

PAGEANT CREW

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<i>Back Drop</i>	<i>Staff</i>
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PAGEANT PRODUCTION AND DIRECTION

<i>Director</i>	<i>Christopher Trussell</i>
<i>Producer</i>	<i>Connie Capes-Leslie</i>
<i>Script</i>	<i>Christopher Trussell</i>
<i>Costumes</i>	<i>Bonnie Joynt, Leslie Morris, Julie Brown, Susan Moore, Bonnie Parsons, Kelsey Hyodo, Elizabeth Kondo, Alexa Hardy, Stephanie Reesor</i>
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Thank you to Kindergarten Teachers and Workshop Leaders in the Church School who offered leadership during the Advent rotation while pageant preparations took place.

If your name has been inadvertently missed, please accept our apology.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to the Christmas Nativity Pageant



This year's pageant will be told through the voices of a young family comprised of Joe, Mary Anne and Emmanuel, as they prepare for a dinner party. They will tell the events of 'the night before Christmas' with a lovely twist at the end. It is a multi-generational offering with adults, teens and children involved.

This year, we are thankful for the excellent team of people who helped create the pageant. Christopher Trussell has, once again, offered creative direction to both the principal characters and ensemble groups in the cast. Thank you to Peter Merrick and the Choir (who will not only contribute musically but take on roles in the pageant), and the many parents, adult friends of the Church School and teens who assisted with costume and prop preparation, Sunday morning workshops and rehearsals as the cast prepared for today.

Set the busyness of the season aside while you worship this morning and be prepared to be surprised by the nativity story of long ago once again – a story that still offers hope and encouragement in our lives and for our world.

Connie

Connie Capes-Leslie

Parking has been extended on both sides of Lytton Blvd. from 3:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Church Office will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2009

PAGEANT CAST

<i>Welcome and Prayer</i>	<i>Jacqueline Hisey</i>
<i>Mary Anne</i>	<i>Jo Ann Dizy</i>
<i>Joe</i>	<i>Ron Dizy</i>
<i>Emmanuel</i>	<i>William Lloyd</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>Grace Brown</i>
<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Robert Walker</i>
<i>Angel Gabriella</i>	<i>Alyssa Joynt</i>
<i>Isaiah</i>	<i>Emily Smale</i>
<i>Trumpeters</i>	<i>Justin Crabtree, Kate Hull</i>
<i>Citizens/Townspeople</i>	<i>Kyra Dizy, Arbor Wilson</i>
<i>Scroll Scribe</i>	<i>Madeleine O'Brien</i>
<i>Registrar</i>	<i>Ron Dizy</i>
<i>Nathan</i>	<i>Charlie Walker</i>
<i>Rachel</i>	<i>Megan Konzelman</i>
<i>Shepherd #1</i>	<i>Ariel Brookes</i>
<i>Shepherd #2</i>	<i>Jacqueline Hisey</i>
<i>Magi</i>	<i>Charlotte Littler, Nellianne Bateman, Alex MacLeod</i>
<i>Herod</i>	<i>Todd Reesor</i>
<i>Whistler</i>	<i>Roberta McWhirter</i>

PAGEANT HELPERS

<i>Shepherd Keepers</i>	<i>Jackie Stothers, Marilyn Horrick, Kirsten McGoey</i>
<i>Angel Keepers</i>	<i>Lori Kerr, Beverley MacAdam, Nadine Crowther, Valerie Helbronner</i>
<i>Magi Keeper</i>	<i>Kate Littler</i>
<i>Rehearsal Snack</i>	<i>Dorothy Carson and the Children's Ministry Working Group</i>

**Empower us, so that we may, with confidence,
experience your coming into our world and our lives. Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

We have lit the candle of hope, a sign that God is with us, encouraging us along our way.

We are filled with God's hope this day.

We have lit the candle of peace, a reminder that Jesus came to share God's peace with all.

We are ready to share God's peace this day.

Today we light the candle of joy, a sign that God has promised us life in abundance.

We celebrate God's joy this day.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

The world which has walked in darkness will see a great light.

Come, Lord Jesus, as we wait for you with joy.

(The third candle is lit.)

Let us pray:

**God of mystery,
you awaken in us the desire for joy to be born into our world once again.
Kindle in us the light of hope, peace and joy,
and usher in the promise of these gifts for the whole earth, we pray.
We await the Light of the World, revealed in Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

ADVENT SONG

Advent Gifts



There's a song of — hope in my heart; hope is a gift from
There's a song of — peace in my heart; peace is a gift from
There's a song of — joy in my heart; joy is a gift from



Je - sus. There's a song of — hope in my heart;
Je - sus. There's a song of — peace in my heart;
Je - sus. There's a song of — joy in my heart;

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

OPENING HEARTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

ANTHEM

Angels' Carol

John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices, ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star, shining out so brightly, as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here? Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds, who have waited long? "Glory to God in the highest!"; bear the angels sing their joyful song. He is come in peace, in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night; he is come in joy, like the sun at morning, filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love, as the child of Mary; in a simple stable we have seen his birth. Gloria! He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above; he will bring new hope to the waiting nations, when he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; let the heavens answer with the joyful morn. Gloria! Hear the angels singing "Christ is born."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

SCENE VII Back in the Living Room

HYMN Hark! The herald angels sing *Mendelssohn*
(Pageant Cast will hum and then sing verse 1; Congregation joins in for verses 2 and 3)

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 the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"



hope is a gift from God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
peace is a gift from God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
joy is a gift from God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Hope in my heart is sing - ing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia!
Peace in my heart is sing - ing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia!
Joy in my heart is sing - ing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Hope is a gift — from God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Peace is a gift — from God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Joy is a gift — from God.

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THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour -
it is suggested that, at this time, we refrain from shaking hands.)

OPENING MINDS

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

OVERTURE

SCENE I In the Living Room

SCENE II Gabriela's Announcement to Mary and Joseph

HYMN O come, O come, Emmanuel (*verse 1*)

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCENE III Declaration of the Roman Census

HYMN O little town of Bethlehem (*verse 1*)

Forest Green (530)

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.

SCENE IV The Innkeepers, The Arrival of Mary and Joseph
 and The Birth of Jesus

HYMN Away in a manger

Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

SCENE V Arrival of the Shepherds

HYMN While shepherds watched their flocks (*verses 1-4, 6*)

Winchester Old

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind."

"To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign":

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid."

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace!
Good will to all from highest heaven
begin, and never cease."

ANTHEM Rocking

Czech carol, arr. David Willcocks

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir, we will lend a coat of fur. We will rock you.... See the fur to keep you warm, snugly 'round your tiny form. Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep, sleep in comfort, slumber deep. We will rock you.... We will serve you all we can, darling, darling little man.

SCENE VI The Arrival of the Magi

HYMN We three kings

Three Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.