



*The  
Sounds of  
Christmas*

*with the*  
Montgomery Christian Youth Choir

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

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CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

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# *The Sounds of Christmas*

PRESENTED BY

THE MONTGOMERY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHOIR

*Heaven is not to be grasped at by human ambition. Heaven... is found as a gift of grace.*

BISHOP DAVID ATKINSON



The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Cello & Piano Prelude      *I Wonder as I Wander*  
Jiaoyang Xu, *cello*; Dr. Jacob Taylor, *piano*

arr. David Ledgerwood

The Chiming of the Hour

† The Call to Worship – Zechariah 9:9, 10, 17  
(*congregation reads bold type*)

Rev. Kurt Cooper

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Behold, your King comes to you;

**Righteous and having salvation is He.**

His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

**How great is His goodness, and how great His beauty!**

† The Hymn No. 158      *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

† The Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Cooper

† *Congregation, please stand as able*

The Anthem

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Mark Miller

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.  
*Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come.*  
*While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come.*  
*Hope of all heaven and earth, come, O Jesus, come.*  
Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone,  
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne. *Refrain.*

The Reading

***The Prologue***

D. A. Carson

Andrew Wales, *reader*

The Anthem

***One Small Child***

David Meece, arr. Curry

One small child in a land of a thousand, one small dream of a Savior tonight.  
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small city of life.  
One king bringing his gold and riches, one king ruling an army of might.  
See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him, see Him smiling in the stall.  
See His mother, praising His Father, see His tiny eyelids fall.  
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight, one King bringing us life.  
One small light from the flame of a candle, one small light from a city of might.  
One small light from the stars in the endless night, one small light from His face.  
See the shepherds kneeling before Him, see the kings on bended knee.  
See His mother praising His Father, see the blessed Infant sleep.  
One small child in a land of a thousand, one small dream of a Savior tonight.  
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small city of life.

The Reading

***Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree***

Richard Hutchins

Kaelyn Steen, *reader*

† The Hymn No. 166

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly***

W ZLOBIE LEZY

The Anthem

*How Far Is It to Bethlehem?*

English Carol, arr. Hayes

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.  
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?  
Can we see the little Child, is He within?  
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?  
May we visit the creatures there, oxen and sheep?  
May we peek in the stall and see Jesus asleep?  
If we touch His tiny hand, will He awake?  
Will He know we've come so far just for His sake?  
Great kings have precious gifts and we have naught.  
Little smiles and little tears are all we have brought.  
For all weary children Mary must weep,  
Here on this bed of straw, sleep, children, sleep.  
God in His mother's arm, babes in the byre:  
Sleep as they sleep who find their heart's desire.

The Cello & Piano Interlude *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*Divinum Mysterium*

The Anthem

*The Hands That First Held Mary's Child*

Dan Forrest

The hands that first held Mary's Child were hard from working wood.  
From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.  
This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,  
But cradled from the head to to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.  
When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,  
And gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the Infant's name,  
The angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height,  
And like the host of stars that beamed, blessed earth with welcome light.  
"This Child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,  
But God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone."  
The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard,  
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human Word.  
The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift  
And use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift.  
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the Child who's born today,  
But charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Whitehurst

The Scripture Reading – Genesis 10:1-11:9

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The Homily

**FIRST THINGS**

Rev. Whitehurst

XIII. TBD

† The Hymn No. 177

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

MARGARET

† The Benediction

† The Choral Response

*Carol of the Bells*

Leontovich, arr. Kupferschmid

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, “Throw cares away!”  
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold.

Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their Son, with joyful ring, all caroling.

One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere, filling the air.

Oh, how they pound, raising the sound, o’er hill and dale telling their tale.

Gaily they ring, while people sing songs of good cheer, “Christmas is here!”

Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas! Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas!

On, on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home.

The Postlude

*Noel*

Louis-Claude Daquin



*Please Join Us*  
**for a reception in**  
**the Westminster Room**  
**immediately following The Postlude**



# THE MONTGOMERY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHOIR

Mark Nabholz, *Director*

George Gichero, *Collaborative Pianist*

Charlotte Adams

Audrey Ballew

Emmett Ballew

Madi Borowski

Brooks Carroll

Emma Donnell

Kaylie Dye

Anna Elmore

Isaac Gibbons

Joseph Givens

Lily Givens

Caleb Graeff

Lily Graeff

Caty James Gunnells

Abigail Haberkorn

Hannah Haberkorn

Brady Howell

Abbie Hughes

Bailey Huntzinger

Emma Meeks

Ollie Moody

Savell Moody

Brady Mooney

Jacob Mooney

Mary Helen Parker

Benjamin Presley

Joy Rogers

Maclaren Sellers

Nolan Shaeffer

Presley Shaeffer

Grady Smith

Richard Smith

Stephen E. Spooner

Kaelyn Steen

Jessa Steen

Adrian Talbot

Andrew Wales

Sophia Wales



## CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

**December 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND PAGEANT**

*Our children's choirs will lead a service celebrating Jesus Christ's birth, including a narrated reenactment of the nativity. Homily by Kurt Cooper.*

**December 14 at 6:00 p.m.**

### **30th ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

*This year's service will feature anthems and carols from around the world accompanied by an orchestra, and the story of redemption as told in the Holy Scriptures. Invite friends and neighbors to this beautiful Christ-glorifying musical celebration of His birth.*

**December 21 at 6:00 p.m.**

### **WITH HARP AND VOICE GIVE PRAISE**

*The River Region Harp Ensemble will present seasonal music, accompanied by congregational singing of favorite carols. Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be dismissed for a special activity. Homily by Michael Howell.*

**December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION**

*A service of quiet wonder with Holy Communion to prepare our hearts to receive the newborn King. The Montgomery Symphony Woodwind Quintet will play an extended prelude beginning 20 minutes before each service.*

***Nursery will be available during the 4:00 p.m. service only for children ages three and under.***

*Homily by Kurt Cooper.*

**December 28 at 6:00 p.m.**

### **OLD YEAR/NEW YEAR SERVICE**

*During the final service of 2025, we will see the old year out with thanksgiving for the Lord's providence and look ahead to the new year with hope and confidence in the Lord's faithfulness. Homily by Andrew Mingus.*

*Nursery childcare for ages three and under will be available during each service unless otherwise indicated.*



## **VISITORS**

We are honored to have you as our guest today. Please complete the information on our Friendship Register (by scanning the QR code) so that we may respond properly to your visit.

*To* all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome  
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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