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## *Gospel for the City*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

1:00 P.M.

*In-Person & Livestream*

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The Cathedral Clergy  
Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir  
Warren Dean Flandez, *Artistic & Executive Director*  
Neil Cockburn, *Organist & Director of Music*

## Choir

## Revelation 19:1

arr. Tom Arntzen & Warren Dean Flandez

## Welcome

The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas

## Opening Prayer

## Congregational Carol *Joy to the World*

(CP 154)

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: ANTIOCH, melody William Holford, *Voce de Melodia*, 1835; adapt. George Frederic Handel (1685-1759); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love.

2 Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy.

## Reading

Luke 1:26-38

## Congregational Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

(CP 118)

Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880).

Music: ADESTE FIDELES, melody attrib. John Francis Wade (1711-1786), alt.; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. Ref. desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015).

1 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;

2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

*O come let us adore him,*

*O come let us adore him,*

*O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born on Christmas morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

## Reading

Luke 2:1-7

## Choir

## *O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Tom Arntzen & Warren Dean Flandez

## Reading

Luke 2:8-16

## Congregational Carol *Silent Night*

(CP 119)

Text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885).

Music: STILLE NACHT, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863), alt.; harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

1 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.

2 Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.

3 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.

## Children's Message

The Reverend Dr. Rob James

## Congregational Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

(CP 120)

Text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), alt.  
Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis Henry Redner (1831-1908).

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all the earth.

3 How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given  
as love imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of God's heaven!  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

## Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

## Choir

### *Do You Hear What I Hear*

arr. Warren Dean Flandez

## Offertory

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## Congregational Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

(CP 138)

Text: Charles Wesley (1701-1788), alt.  
Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847); adapt. William Hayman Cummings (1831-1915).

1 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 the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain*  
*Hark! The herald angels sing,*  
*"Glory to the newborn King."*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased as one of us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 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 we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

## Blessing

The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas

## Choral Postlude

### *Blessed And Highly Favoured*

arr. Tom Arntzen & Warren Dean Flandez



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Warren Dean Flandez, Kaka Felesia, Jeremiah Mwangi, Adam Patterson, Reverend Clare Morgan

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