

Family Christmas Eve Service



December 24, 2019

4:30 p.m.

Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church

1724 Chain Bridge Road * McLean, Virginia * 22101

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The Lewinsville Puppeteers

(in order of appearance)

Gabriel.....Meggie Lineberger & Jackie Hager

Mary....Emma Staeger

Joseph.....Manerah Malike

Donkey.....Manerah Malike

Friendly Beasts/Donkey.....Joanna Murphy

Friendly Beasts/Cow.....Siyeol Nam

**Friendly Beasts/Sheep.....Zion-David Malike, Sophia Niday, Erin Ramsey,
Audrey Gebhart, Liam Herseth**

Friendly Beasts/Doves.....Eimi Tuttle

Friendly Beasts/Camel....Lucas Gebhart

Shepherds.....Susanna Foster, Jack Pareti

Star.....Cole Pareti

Wise Men.....Sophia Pareti, Bella Pareti, Eimi Tuttle



Prelude

The Annunciation

Gabriel's Message

(Luke 1: 26-38)

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Presented by the Lewinsville Puppeteers

1 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!

3 Then Gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
Most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!

2 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
Most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'Most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!

Welcome

Introit

Of the Fathers Love Begotten

Presented by Evan Ayars and Kylie Johnson

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

***Processional Carol**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 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!

3 Sing, choir of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Refrain:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Very God, begotten, not created
Refrain

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

Anthem

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

Presented by the Lewinsville Bells

Prayer for Illumination



The Story of the First Christmas

Presented by the Lewinsville Puppeteers and children from the congregation

I. Journey to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

Carol: I Saw Three Ships

1 I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day in the morning

2 And what was on those ships all three
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
Our Savior Christ and his lady
On Christmas day in the morning

3 Oh they sailed into Bethlehem
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
Oh they sailed into Bethlehem
On Christmas day in the morning

4 And all the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
And all the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas day in the morning

5 And all the angels in heaven shall sing
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
And all the angels in heaven shall sing
On Christmas day in the morning

6 And all the souls on earth shall sing
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
And all the souls on earth shall sing
On Christmas day in the morning

7 And let us all rejoice and sing
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
And let us all rejoice and sing
On Christmas day in the morning

II. The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:6-7

Anthem:

Cradled Amid the Ox and Sheep

French Noel, 13th C.

Presented by Joyful Noise and Junior Choristers

Cradled amid the ox and sheep, Sleep, Sleep little baby sleep

While the Seraphim sing their Sweetest hymn, Keeping watch above the newborn King of love.

Carol: The Friendly Beasts

Vs. 1— All

Jesus our brother kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beast around him stood
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

Vs. 2 - Puppeteers

*I said the Donkey all shaggy and brown
I carried his mother up hill and down
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town
I said the Donkey all shaggy and brown*

Vs. 3— Puppeteers

*I said the Cow all white and red
I gave him my manger for his bed
I gave him my hay to pillow his head
I said the Cow all white and red*

Vs. 4—All

I said the Sheep with curly horn
I gave him my wool for a blanket warm
He wore my coat on Christmas morn
I said the Sheep with curly horn

Vs. 5—Puppeteers

*I said the Doves from the rafters high
We cooed him to sleep so he would not cry
We cooed him to sleep my mate and I
I said the Dove from the rafters high*

Vs. 6—Puppeteers

*I said the Camel all yellow and black
Across the desert upon my back
I brought him gifts in the Wise Men's sacks
I said the Camel all yellow and black*

Vs. 7—All

**Thus every beast by some good spell
In the stable rude was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel
The gift he gave Emmanuel**

III. The Birth is Proclaimed

Luke 2:8-14; Matthew 2:1-2

Carol: The First Nowell

**1 The first Nowell 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.**

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond they far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.**

Refrain:

**3 And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain:***

**4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.**

Refrain:

**5 Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.**

Refrain:

**6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood our life hath bought.**

Refrain:

IV. Shepherds Return Praising God

Luke 2:15-20

Carol: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

1 On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

2 Then why should we on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad;
Then why should we on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

3 When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
heaven and earth with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

4 All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heaven;
Peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"



Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sharing of Our Lives Through Our Gifts

Offertory

Christmas Song (Personent Hodie)

Arr. Gustav Holst

Presented by the Lewinsville Choristers

Personent hodie voces puerulae, laudantes iucunde qui nobis est natus, summon Deo datus

(Translation: On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.)

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth, Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they ow by his bed, lay their gifts before him praise him and adore him.

Omnes clericuli, partier pueri, cantent ut angeli: advenisti mundo, laudes tibi fundo.

(Translation: On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.)

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Prayer of Dedication

*Carol

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1 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!"

3 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:

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold him come,

Offspring of the virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail the incarnate deity

Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain:

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

***Candle Lighting**

***Carol**

Night of Silence/Silent Night

Fathers are welcome to join the children's choirs on the chancel steps

Children's choir

1 Cold are the people, Winter of life,

We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,

Flowers that will echo the sunrise,

Fire of hope is our only warmth,

Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Fathers of the Choir

2 Voice in the distance, Call in the night,

On wind you enfold us You speak of your light, softly,

Gentle on the ear you whisper softly Rumors of a dawn so embracing,

Breathless love awaits darkened souls,

Soon will we know of the morning.

Sung Simultaneously

Congregation

3 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.

Children's Choir

3 Spirit among us, Shine like the star,

Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar

Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,

Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,

Star unknowing of night and day,

Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

Sung together

4 Silent night, Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:

Christ the Savior is born;

Christ the Savior is born!"

6 Silent night, holy night!

Son 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.

7 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.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in D Major BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING.**

Kay and Clay Ancell

In loving memory of VirginiaLee and Henry Margraf, and Mary and Ralph Ancell

Anonymous

In honor of all those who are spending Christmas far from loved ones in the service of their country

Rob, Debbie, Anderson and Walter Bass

In memory of Phil and Joan Zanfagna

Bender Family

In memory of Bob Bender, Peg and George Bender, and Connie and Harry Keister

Scotty and Jim Benson

In loving memory of Daniel and Douglas Benson, family and friends

Linton Brooks

In memory of Barbara Brooks

Patricia Buss

In memory of Edward H. Arnold, beloved father

Verna and Bill Chenault

In memory of loved ones

Phillip, Connie and Adriana Church

In memory of parents and grandparents John and Roma Church and Stan and Miriam Rolston

Dokken Family

In memory of Jim Dokken, beloved husband, father and grandfather

Mary Frase and Mark Williams

In memory of Robert and Eleanor Frase and H. Oliver Williams, Mary's parents and Mark's grandparents

Robert and Catherine Gaugler

In memory of our parents, Roland and Frances Gaugler and John and Rosine Lindenmeyer

Bill and Lori Gray

In memory of Baxter Gray, father and grandfather

Claire and Peter Grossi

In memory of our parents, Peter and Peg Grossi and Peg and Lindsey Booth

Pattie and David Gunter

In memory of Mary Alice Gunter and Hank and Lucy Norton

Elaine, Kristen and Susan Guth

In memory of David Guth

Trish, John and Kathi Hanks

In memory of Bill and Sharon Hanks

Toni Harrington and Ed Sumner

In memory of Toni's parents and Ed's uncle

Judy, Margaret and Liam Herseth

In memory of Charles Herseth, Bud and Avis Herseth, Ned and Isabel Ochiltree, Bruce and Margaret Hayden

The Hiemstra Family

In memory of Anne B. Oweis and Diane Hiemstra Brandts

Carolyn and Dale Hodges

In memory of loved ones

Edward Johnston and Cynthia Meranda

In memory of Lynn and Alice Johnston

Carol Kaffenberger and Janet Jacewicz

In memory of Nancy McGuire

Will and Carol Kaffenberger

In memory of Anna Kaffenberger, Barbara Hammond and Jennifer Saltzstein Kaffenberger

Janet and Jerry Kohlenberger

In memory of their parents

Wendy Maiwurm and family

In memory of George, Ruth and Randy and Jennifer Leeper, and James and Virginia Maiwurm

Patricia and Michael Matheson

In memory of Mae, Myron and Katherine Schraud; Ora, Art and Frank Matheson

Roland and Bettie McElroy

In memory of Ginny McElroy

Mitchell Family

In memory of Nancy Mitchell, beloved wife, mother and grandmother

The Neldon Family

In memory of Jane and Chalmers Marrow (Harriet's parents)

Lena Paul

In memory of Polis Yusif (my father), Yago Odish, grandfather and Nabeela's father

Jack and Susan Pearl

In memory of our beloved parents and beloved son, Michael Pearl

Mary Ann and Bob Philipp

In memory of Max and Kathryn Philipp, and Edmund and Carolyn Wiertelak

Paul and Rosalind Phillips

In memory of our parents, grandparents and Paul's brother, Noah James Phillips and Rosalind's sister, Linda Frances Miller

Rev. Gary and Barbara Pinder

In memory of Amani Joy Pinder, Robert and Mabel Scoville, Raymond and Rosalie Pinder

Scott Ramsey

In memory of family members and Lewinsville saints who have died

Pat and Lexa Reuter

In memory of all the Saints that went before us

Ruth Riggins

In memory of Robert J. Riggins (my husband)

Alex and Burt Scopeletis and Jim Scopeletis

In memory of Carla Scopeletis, beloved mother; Mary Ann Rozbicki, dear friend; and June Scopeletis

Roy and Karen Siple

In memory of our parents

Diane Wachtel

In memory of Michael Wachtel by his wife, Diane, and children Alison and Michael

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: FROM THE BIBLE OR TRADITION?

THE STORY ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

- ◆ Mary and Joseph traveled by donkey to Bethlehem! False, neither of the Gospels mention how they traveled and given the 60 miles of rough terrain it would be more likely that they traveled by wagon.
- ◆ The innkeeper told them there was no room in the inn. False, the Bible doesn't mention an innkeeper and in Greek the word used for the inn refers to an upper room in a house not an actual motel.
- ◆ Jesus was born in a stable. But, no stable is mentioned in the Bible. In those days most animals were typically kept in a cave, but the Bible doesn't really say. It just says that Mary laid her baby in a manger, which is a feeding trough for animals.
- ◆ The Star of Bethlehem is Biblical! But the "three kings" were actually Wise Men or Magi and the number of visiting Magi is unknown. There could have been as many as twenty! It is assumed that the number three refers to the three gifts and assumes "one gift-one giver".
- ◆ The Magi and shepherds all gathered in the stable on the night of Jesus' birth. False, the Magi did not arrive on the night of Jesus' birth. They arrived much later. The word in the Bible that refers to the child, refers to a toddler and Mary and Joseph were found in a house. The magi probably arrived as much as two years after Jesus' birth.

EVEN WHEN ALL THE TRADITIONS ARE STRIPPED AWAY, THE ONE TRUTH REMAINS:

- ◆ **WHETHER THEY TRAVELED BY DONKEY OR WAGON, GOD BROUGHT THEM SAFELY TO THE BIRTH PLACE THAT WAS PROPHESED.**
- ◆ **WHETHER BORN IN A STABLE OR CAVE, GOD PROVIDED SHELTER IN A STRANGE NEW LAND.**
- ◆ **WHETHER THERE WERE THREE KINGS OR THREE WISE MEN OR MANY, GOD CALLED THE ELECT TO BEAR WITNESS AND TESTIMONY TO THE BIRTH OF EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US!**

