

O Come, JoyfullySanctuary Choir and Congregation

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.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every 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.

The Word Became Flesh and Lived Among Us

*WHILE ALL THINGS WERE IN QUIET SILENCE from the Christmas
Vespers of the Anglican Church; LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS
by Christina Rossetti*

Silent Night, Holy Night.....Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

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.

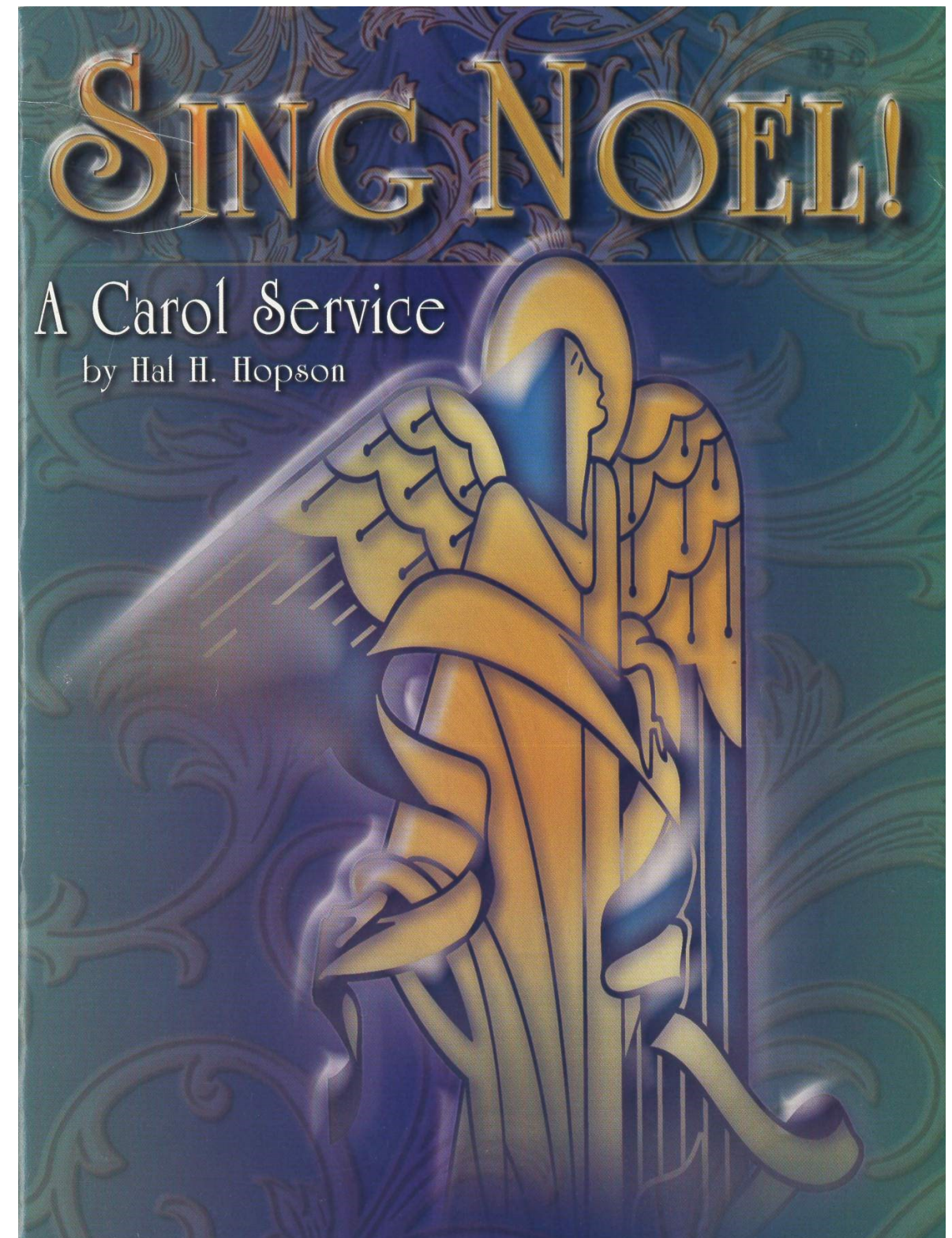
Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Song of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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!

The Blessing & Choral Benediction

Carol Postlude.....Betty Hubbard and Wendy Allen



Sunday, December 17, 2023
The Third Sunday of Advent

*FBC Lumberton is a community of faith
committed to living out the love of Christ by
serving God and all people.*

The Worship of God

Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in First Baptist Sanctuary

Carol Prelude Betty Hubbard and Wendy Allen

Welcome and Introduction to the Service Rev. Doug Reedy

Lighting the Advent Candle..... Sandra Cox and Tyler Pittman
Candle of Joy

Time with the Children Kim Gore

Offering Congregation

“Sing Noel! A Carol Service”

by Hal H. Hopson

Performed by First Baptist Sanctuary Choir

Opening Proclamation

from CHANTICLEER by William Austin

Sing Noel.....Sanctuary Choir

The Promised Messiah is Heralded by John the Baptist

from COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE by Johannes Olearius

Prepare the Way, O ZionSanctuary Choir

Duet by Sandra Cox and Lindsay Owens

The Annunciation

Text by Venantius Fortunatus

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came Sanctuary Choir Ladies

Solo by Lisa Rust

The Joy of the Shepherds

AT BETHLEHEM by Richard Crashaw

The First Noel.....Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

The first Noel the angels 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

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel

The Angels' Song of Peace

CHRISTMAS BELLS by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High Sanctuary Choir

A Servant-King is Born

NEW PRINCE, NEW POMP by Robert Southwell

O Little Town of Bethlehem Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

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.

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

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Mary, the Tender Mother of Jesus

THERE IS NO ROSE, anonymous medieval text

The Christ-Child's Lullaby Sanctuary Choir

Solo by Meghan Inman

The Kings Pay Their Homage

From PRAYERS AT CHRISTMAS, text by Nathaniel Wanley

March of the Kings Sanctuary Choir Men

The Whole World Sings Noel

From WHAT SWEETER MUSIC CAN WE BRING by Robert Herrick