton
Ian Charleton	Jeff Cornett
Bryan Dowling	Kimberly Fishman
Julie Garmendia	Keith Hall
David Holladay	Mary Holladay
Timothy Keatley	Terrie Lee
Rich Lewis	Mark Mathews
Jasmine Merriweather	Taylor Newman
Alma Quails	Tony Quails
Diane Take	Matthew Take
Bridget Ware	Claire Weaver
Misty Weisman	Vance Whitaker

## Praise Team

Singers - Millie Hudson, Darren Nettles, Allison Matthews
Keys - Doug Matthews
Guitar - Roger Hudson
Bass Guitar - Evan Ruffino
Drums - Tim Jackson

## Kid’s Choir

Mason Bridges	Caden Bridges
Nyla Carter	Daiquan “DJ” Flagler
Luke Garmendia	Blake Griffith
Tallulah Henderson	Theo Henderson
Louise Julia	Madeleine Knight
Mackenzie Monk	Eli Monk
Nora Riechmann	Shep Riechmann





*Especially if this is your first Sunday, Welcome!*

- Children are welcome to stay in worship (we love joyful noises) but if *you* would be more comfortable, our nursery is open for kids up to four years old.
- To engage kids in worship, we have activity bags near the main sanctuary doors.

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***Sunday Attendance*** – December 10, 2023

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - In Person	86
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - Online	11
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - In Person	150
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - Online	12
Total Worship	259

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***What's Happening This Week?***

**TODAY:**

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship (ONE service): 10:30 a.m.  
Chancel Ringers Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m.

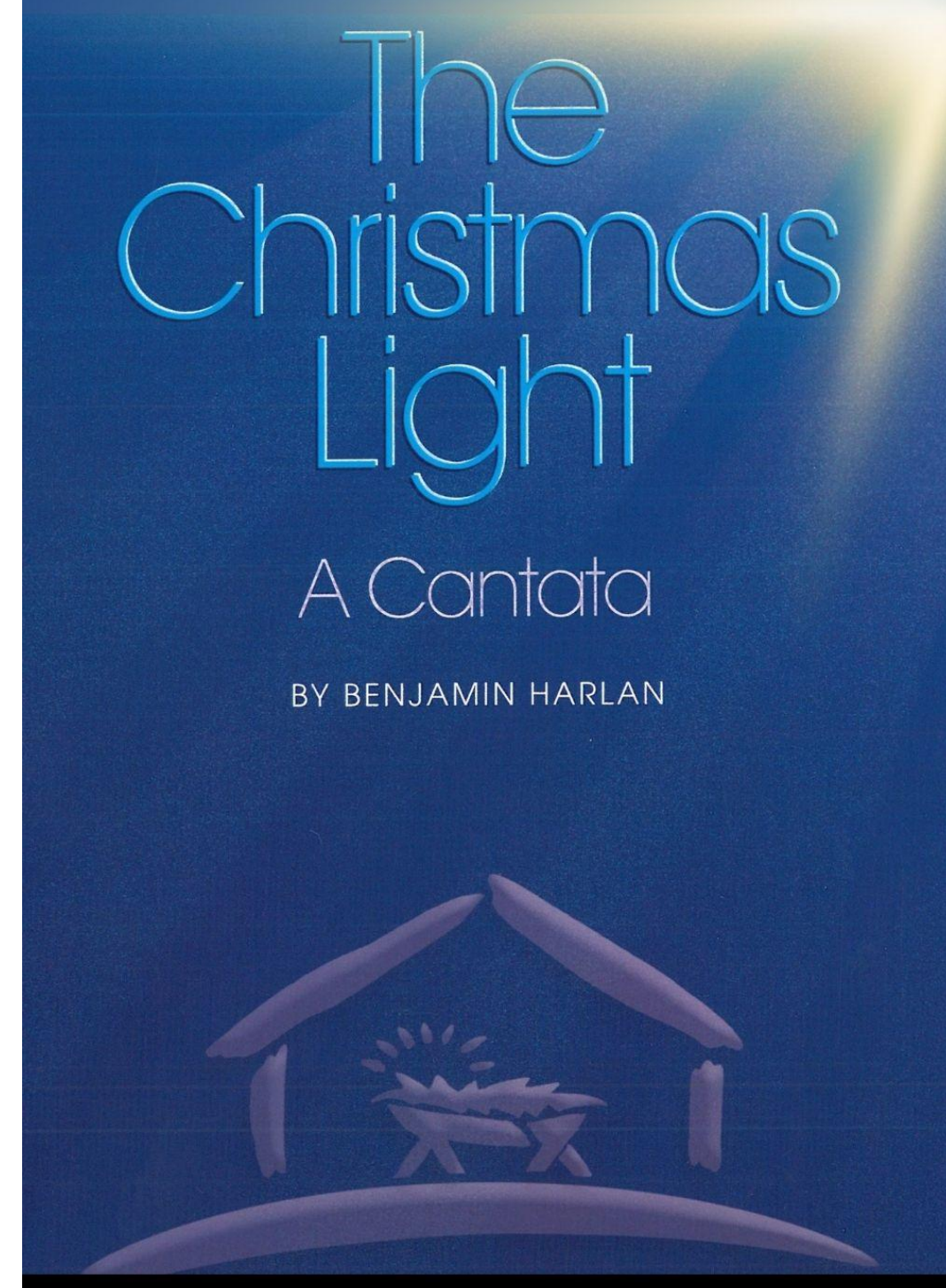
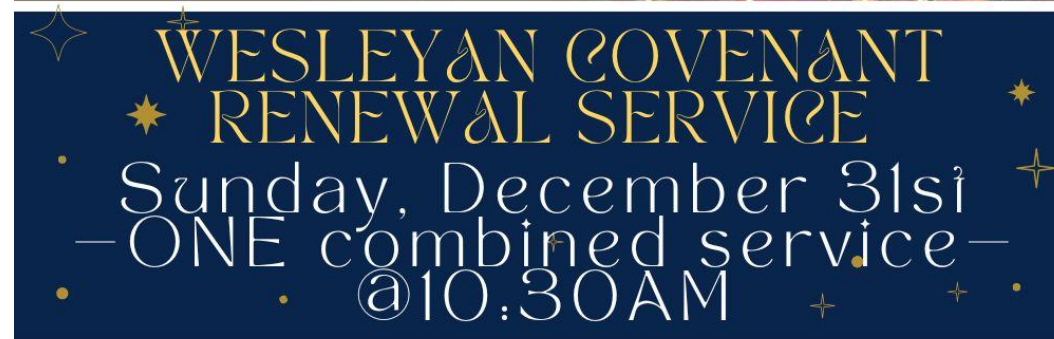
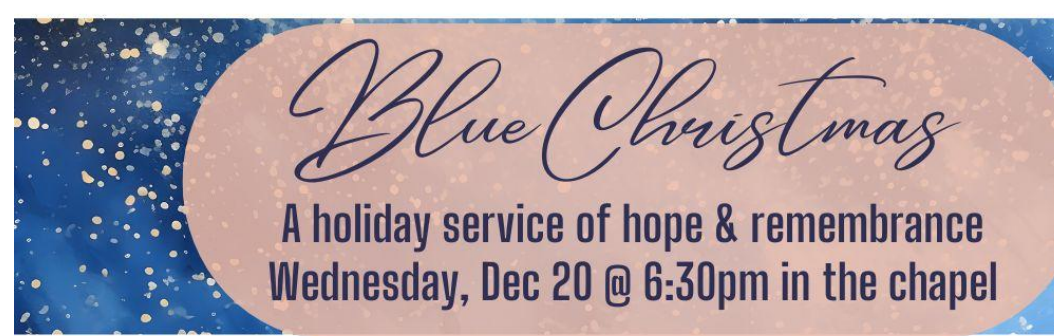
**THIS WEEK:**

Board of Trustees: Monday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)  
Church Council: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)  
**Blue Christmas Service: Wednesday, at 6:30pm (Chapel)**  
Wednesday Night Ministry: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

***Altar Flowers***

The FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in honor of Carolyn Davis' 83rd birthday by the Davis family: Carolyn, Bryan, Shirley and Melanie.

***Free Community Meals Served Last Week:*** 168



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