

Christ Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013

Worship at 9:30& 11:15 am

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 & 11:15 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude **O Holy Night** Adolph Adams

Scott Nelson, solo

Introit **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** Mark Miller

Chancel Choir, Heather Pistell, solo

Ringing of the Church Bell

Processional Hymn # 49 Once in Royal David's City IRBY

Call to Worship The Nelson/Nolau Family

The Yozzi Family

Leader: Let the flames of justice illuminate the dark corners of

oppression and the deep crevices of hatred.

People: Teach us the words to Mary's song.

Leader: Give us big voices and courageous, loving hearts

People: That we might not only sing, but also live your song of

life-giving justice.

All: We light this fourth Advent candle as a sign of God's

Love made manifest in human-form

Prayer of Invocation The Nelson/Nolau Family

The Yozzi Family

Anthem *First Noel* arr. Joyce Eilers

Genesis Choir and Canticle Singers

(During the 9:30 service, the 2 and 3-year-olds and the Church Mice Choir for children pre-K through 1st grade may leave at this time.)

Hymn # 23 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Passing of the Peace

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Julie Yarborough

Silence & 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 debts
As we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.

Amen

Offertory Candlelight Carol John Rutter

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Sing praise, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(During the 9:30 service, children Pre-K through 5th grade may leave for Sunday school at this time.)

Christmas Cantata

Daniel Pinkham

- I. What did you see, shepherds? Tell us! Proclaim to us what was revealed to you on this earth! "We saw a Child and a chorus of angels!"
- II. O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, how the animals watch over the Son of God laying in a manger! Blessed mother, whose pure womb carried Christ.
- III. Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and goodwill to all!

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness
Enter into God's presence with great joy
Know that the Lord is alone God
It is God that has made us, and not we ourselves.
Alleluia!

free translation by Erin O'Neil Doppke

Hymn # 29 Go Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

Benediction Rev. Rush

Postlude Carol of the Bells Mykola Leontovych arr.Gary Olson

Acolyte for 9:30 am: Christopher Nelson

Greeters: Patrice Compton

Ushers for 9:30 am: The Reynolds Family, Roz Kendellen

Welcome! Visiting today? Please complete a Visitor Card and drop into the offering plate and join us for fellowship after today's service.

The guest musicians performing at today's services are:

Andrew Filippone, trumpet Thomas MacWilliams, trumpet Lisa Nettleship, French horn David Rozzelle, trombone Dorian Parreott, tuba Helen Raymaker, organ

Notes on the Christmas Cantata

Daniel Rogers Pinkham (1923-2006) was born in Massachusetts, taught at Boston Conservatory, Harvard, the University of Boston, and the New England Conservatory. He studied with many musical legends: Paul Hindemith, Walter Piston, Arthur Honegger, Aaron Copland, Samuel Barber, and the great Parisian teacher Nadia Boulanger; he studied harpsichord with Polish legend Wanda Landowska, and organ in the US with E. Power Biggs. He was a performer of note on piano, organ, harpsichord, and carillon.

Christmas Cantata, composed in 1957, is an early Pinkham work; he was then 34 and teaching at Harvard. He subtitled the work Sinfonia Sacra, indicating a relatively large scope. The Cantata was originally scored for chorus and double brass choir (ten instruments), with an optional organ part. It utilizes traditional Nativity texts – "Gloria in excelsis Deo...", and "O magnum mysterium...", among others--, it is original throughout, and captures the spirit of the season via its Latin texts and the variety in color and pace of its music. It begins maestoso, with the question "What have you seen, shepherds? Tell us!", accords honor to Mary, "Blessed Virgin, whose flesh has merited bearing the Lord Christ", and concludes, allegro, with a celebratory "Glory to God in the highest" in a sprightly, syncopated rhythmic drive.

notes by J. R. Fancher, November 2002, for the Naperville Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's **Sunday school** schedule:

Infants - 3 year olds Nursery (Room B-109)

Pre-K & K Room B-205

1st thru 5th graders Media Room (Room B-210)

6th thru 12th graders Stay in Worship



Holiday Schedule:

Christmas Eve:

3:30 PM - Rehearsal for Pageant - all children welcome!

5:00 PM - Children's Pageant & Family Service

10:30 PM - Service of Lessons and Carols

Dec 29: One service at 9:30 am, with Christmas Carol Singing. No Sunday school, but nursery care will be provided. **NO 11:15 service** that day.

Our 2014 Stewardship Campaign is underway: Investing in Our Mission To Inspire, Welcome and Serve Pledge online at: http://christchurchsummit.org/pledge.html

In this season where we count our blessings and remember the many

things we have to be grateful for, let's all of us give back to God through our church. The spiritual community and the people around us are foundational in our lives and deserve our support. The stewardship committee will be asking your family to pledge a financial contribution to the church for 2014. We would ask that you would be in prayer about what your family can do to make our community a vital and thriving place. In the next several weeks, we will explain some of our financial goals and needs and we will remind you of why giving here is really a joy because this community is meaningful. We need every single one of us to pull their weight in order for us to stay healthy. Thank you for what you do to make our church robust.

<u>Community Meditation</u>: Christ Church is sponsoring a Community Meditation for Peace on Wednesday, January 8th from 7:15 - 8:30 pm in Lile Hall. Dan Rufolo will be playing meditative piano during our time together that evening. Please join us and invite your friends from the community!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - JANUARY 25, 2013:

Mark your calendars and save the date. You won't want to miss Christ Church's biggest social event of the year. The cocktail party will be from 6-8pm in the atrium at the church, then a lovely dinner and dessert at one of our different host houses. Invitations will be mailed early January. For more info contact Carol Angle, Tracy Robinson or Monique Taylor-Kincaid at progdinner@ccsnj.org.

SEEKING PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS: Are you available on Saturday, January 25, 2013? Do you live in Summit? Do you like to entertain but are daunted by the thought of inviting guests, planning and preparing a dinner party menu? If so, let Church Life do the work for you. We'll send out the invites, assign guests, provide directions and take care of the food and drink. Here's all you will need to do! Get out the china and set the table for 10 or more. Pick up the prepared dinner and wine at 4 pm. Follow directions for reheating the food. Get dressed in your party clothes. Attend the cocktail party. Serve dinner at your house to your guests. Interested? Contact Tracy Robinson at ProgDinner@ccsnj.org.

The Owl Creeks are Coming! On Friday, January 10th, Christ Church will host The Owl Creeks, an all female a cappella group from Kenyon College whose repertoire ranges from pop to indie and oldies. The group has existed since 1975 and currently has 11 members, including our own Clara Mooney. We are delighted to be one stop on their Northeast Tour. The concert is free and all are welcome.

Sunday	Choir Practice – Sanctuary	8:45 am
December 22,	First Worship Service	9:30 am
2013	Church Mice – Barnwell Hall	9:45 am
	Coffee Hour – Barnwell Hall	10:30 am
	Genesis Choir - Sanctuary	10:45 am
Fourth Sunday	Canticle Singers – Lile Hall	11:00 am
of Advent	Second Worship Service	11:15 am

Christ Church is a community of faith where all are welcome. Inspire. Welcome. Serve.

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