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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE CANTATA

Let There Be Christmas

In one great crescendo of purpose, the season of Christmas sweeps us into its arms with an unfettered flourish of festivity. The glare of this explosion of activity often overshadows the fragile light that is the spiritual center of this sacred time.

Simply, and with unexpected gentleness, Bethlehem's star flickers to life like a candle in the winter wind just when the night is longest. It kindles in the open heart a deep hope that warms and illuminates. It is by this dancing light of promise we discover the miracle of the season. Emboldened, we are drawn close to the manger. By this candle of faith we see the Child of God, wrapped in the simple, the Creator wrapped and held by His own creation. It is this glorious impossible that proclaims,

Let there be SONG...as a young mother's lullaby becomes a symphony of praise that wakes the nations.

Let there be FAITH...as ancient scrolls unfurl to reveal the living Word of God.

Let there be HOPE...as the promise of the Redeemer opens like a sacred rose in the soul of the believer.

Let there be PEACE...as the Spirit descends like a Dove with healing in its wings.

Let there be LOVE...as the world feels the embrace of God's perfect light.

Let there be JOY...as our cup of worship overflows with thanksgiving.

Let there be WONDER...as each seeker's eyes reflect a glory that melts away doubt and reveals the treasure of belief.

Let there be GRACE...and discover the heart of God.

Let there be CHRISTMAS...and let the music of life begin and never end!

Joseph M. Martin, Composer

Pre-Service Music

Ian Althouse

Chimes

Prelude

“Carol Medley”

Robert Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1 and 5)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven’s peace.
(Refrain)*

“Christmas Overture” “O Come All Ye Faithful” (Congregation and Choir)
(Please stand with the Choir, if able)

(Verse 1 – Congregation & Choir)

*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

(Verse 2 – Choir)

(Verse 3 – Congregation & Choir)

*Yea, Lord we greet Thee; born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all
glory giv’n. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. Come let us
adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

“Advent Rose” (Choir)

“The Divine Expectation” (Choir)

Prayer for the Evening

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** (Congregation and Choir)

(Verse 1 – Congregation & Choir)

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and
dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet, in thy dark streets shineth the
everlasting Light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

(Verse 2 – Congregation & Choir)

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the
angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together proclaim
the holy birth; and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!*

(Verse 3 – Choir)

(Verse 4 – Congregation & Choir)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray. Cast out our sin; and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

“Carols from a Quiet Manger” (Choir)

“Hodie Cristus Natus Est” (Choir)

Children’s Sermon

“Bleak Midwinter’s Gift” (Choir)

Offertory “Christmas Medley” arr. Albin Whitworth
piano/organ duet; Ethel Soffa, pianist

Offertory Response “Little Drummer Boy” (Congregation and Choir)

*Come, they told me pa rum pum pum pum.
A new born king to see pa rum pum pum pum.
Our finest gifts we bring pa rum pum pum pum.
To lay before the King pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum.
So to honor him pa rum pum pum pum, when we come.*

“Let There Be Christmas” (Choir)

***“A Joyful Gathering of Carols”** (Congregation and Choir)

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let ev’ry heart prepare him room; and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns. Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed, a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: “Christ the Babe is Lord of all.”

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

“The First Noel”

The first Noel, the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Candle Lighting Service

During the Sharing of the Light to the Congregation, the ushers will give light to the first person in each pew. Pass the light to the person next to you. (Please hold the lit candle upright and tip the unlit candle to receive the light. Tipping a lit candle will result in spilled hot wax.)

When the sanctuary lights are turned on after the benediction, please extinguish your individual candle. The person nearest the center aisle may pick up the decorated can under the pew. The last person in the pew may then place the can on the floor beneath the pew.

Sharing the Light

Christmas Blessing

Carol

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

(1st verse: English; 2nd verse: German)

*Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘round yon virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht! Alles schlaft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, schlaf in
himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

Choral Response

Postlude

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Gilbert Martin

Carillon

*All those who are able, please stand.

Mission Statement of Palm Schwenkfelder Church:

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

Vision Statement of Palm Schwenkfelder Church:

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

Relay for Life Luminaries

In Honor of...

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Cynthia & Wayne Miller	Miriam & Ray Hausman
Shirley Miller	Gladys Frantz
Denise Monaghan	Barbara & Gerry Colvin & Family
Mr. Jonathan Moser	Emily Badman

My Brother, Dr. Charles Stahl III	Joan Pusey
My Children	Carol Eschbach
My Children & Grandchildren	Donald C. Long
My Children, Ralph Pusey III, Amy Pusey, Lisa Carlisle & Meg Lester	Joan Pusey
Chris & Kristen Oswald	Lil & Walt Master
Our Children	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Soffa
Our Children	Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman
Our Children	Bob & Beth Croll
Our Children & Grandchildren	Mr. & Mrs. Andy Kriebel
Our Children, Hans, Sabine & Anja	Greg & Sally Muse
Our Children, Matt, Kim, Donna & Michelle	Bill & Sallie Wright
Our Family	Bob & Deb Callodonato
Our First Responders	Ed & Kathy Bieler
Our Grandchildren	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Soffa
Our Grandchildren	Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman
Our Palm Church Family	Ed & Kathy Bieler
Our Parents	Bob & Beth Croll
Our Parents	Jeff & Luanne Stauffer
Our Parents, Children & Grandchild	Tom & Tammy Long
Our Parents, Dutch & Darlene Moser	Scott, Melissa, Hayley & Mackenzie Kriebel
Our Parents, Sandy & Andy Kriebel	Scott, Melissa, Hayley & Mackenzie Kriebel
The Palm Church Choirs	Ed & Kathy Bieler
Pastor Nick Pence & Family	Gladys Frantz
Wayne Richards	Barbara & Gerry Colvin & Family
Christopher, Kim & Ian Ross	Jean & Gregory Ross
Ray Rothenberger	Dan & Gail Ferry

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Ed Sikorski	Kevin, Karen, Kasey & Lauren Schultz
Mr. Trevor Smith	Emily Badman
Miss Erin Snyder	Emily Badman
Ethel Soffa	Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman
Roger Steele	Kevin, Karen, Kasey & Lauren Schultz
Mary Steltz	The Badman Family
Emily & Andrew Stengle	Jean & Gregory Ross
The Terrific Trio - Peg, Ethel & Betty	Ed & Kathy Bieler
Bonnie Treichler	Glenn & Nancy Hoffman
The United States Military	Kevin & Barb Master & Sons
The United States Military	Ed & Kathy Bieler
Vera Wallace	Donald C. Long

In Memory of...

<i>Name</i>	<i>Donated by</i>
26 candles with prayers for a cure	Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. William Babel	Donald C. Long
Edd "Barney" Barnes	Jeff & Luanne Stauffer
Ruth Barnes	Barbara & Gerry Colvin & Family
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Suzanne & Ernest Carlin	Dave & Carol Woodward
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Gisele Chamberlain	Chris, Kim, & Ian Ross
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Denise Dolloff	Corey & Greg May & family
Denise Dolloff	Ed & Kathy Bieler
Lawrence Dolloff	Gene Dolloff
Patricia Drobny	Bob & Beth Croll
Rodney Endy	Joan Endy
Donald Eschbach	Carol Eschbach
Donna Eschbach	Carol Eschbach
Austin Fox	Marilyn Roznowski
Curtis Fox	Marilyn Roznowski
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Mary & Edmond Fox	Bob & Lucile Jones
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Carl Fries	Margueriete Fries
Gabrielle Jeanette	Bob & Beth Croll
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Pam Gibbons	Glenn & Nancy Hoffman
Barbara Goda	Anne Goda, Daryl Leh & Daughters
Daniel A. Graber	Joan Endy

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Raymond & Grace Graber	Joan Endy
Dennis R. Graber, Sr.	Joan Endy
Grandparents, Ralph, Minie, Eugene, Eva	Gene Dolloff
Fred, June, Jerry & Robert Grater	Bill & Sallie Wright
Josephine Greaves	Barbara & Gerry Colvin & Family
Christine Groff	Lee Schultz
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Horace & Corinne Hoffman	Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman
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Pauline Johnson	Lee Schultz
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Linda Keiser	Kevin & Barb Master & Sons
Linda Keiser	Lil & Walt Master
Gary Lester Keller	Kevin & Barb Master & Sons
Dale Keyser	Sandra Keyser
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Charles Krauss	Leon Wohlbach
Norman & Mae Kuhns	Edmund & Grace Kuhns
Barbara Lattemann	Joan Endy
Jean Long	Lee Schultz
Jean B. Long	Donald C. Long

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Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Long	Donald C. Long
Loved Ones	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Shelly
William R. Ludlow	Bill, Dawn, Billy Ludlow
William R. Ludlow	Dave & Lisa Votaw
Lauren Maher	Barbara & Gerry Colvin & Family
Lauren Maher	Chris, Kim, & Ian Ross
William & Margurite Marcoux	Gene Dolloff
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Kathryn & Arthur Marks	Marguerite Fries
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Alta & James Miller	Margueriete Fries
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Grace & Francis Miller	Margueriete Fries
Harris Miller	Margueriete Fries
My Husband, Ralph Pusey, Jr.	Joan Pusey
My Parents, Myrtle & Charles Stahl	Joan Pusey
Michele Neff	Barbara & Gerry Colvin & Family
Stanley Oshman - 1969	Evelyn Bold
Our Grandparents	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Shelly
Our Grandparents	Jeff & Luanne Stauffer

Our Opa & other loved ones	Greg & Sally Muse
Our Parents	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Soffa
Our Parents	Mr. & Mrs. Andy Kriebel
Our Parents	Richard & Kay Kleppinger
Our Parents	Miriam & Ray Hausman
Our Parents, Bill & Betty Wright, Fred & Pearl Grater	Bill & Sallie Wright
Our Son, Thomas	Bill & Sallie Wright
Nancy Petroski	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Soffa
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Naomi Schoenly	Lee Schultz
Amanda Schultz	Lee Schultz
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Clark Schultz	Doug Wallinger
Clark Schultz	Lee Schultz
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John & Joel Treichler	Jeff & Bonnie Treichler
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Gayle Wallinger	Doug Wallinger
Gayle Wallinger	Ed & Kathy Bieler
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Mr. & Mrs. Carl Weber	Shirley Miller
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Linford Weiss, Companion	Ty McNeal
Herman Weiss	Ed & Kathy Bieler

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Beverly Wohlbach

Beverly Wohlbach

Stanley Wohlbach

Marguerite & Allen Woodward

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Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Yokl, Sr.

Lee Schultz

Leon Wohlbach

Lee Schultz

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Dave & Carol Woodward

Patricia Yokl

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... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family ...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Clara Graber, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Edmund Kuhns, Vern Weller, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, John Hathaway, Betty Pope. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer list we uplift the staff of Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

Combined Sunday School

Our annual Hockey Game will be an intergenerational Sunday School on Sunday December 27th at 9:00AM in the Adult Bible Classroom. The season and the Bible provide questions. It plays very much like ice hockey, with body-checking prohibited. The need for teamwork assures roles for anyone old enough to attend Sunday School. Some past games have been high scoring; some have been defensive contests. The fellowship is genuine. Please join us!

December Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Drew Colvin (12/21), Jonas Kinsler (12/30)

December Joy Scripture

Joy is trusting when you want to doubt.

“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.” Isaiah 26:4

Advent Opening Devotions ~ Jesus’ Birth

Story: Excerpts from the Gospel of Luke

Song: Joy to the World

Memory Bible Verse: “This very day in David’s town your Savior was born – Christ the Lord!”

Luke 2:11 Good News Version

You Version Holy Bible App – Teens and Adults

The Christmas Story, Chris Tomlin-Adore, Loop for Women, WiRE for Men, A Christmas Prophecy Devotional, Prayers for Christmas, Our Daily Bread Video Devotionals

Bible App for Kids ~ Help your kids connect each day and help them fall in love with God’s Word.

Christian Exiles Are Fleeing Persecution

Let's help rescue some Exiles! The Deacons at Palm have arranged a partnership with Church World Service (CWS) that will allow all of us to play a role in solving the problem. We will begin by serving as a Hospitality Team for legal, Christian refugees arriving in our area. CWS is one of nine agencies certified by the US State Department to receive refugees. It is difficult not to be distracted by news reports, but it should be noted that it will be another two years before current Syrian exiles can be expected. Meanwhile, we seek to minister to a Brother or Sister from anywhere in the world who has made it through the process and arrives as a stranger in need. Please watch for announcements polling our congregation for specific needs. In the meantime, please include this mission in your prayers. Ask the Lord to guide us and ask how He wills each of us to participate.

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offering to support the Migrant Hospitality Project is welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

Donations of Furniture for MHP

Can you help us furnish a safe place for arriving Christian exiles? Please let us know. Forms for you to list possible items that you wish to donate are available in the Narthex. They can be turned in to any Deacon or placed in the mail slot on the Church Office door. The picture painted for housing is small. Specified items are crucial. Limited space may be a factor for other items.

Annual Report Submissions

And yes, it's also that time, too. Annual reports from all Church committees are due in the office no later than January 5th, 2016. If possible, please e-mail your report to the church office. Any questions should be directed to our Moderator, Anne Goda, or Vice Moderator, Joanne Luz.

Music Ministry Committee

The Board of Music Ministry has been asked to consider providing appropriate sacred music from 10:00am - 10:15am, prior to the Sunday morning service. For those who arrive early, it can be a quiet time of reflection and prayer to prepare hearts and minds for the service which will follow. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact our Director of Music, Ed Bieler.

Epiphany Party

The Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party will be held on January 5th. We will start at noon with a covered dish lunch, and we will take up a monetary gift collection for Open Link. Following our lunch we will hold our monthly business meeting.

Back to Back Bay – 2016

The Mission Board is looking for Members to form a Mission Team for the next trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The trip is scheduled to run from July 30 through August 7, 2016. So whether you are a "Seasoned Veteran," or have never been on a Mission Trip before; be on the lookout for further details, and consider joining what is sure to be another memorable, and moving, adventure in service.

Personal Care Volunteers Needed

Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, will be holding a training for Abiders in January 2016. Abiders provide a reassuring, comforting presence to someone in the last hours of their life who would otherwise die alone. This can take the form of silent and soft prayers, reading a poem or psalm, singing a song or hymn, or simply holding a resident's hand. The hours are very flexible. To learn more contact Director of Pastoral Care, Merlin Hedrick, at 215 – 513 – 6817, or at mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers every Sunday for the 2015 calendar year! Everyone who did sponsor, please remember that bulletin sponsorships are \$15, flower sponsorships are \$50, and the flowers are yours to keep after the service. Please sign up for 2016 on the new charts in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

Address Changes/Updates

As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the bulletin. There will also be a section in the Palm Leaves that will list new addresses. If you have any information on members who have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

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Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Jean Ross

Ushers: Scott Kriebel, Darrell Manley, Matthew Wright, Pierce Wright

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208