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Gospel For the City

December 24, 2021

In-Person & Livestream

With The Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir

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Gail Suderman, *Artistic Director & Piano*

Elliot Polsky, *Drums*

Laurence Mollerup, *Bass*

Ingrid Stitt, *Alto & Soprano Saxophones*

Welcome

Dean Christopher A. Pappas

Opening Prayer

Choir

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arr. & adapted by Kirk Franklin

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 Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759); harm. Lowell Mason (1792 – 1872).

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive the King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
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, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let wrongs and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.
4. 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.

Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Choir

Joy

Kirk Franklin

Soloist Gail Suderman

Congregational Carol

Angels We Have Heard On High

Words: French Carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813 – 1882), alt.;

Music: Gloria, French Carol;

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887 - 1958)

1. Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see
What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King. *Refrain*

4. See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Choir

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Trad. Gospel, arr. Chris Hansen

Soloist Adrienne Sweat

Reading

Luke 2:8-16

Choir

Away in a Manger

*Written by J.R. Murray, arr. G. Suderman, E. Henderson,
M. Mosely*

Soloist Phillp Murray

Congregational Carol **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (CP 140)**

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876)

Music: Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

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

All ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

Sermon

Lauren Odile Pinkney
Children, Youth & Family Minister

Congregational Carol

The First Nowell

*Text: English Trad.; Music: Melody English trad. (17th cent.?), alt.;
arr. John Stainer (1840 – 1901), alt.;*

1. 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.

Refrain Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2. 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. *Refrain*

3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

4. 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. *Refrain*

5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain*

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood salvation bought. *Refrain*

Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

Offertory

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Congregational Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Text: Charles Wesley (1701 – 1788); Music: Felix Mendelssohn
Bartholdy (1809 – 1847); adapt. William Hayman Cummings*

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

Choir

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow
Traditional, arr. G. Suderman

Soloist Gail Suderman

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Clergy

The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas
The Rev. Armand Mercier
The Rev. Clare Morgan
The Rev. Jonathan Pinkney
The Rev. Alisdair Smith

Music

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Sermon

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Readers TBA

Welcoming Team

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