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# The Worship of God

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Caravaggio – *The Calling of St. Matthew (The Bearded Man)* – 1599



# Third Baptist Church

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*Please use this opportunity to silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices.*

*\* = Please stand in body or spirit*

## Prelude

**Brent Johnson**

Pietro Cattaneo: Trumpet Tune on 'Stuttgart'

*This attractive elaboration upon our opening hymn was made by Pietro Cattaneo (b. 1998), whose musical education and subsequent career have been based entirely in Northern Italy. He now serves as organist for a parish church and an abbey close to Lake Como.*

## Introit

**Choir**

John Rutter: The Star Carol

*Sometimes playfully nicknamed 'the patron saint of Christmas carols', Rutter (b. 1945) has written and arranged numerous carols that have found receptive singers and audiences around the world. In his early career he directed chapel music at Clare College, Cambridge, but his success there led him to become a full-time composer and director of his own recording group, The Cambridge Singers. This carol, like many of his original works, employs not only his own music, but also verses he tailored specifically for the music.*

1. Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem  
Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;  
Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!  
*Refrain: See his star shining bright  
In the sky this Christmas Night!  
Follow me joyfully;  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

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2. Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,  
Bear the news with its message of good cheer  
Sing rejoice, for a King is come to save us,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!  
*Refrain*

3. See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping,  
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.  
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him  
Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary!  
*Refrain*

4. Let us pay our homage at the manger,  
Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night;  
Christ has come, bringing promises of salvation;  
Hurry to Bethlehem to see the son of Mary!  
*Refrain*

**Welcome**  
*(concluding)*

**Dr. Tommy Simons**

Leader: So, we invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology #815**

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.

## \*Hymn of Welcome

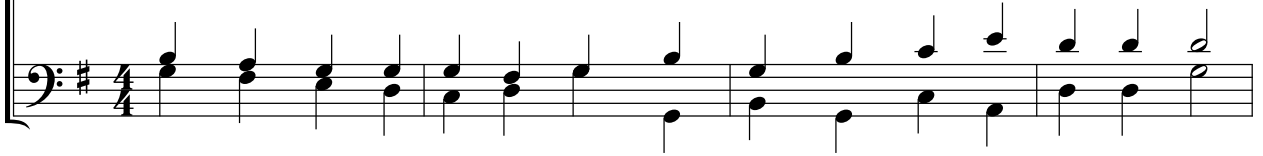
### Earth Hath Many a Noble City

STUTTGART

*Like Herrick, the author of today's poem, Edward Caswall (1814 - 1878) was both a poet and clergyman, but he left the Anglican Church in favor of Catholicism, following the example of his friend John Henry Newman. Like him, Caswall wanted to explore the roots of Christianity, in order to uncover (and thus recapture) the fervor and dedication of early Christians like Prudentius (348 - 410), who wrote this hymn describing the Epiphany, and which we sing now in Caswall's translation. The tune, named "Stuttgart," was written & published by a German organist, Christian Witt, in 1715.*



1. Earth has man - y a no - ble cit - y; Beth - lehem, thou dost all ex - cel;
2. Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing Was the star that told his birth,
3. East - ern sag - es at his cra - dle Make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4. Sa - cred gifts of my - stic mean - ing: In - cense doth their God dis - close,
5. Je - su, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shipped At thy glad E - pi - pha - ny



Out of thee the Lord from heav - en Came to rule his Is - ra - el.  
To the world its God an - nounc - ing Seen in flesh - ly form on earth.  
See them give, in deep de - vo - tion, Gold and fran - in - cense, and myrrh.  
Gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, Myrrh his sep - ul - chre fore - shows.  
Un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther And the Spi - rit glo - ry be.



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## Poem

Rev. Drew Phillips, Lois Hunsaker

### Robert Herrick: The Star Song

*Both before and after the Commonwealth (1649 – 1660) of Oliver Cromwell, Herrick (1591 – 1674) was a parish priest who supported the Royalist cause. He composed more than 2,500 poems, many of which are sacred in nature. He was especially drawn to Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, and many of his simple verses for these seasons have won great praise. In this poem the Star of Bethlehem enters into dialog between a reader and a choir of worshipers.*

#### Reader

1. Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue,  
Where is the Babe but lately sprung?  
Lies he the lily-banks among?
2. Or say, if this new Birth of ours  
Sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers,  
Spangled with dew-light; thou canst clear  
All doubts, and manifest the where.
3. Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek  
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,  
Or search the beds of spices through,  
To find him out? ...

#### The Star:

... No, this ye need not do;  
But only come and see Him rest,  
A princely Babe, in's mother's breast.

#### Choir:

He's seen! He's seen! why then around  
Let's kiss the sweet and holy ground;  
And all rejoice that we have found  
A King, before conception, crowned.

#### Reader:

4. Come then, come then, and let us bring  
Unto our pretty twelfth-tide King,  
Each one his several offering.

#### Choir:

And when night comes, we'll give him  
wassailing;  
And that his treble honors may be seen,  
We'll choose him King, and make his  
mother Queen.

Offertory Meditation

Lansin Lim Kimler

Sasha Johnson Manning: February (from 'A Year At Third')

*This Offertory was written specially for Third by the British composer, Sasha Johnson Manning (b. 1963); it is the second installment in her cycle of pieces for the different months of the year. Sasha has given it the subtitle of "The Redemptive Power Of Love."*

Responsorial Psalm

Ella Banks

Psalm 96:1-6

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

**People: proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

**People: his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

Leader: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

**People: he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols,

**People: but the Lord made the heavens.**

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him;

**People: strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

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## Anthem

Choir

### Ralph Vaughan Williams: Let Us Now Praise Famous Men

*This stirring invitation, from Ecclesiasticus 44, was first sung in 1923 on Remembrance Sunday at St. Andrew's Congregational Church in West Ealing, London. Its original unison version was subsequently arranged for mixed voices in 1959 (one year after the death of the composer) by Maurice Jacobson, who was chairman of Curwen Edition, RVW's publisher. The lyrics are pertinent to this time when we celebrate past presidents of our nation, and all those named and unnamed who have enriched our country with their gifts and leadership.*

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.  
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power,  
Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge.  
Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing:  
All these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times.  
And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had  
never been.  
Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

## Scripture Lesson

Clara Jackson

### Matthew 9:9

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**Sermon****Dr. Tommy Simons**

It Only Takes A Spark

**\*Hymn of Invitation & Declaration**

#704 God Will Make A Way

HE WILL MAKE A WAY

**Benediction****Dr. Tommy Simons****Postlude****Brent Johnson**

Théodore Salomé: Grand Choeur

*A friend to more famous composers, such as Gounod and Bizet, Salomé (1834 – 1896) was educated at the Paris conservatoire and earned a fine reputation for his organ playing at the Trinity Church in Paris. This piece he published in 1875 as part of a collection that drew many admirers, including Alexandre Guilmant who played Salomé's music during his residency at the 1904 World's Fair, here in St. Louis.*

**NOTE**

This weekend is traditionally associated with love and St. Valentine, and to celebrate the gift of love, the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus presents a program at Kirkwood United Methodist Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Please plan on attending this concert, and thus supporting the several members of our music staff who will perform this afternoon. Tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased online in advance from [www.chamberchorus.org](http://www.chamberchorus.org).





## Prayer List

### **Nursing care and rehab facilities**

Delilah Canning, Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO

Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Margaret Warman, Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

### **Prayer Requests**

Harold Beasley

Fran Blake

Delilah Canning

Karen Deitte

Jersey Dukes

Alisa Guider

Albert Gunn

Judith Hawk

Glenn Jefferies

Peggy Hemphill

Anna Littlejohn

Erica Littlejohn

Mattie Littlejohn

Shelia McMunn

Bobby Murray

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Please send updates, addition or edits to this list via email to Sally, Ella or Pastor Tommy (sallyoando@att.net, ebanks@third-baptist.org, tsimons@third-baptist.org)

If you're a visitor today, we want to meet you! Please fill out a visitor card and leave it in the offering plate or use the QR code below to connect with Third Baptist online.



## Calendar for February 16 – 23

### Sunday, February 16

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 11:00 AM Godly Play
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
- 12:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 19

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:15 PM Dinner and Adult Bible Study, Room 2
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Sunday, February 23

- 9:30 AM 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breakfast. Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
- 12:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

## **Pastoral and Music Staff**

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