

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Kling

*Prayer for the PNC:

Unison

“Our Loving God, look graciously on this Church. Please guide the minds of the PNC as they search for our next Pastor. Lead the search committee to a Pastor who will be a faithful partner in ministry. And prepare our next Pastor to care for this congregation as we share Christ’s love with others. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

*Carol of Sending

Love Has Come

#110

*Charge and Benediction

Dr. Kling

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!

As God’s people we all say,
Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude

*** Thank You to our choir members:**

Sopranos

Altos

Bass

Emily Clem

Sharon Hand

Stanley Hand

Cindy Witt

Randi Harbin

Tom Hand

Christy Arnett

Karan Baker

David Whitten

Chris Hilgeman

Tenors

Elijah Hand

Duane Counter

Mary Hand

Joyce Counter

Christmas Cantata December 17, 2023

Music Director: Erica Hand

Accompanist: Dr. Mary Crowell

Narrators: Sharon Hand, Cindy Whitt, Elijah Hand and
Mary Hand



A Gospel Christmas Celebration
for SATB Choirs

Composed & Arranged by

Joel Raney

Orchestrated by

Ed Hogan

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 40:1-5)

Dr. Kling

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

We will trust and not be afraid.

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

The Christ Child is our Lord and Savior.

Let us worship God!

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Third Sunday of Advent –
Stanley, Erica, Elijah and Mary Hand**

Carol of Praise O Little Town of Bethlehem #121

Advent Prayer of Praise and Adoration Unison

**Our Gracious God, we praise you for giving us a Savior. In Christ,
the lame walk and the blind can see and all are made whole. We
come in Christ's name to praise you for your goodness. Amen.**

*Call to Confession Dr. Kling

Trusting that the Christ Child has opened the door to new life, let
us confess our sins.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our lives are unworthy of the goodness you offer. We have plenty,
but we still worry about ourselves. Too often we focus on our own
desires and fail to listen for your call to serve others. Please forgive
us, and lead us to share your gifts in Christ's Name.**

Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, accept God's gift of grace and live in peace. In the name of the
Christ Child, you are forgiven .

Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Dr. Kling

All: And also with you.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples

Dr. Kling

Cantata
Love!

"A Gospel Christmas Celebration"

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Love is Born

King of Love and Light

Lift Up Your Eyes

Love Came Down at Christmas

Away In A Manger

Soloist: Elijah and Mary Hand

Christmas Joy

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer Dr. Kling

*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.*

Cantata: Reprise

Love is Born