

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA
DECEMBER 17, 2017
10:45 A.M.

THE GATHERING The Praise Team

THE PROCESSIONAL OF CHOIRS Emmanuel

THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER..... Ministerial Staff

THE HYMN The Choirs and Congregation
O Come All ye Faithful (59)

THE WELCOME OF VISITORS

THE PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

THE READING..... The Foretelling of Jesus
Excerpts from Isaiah 9 and 40

THE SOLO Richard Ford, Solist
Ev’ry Valley (from *Messiah*)

THE BANDGod Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

THE READING.....The Angel Gabriel visits Mary
Luke 1:26-45

THE SELECTION.....Deborah A. McNeill, Soloist
Mary Did You Know?

THE READING The Magnificat
Luke 1:39-56

THE MESSIAH PRAISE DANCE MINISTRY..... Christmas Gospel Medley

THE READING..... The Lord Appears to Joseph
Matthew 1:18-25

THE SELECTION..... The Men’s Chorus
Until I Found the Lord

THE SELECTION.....The TOT Choir
Happy Birthday Jesus

THE SELECTION..... The Youth Choir
The Night that Christ was Born

THE OFFERING STATEMENT

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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER Ministerial Staff

THE OFFERING The Ushers

THE OFFERTORY SELECTION The Mass Choir – Cierra Jordan, Soloist
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSEThe Choir and Congregation
All Things Come of Thee

THE LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT READING – Joy Deacon Renetta W. Hill

THE ALTAR PRAYER Ministerial Staff

CHANTEtta Yvette Patterson, Soloist
O Holy Night

THE READING Jesus Is Born
Luke 2:1-7

THE SELECTIONThe Men’s Chorus
Burchell M. Cooper, Walter Fulton and Michael Cundiff, Sr., Soloists
Silent Night

THE READINGThe Angels visit the Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20

THE SELECTION.....MC-YA and The Praise Dance Ministry
I Can Hear the Angels

THE READING The Magi visit the Shepherds
Matthew 2:1-12

THE SOLO Richard Ford, Solist
Sweet Little Jesus Boy

THE BANDLittle Drummer Boy

THE READING..... Jesus the Light of the World
John 1:1-5; 10-14; John 3:16-17

THE SELECTION..... The Mass Choir – Bonita Robinson-Fuller, Soloist
He’s the Light

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE INVITATIONAL SELECTIONThe Choirs
O Come All Ye Faithful (Reprisal)

THE BENEDICTION AND AMEN..... Pastor James B. Logan, D.Min.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME our visitors who are worshipping with us today. We pray that your visit will be a blessing and a rewarding experience. If you live in the area and do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family. Pastor Logan and some of our Deacons will be waiting to receive and accept you during the Invitational Hymn. We invite you to come to Jesus and to the love, friendship, and fellowship of our church family. *In times like these, we need a Savior.*

OUR MOTTO: No one cares how much you KNOW until they know how much you CARE!

THE COUNCIL OF SERVANTS meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in Rev. Reuben E. Williams Hall for its last meeting this year.

THE HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

✚ DECEMBER 24TH AND 31ST – Abbreviated worship service

✚ DECEMBER 31ST - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

✚ DECEMBER 31ST- WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT 11:00 P.M.

OUR SILVER SAINTS will meet on Tuesday, December 19th at 12:00 noon in Rev. Reuben E. Williams Hall for their Christmas Party.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES ARE RECESSED during this Holiday Season and will resume on January 10, 2018.

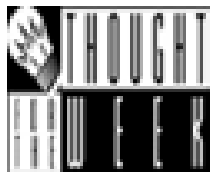
IN THE HOSPITAL: Brother Charles E. Ross is in the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven, CT and Brother Earl Alston is in Bridgeport Hospital.

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO the family of Trustee Ashley Morris who transitioned from this life on Wednesday, December 13th. Her funeral service will be held here at Messiah on Wednesday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m. Her wake begins at 10:00 a.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM Deacons Curtis and Yvette Patterson and family; and Deacon Tyrone Thompson, Sister Theresa Thompson and Sister Gwendolyn Ward for your kind expressions of sympathy during their separate times of bereavement.

THE TITHE AND OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 tithes and offering envelopes will be ready and in the narthex next Sunday. They are for members of Messiah. There are special envelopes for visitors and special offerings on the table in the narthex. As a reminder to our members, you have two Sundays to fulfill your commitment for this year; which includes the *Sacrificial offering*, as well.



**OUR WITNESS FOR CHRIST IS A LIGHT
IN A DARK WORLD.**

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SNOW EMERGENCY: BUILDING CLOSING AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.

We use the following media for cancellations:

- **MESSIAH'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**
- **WICC RADIO**
- **CHANNELS 8 AND 12**
- **OUR TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Please call 203 368-2405 ext. 32 for cancellations at church.

VAN PASSENGERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICE will be notified individually by telephone whether van transportation is being provided or cancelled.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF FREE CLOTHING: The staff is taking a break for the Holiday Season and will be back on January 10, 2018. Due to the funeral, it is closed December 20th.

FREE LUNCH: The service of free lunch on Wednesdays is recessed for the Holiday Season and will be announced again soon.



We would like to thank all of you for your resources, time, talent and efforts as you partnered with us to reach out within and around us during this Holiday Season. Your response was generous, loving and kind.

Thank you to the Hostess/Host Ministry for the festive decorations; and to Sister Mary Ellen Tatten and her committee for decorating the 'Angel Tree' in the narthex.

We thank Professor Berryman and the Music Ministry along with his special guests and participants for the Christmas Cantata today.

We thank you for your patrons...supporting our Music Ministry.

We pray that each and all of you, as families or individuals, have a wonderful Holiday Season. If you are traveling, we pray for traveling mercy. Just remember, 'Love' came down at Christmas.

WE LOVE YOU AND SAY FOR NOW...

