

December 13, 2017

Hello from Sixth Street Christian Church! Our choir has been preparing for our Christmas cantata since before Thanksgiving, and we are performing it this coming Sunday, December 17, 10:30 a.m. The music is beautiful, and the opening song is one of my favorites. It's in a minor key which is unusual for a Christmas song. It sounds wistful and a little sad even though the words themselves are hopeful and declare that Christ was born as God's love for all people. So why does the song sound so achingly sad? I can't know for sure what Mark Miller was thinking when he composed the music and helped write the lyrics, but I have an idea. Yes, Jesus was born. He was Emmanuel, God with us, and his life and ministry revealed God's deep love for each of us. Jesus taught us how to act as the children of God, and he was resurrected to show us that love and God's presence abides with us forever. Yet things in the world are far from perfect. People are abused and broken, justice isn't always just, and conflict destroys relationships and lives. Yes, Jesus was born, but we are still waiting for peace; we are waiting for a time when everyone knows they are loved; we are waiting for all people to take hold of their salvation and be healed. As we celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth, let us reach toward and work for the coming of our Lord for all humankind.