

The background is a painting of a night sky. The sky is a deep, swirling blue with a prominent, bright yellow star in the upper right quadrant. The star has a long, vertical beam of light extending downwards. Below the star, there are horizontal bands of yellow and orange, suggesting a landscape or a reflection on water. The overall style is expressive and textured, with visible brushstrokes.

*People,
Look
East!*

Monday, December 18, 2023 | 7:00 pm
Central United Methodist Church Sanctuary

Program

APPALACHIAN YULETIDE

Appalachian Folk Tune
arr. Dan Forrest

Nathan Clements, piano

*"When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall with wise men
and farmers and shepherd and all. But high from God's heaven
a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it did then recall."*

I Wonder as I Wander | John Jacob Niles

People, Look East! The time is near!

WELCOME

FESTIVE DANCE ON BESANÇON

Traditional French Carol
arr. Pamela M. Robertson

Nathan Clements, piano

*"People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.*

People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way."

People, Look East | Eleanor Farjeon

Of the crowning of the year!

† PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BESANÇON

Traditional French Carol



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crow-ning of the year. Make your house
2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plan-ted there. Give up your
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shi-ning be -
4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery



fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look
strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flower may flour-ish.
yond the fros - ty weath-er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is com-ing.



east and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

12th Century Plainsong

arr. Penny Rodriguez

Nathan Clements, piano

*“O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost
conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the Babe, the world’s Redeemer,
first revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!”*

Of the Father’s Love Begotten | Aurelius Clemens Prudentius

Make your house fair as you are able!

COME, EMMANUEL

O WALY WALY/VENI EMMANUEL

Traditional French Plainsong

arr. Mary McDonald

The Festivale Trio

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, And ransom
captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee,
Israel! O Come, Desire of nations, bind All people
in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and sorrow
cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our
spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the
gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark
shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee,
Israel! Shall come to thee, O Israel! Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, Israel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Op. 122

Nathan Clements, organ

*“Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.”*

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming | Theodore Baker

Trim the hearth and set the table!

† ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

IRBY

Henry J. Gauntlett



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of
3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day, like us he
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing



shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his
all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a
grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and smiles like us he
love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heaven a -



bed; Ma - ry, lov - ing moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her li - tle child.
stall. With the poor, the scorned, the low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
knew; and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
bove; and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

BRING A TORCH JEANETTE, ISABELLA 16th Century French Carol

arr. Joel Raney

Nathan Clements, piano

"Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella! Bring a torch, to the cradle run!

It is Jesus, good folk of the village; Christ is born and Mary's calling.

Ah! ah! beautiful is the Mother! Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!"

Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella | E. Cuthbert Nunn

People, look east and sing today!

NOEL PEACE CANNON

DONA NOBIS PACEM/THE FIRST NOEL

Traditional English Carol

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

The Festivale Trio

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Bring us peace this
Christmastime. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Bring us peace this Christmastime.*

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain
poor shepherds in fields as 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.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King who will
bring us; Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Bring us peace
this Christmastime. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Bring us peace this Christmastime. Dona nobis
pacem, pacem.*

HE IS BORN, THE HOLY CHILD

IL EST NÉ

18th Century French Carol

arr. David Lantz III

Nathan Clements, piano

"He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!

He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;

thru long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!"

He is Born, the Holy Child | Translation Anonymous

Love, the Guest, is on the way!

THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING

William H. Neidlinger

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Nathan Clements, piano | Abril Ruiz-Lopez, violin

*“In the little village of Bethlehem there lay a child one day;
And the sky was bright with a holy light; O’er the place where Jesus lay
Alleluia! O how the angels sang! Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light! Twas the birthday of a king!”*

The Birthday Of A King | William H. Neidlinger

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN FROM *THE MESSIAH*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

arr. Jeff Bennett

Nathan Clements, piano

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government
shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”*

For Unto Us a Child Is Born | Isaiah 9:6

Love, the Star, is on the way!

ALL IS QUIET

A.H. Rosewig (1846-1929)

arr. Josh Sparkman

The Festivale Trio

All is quiet, all is still, Sleep, my child, and fear no ill, Win'try winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, my baby dear, Win'try winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, my baby dear.

When tomorrow has begun, and the snow yields to the sun, My love will still be here. Rest, my child, my baby dear, my baby dear.

Let your little eyelids close, softly as the falling snow. While today drifts from your sight, all is calm this winter night All is calm this winter night, while today drifts from your sight.

All is quiet, all is still, Sleep, my child, and fear no ill, Win'try winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, my baby dear, Win'try winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, Lullaby, Lullaby, my baby dear.

† DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

BRANLE DE L'OFFICIAL

George Ratcliffe Woodward



1. Ding Dong! Mer - ri - ly on high in heaven the bells are ring - ing.
 2. Ev'en so here be - low, be - low, let stee - ple bells be swun - gen,
 3. Pray you, du - ti - ful - ly prime your ma - tin chime, ye ring - ers;
 4. Ding Dong! Mer - ri - ly on high in heaven the bells are ring - ing.



Ding Dong! Ve - ri - ly the sky is riv'n with an - gel sing - ing. Glo - - -
 And "I - o, i - o, i - o!" by priest and peo - ple sung - en.
 May you beau - ti - ful - ly rime your eve - time song, ye sing - ers.
 Ding Dong! Ve - ri - ly the sky is riv'n with ang - el sing - ing.



- - - - - ria - a, Ho - san - nah in ex - cel - sis! A - men!

*"I-o": "E-o"

Love, the Lord, is on the way!

SILENT NIGHT

STILLE NACHT

Franz Grüber

arr. Dan Forrest

Nathan Clements, *piano*

*“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.
Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!”*

Silent Night | John F. Young & Anonymous

CLOSING REMARKS

FESTIVAL ON GLORIA

GLORIA

Traditional French Carol

arr. Nathan Clements

Nathan Clements, *organ* | Frank Casstevens, *piano* | Abril Ruiz-Lopez, *violin*

*“Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!”

Angels We Have Heard on High | Traditional French Carol

*You are invited to join us for Refreshments
in the Hospitality Room directly following the concert.*



Tonight's Musicians

The Festivale Trio

Vocalists

Greg Bass | David Paschal | David Clements

Accompanist

Nathan Clements

Directors

Nathan Clements | Frank Casstevens

Instrumentalists

Pianists

Nathan Clements | Frank Casstevens

Organist

Nathan Clements

Violinist

Abril Ruiz-Lopez



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