

Carol ..... "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

A Christmas Reflection

Women: In the quiet of the night a woman gives birth: A personal act of faith;  
Accepting God's charge upon her.

**Men: In the quiet of the night a husband becomes a father: A personal act of faith;  
Accepting God's charge upon him.**

All: In the quiet of the night a baby breathes the air for the first time:  
A personal act of sacrifice;  
God steps out of the divine into the mundane. . .for us.

\*The Passing of the Christmas Light

**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, Darkness flies, all is light;  
Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! Hail the King!  
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born."

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.

\*A Time for Silent Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer

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.

\*Pastoral Blessing

\*Benediction ..... "Immanuel"

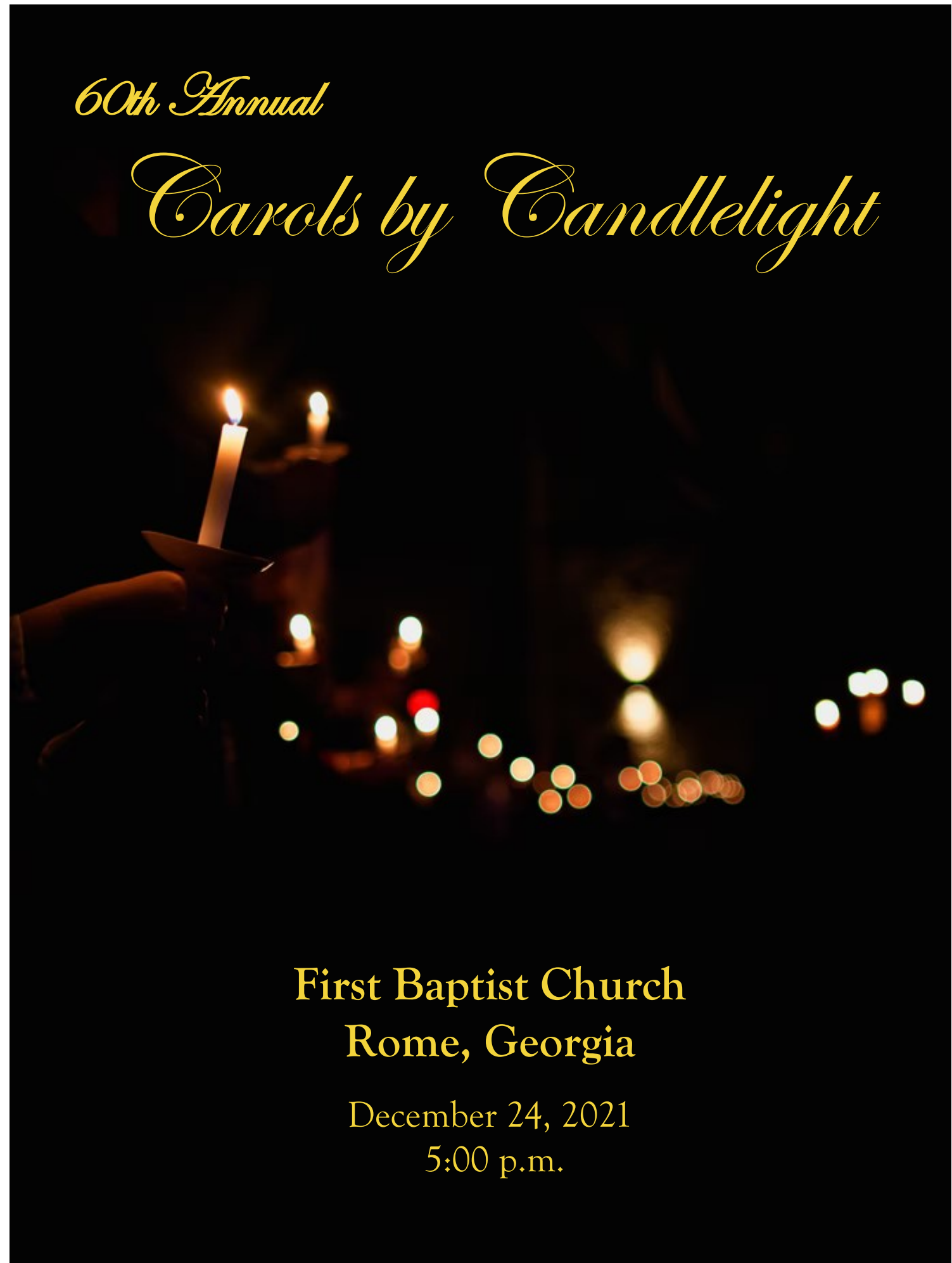
Musical notation for the first line of the benediction. The melody is in 4/4 time, G major, and begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: Im - ma - nu - el, our God is with us, and if God is

Musical notation for the second line of the benediction. The melody continues from the first line. The lyrics are: with us who could stand a- gainst us? Our God is with us Im- ma - nu - el!

\*Postlude ..... Joan Hill, organ; Beverly Harris, piano  
"Sing We Now of Christmas" ...arr. Anna Laura Page

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To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones. We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44 and through livestreams over the church website and YouTube. Masks are not required but are encouraged, especially when social distancing is not possible.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude ..... Joan Hill, organ  
"Let Earth Receive Her King"...arr. Richard Elliott

Welcome to Worship ..... Keith Reaves, Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

"Angels Among Us" Threshold Moment

All night, all day, an-gels watch in' o-ver me, my Lord.

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Lighting the Christ Candle ..... Jim, Anna, Briggs and Eva Poyner

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

**alight within us your flames of hope, peace, joy and love.**

Grant us openness to hear Your message.

**Grant us courage to be Your messengers in the world, creating more hope, more peace, more joy and more love in the midst of fear.**

Do not be a-fraid. Do not be a-fraid. Do not be a-fraid.

Do not be a-fraid. An-gels watch-in' o-ver me.

Carol of Praise ..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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. O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

## The Christmas Story in Word and Song

Solo. .... Frank Murphy  
"O, Holy Night"...Adolphe Adam

The Birth of Jesus is Announced to Mary and Joseph. .... Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25  
Catherine and Chris Jackson, readers

Carol. .... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Preparation for the Birth of Jesus ..... Luke 2:1-5  
Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development, reader

Carol ..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
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.

Jesus Is Born ..... Luke 2:6-7  
Jennie Cook, Chair of Deacons, reader

Solo. .... Rev. Reaves  
"Ten Thousand Joys"...arr. Don Marsh

Jesus' Birth Is Announced to the Shepherds. .... Luke 2:8-14  
Tamara Tillman Smathers, Minister of Education/Administration, reader

\*Carol. .... "The First Nowell"  
The first nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was 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.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

The Shepherds Find Baby Jesus. .... Luke 2:15-18  
John Uldrick, Minister to Youth/Missions, reader

Anthem. .... Sanctuary Choir  
"Rise Up, Shepherd"...arr. Joel Raney

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
If you take good heed to the angel's words, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herd, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
Rise up, shepherd and follow that star down to Bethlehem: It's not that far!  
Listen to the angels tell of his birth, Singing glory to God and peace on earth.

The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus. .... Matthew 2:1-11  
Gwen Stephens, Minister to Extended Family, reader