

PROGRAM OF MUSIC

Christmas Lovefeast - December 24, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.

Chorales and Carols.....Home Church Band, Nola Knouse, leader
Prelude - *Prelude* on “Greensleeves”.....Richard Purvis (1913-1994)
Handbell Prelude - *Advent & Christmas Carol Fantasy for Bells*...Arr. by Erik
Salzwedel

Serving

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”
from *Christmas Oratorio*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Choir and Strings

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light and usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel’s warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Partaking

Concerto grosso con una Pastorale per il Santissimo Natale.....Giuseppe
Torelli (1658-1709) (Concerto grosso with a pastoral for Holy Christmas)
Strings and Organ

There Is No RosePhilip Stopford (2015)
Choir and Strings

There is no rose of such virtue, as is the rose that bare Jesu. *Alleluia*. For
in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space. *Res miranda*.
(Wondrous thing.) By that rose we may well see there be one God in
persons three. *Pares forma*. (One in form.) The angels sungen the
shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo. (Glory to God in the highest.)
Gaudeamus. (Let us rejoice.) Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we
this joyful birth. *Transeamus*. (Let us cross over.)

“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts” from *Christmas Oratorio*....Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921) Choir and Strings

Praise ye the Lord of Hosts, sing his salvation, bless His name; show
forth praise in His holy house. Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful, on
earth, rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

Offertory

Thou Child Divine.....James Bates (1952-2014)

Choir, Oboe, Violin, Viola

Thou Child Divine, Immanuel, welcome unto thy humble manger. With heartfelt joy thy birth we hail, and greet with songs the heavenly stranger. Our doubts and fears and sadness are turned to joy and gladness. Good will to men and peace on earth are now declared by a Savior's birth. Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Candle Anthem

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Postlude - *Mendelssohn*.....David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

Morning Star soloists: Adelaide Merrick, Lilly Greene
Thou Child Divine soloists: Glenn Siebert, Eve Salzwedel

Instrumentalists:
Charles Shafer, Violin I Laurence Brooke, Viola
Brian Ford, Violin II Lee Richey, Cello
Evan LaVack, Oboe

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A Christmas Prayer

Rejoice, for to you is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord! We join in prayer for the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ as we offer God our worship in this holy season. May the peace of the Lord abide with us all!

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Andrew L. Heil, *Associate Pastor*
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*
Erik Salzwedel, *Gregor BellChor Director*

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The Lovefeast candles are given in loving memory of *Mr. and Mrs. Anthony H. "Mike" Disher, Mr. and Mrs. Bynum V. "Bill" Disher, and Mr. Lloyd W. Disher* by the family.

The boutonnières provided for the ushers and dieners are given by Deb and Mike Garner in *gratitude for the many members who, through their volunteer service, strengthen Home Church to serve our Lord.*

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