

"Lamb of God"

A Christmas Cantata

Selections from *Agnus Dei* created by David Hamilton,
with songs by Michael W. Smith; music by Alfred Burt;
and traditional carols.

December 9, 2012

Presented by the choir and orchestra of Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

<i>Fanfare and Overture</i>	Michael W. Smith/David Hamilton
<i>Lord, Have Mercy/Agnus Dei/O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	arranged Hamilton
<i>Anthem for Christmas</i>	Smith/Hamilton
<i>Coventry Carol</i>	Smith/Hamilton
<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Smith/Hamilton
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	traditional

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

<i>This is Love</i>	Smith/Hamilton
<i>Some Children See Him</i>	Burt/Rouse

Come Carolers

Smith/Hamilton

CHOIR:

Ring Christmas bells, ring them loud with the message bringing peace on earth, tidings of good cheer.

Come carolers, come and join with the angels singing, "Joy to the world, Christmas time is here again."

CONGREGATION:

*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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

MEN:

*Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.*

WOMEN:

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,

ALL:

*Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark! the
herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and
enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angel, the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide
with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel.*

CHOIR:

He has come to dwell; with one voice let the world rejoice.

CONGREGATION:

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart,
Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory 'til in heaven we take our place.
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.*

Silent Night! Holy Night

Smith/Hamilton

Joy to the World

traditional

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

*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.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love.*