

Sanctuary Choir

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
<i>Lynn Black</i>	<i>Anne Bowen</i>	<i>John Dunsmore</i>	<i>Perry Barinowski</i>
<i>Linda Fleming</i>	<i>Julie Dey</i>	<i>Stephen Dyer</i>	<i>Harold Bengt</i>
<i>Martha Holley</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Fiermans</i>	<i>McDonald Law</i>	<i>Scott Doss</i>
<i>Margaret Johnson</i>	<i>Jennifer Kimbrell</i>	<i>Richard Turner</i>	<i>Glynn Dyer</i>
<i>Kay Lovingood</i>	<i>Susan LaFrance</i>	<i>Les Yerger</i>	<i>Eid Evans</i>
<i>Cathie McClure</i>	<i>Virginia Lam</i>		<i>Dennis Hillebrand</i>
<i>Jane Millward</i>	<i>Iona Law</i>		<i>Al Lovingood</i>
<i>Pamela Ouzts</i>	<i>Sue Moncrief</i>		<i>Ron Moncrief</i>
<i>Joanne Pierce</i>	<i>Angela Murro</i>		<i>Ora Parish</i>
<i>Brianna Pylant</i>	<i>Natalie Parish</i>		<i>John Self</i>
<i>Annette Taylor</i>	<i>Kirsten Pylant</i>		
	<i>Katie Self</i>		
	<i>Karen Stewart</i>		
	<i>Barbara Volpitta</i>		

Evensong



Festival Orchestra

Director.....*Stan Pylant*
 Organist.....*Mark Dickens*
 Pianists.....*Cathie McClure & Mark Dickens*

Violin 1

Jonathan Acejo
Laura Tomlin

Bass

Sara Neal Lokey

Violin 2

Ryan Kibo
Catie Jackson

Flute

Alicia Markyna

Viola

Carl Purdy
Angela Shaw

Oboe

Kelli Odell

Cello

Ruth Berry
Justin Resley

Horn

Steven Huston

Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*
 Dr. Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Organist*
 Mr. Landon Gray, *Director of Student Ministries*
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A Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 20, 2015 • 6:00 p.m.

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

(† Indicates the congregation standing)



The Orchestral Prelude – Coventry Carol.....arr. Dan Goeller
Appalachian Carol.....arr. Dan Goeller

The Choral Call to Worship – Of the Father’s Love Begotten 13th C. Plainsong
*Of the Father’s love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.*

The Scriptural Call to Worship Micah 5:2-5a (*Pew Bible, page 779*)

† The Hymn No. 225 (*Trinity Hymnal*) – Once in Royal David’s City IRBY

The Prayer of Invocation & Welcome..... The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, Pastor

The First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7 (*Pew Bible, page 573*)

The Anthem – A Star Shall Rise Up Out of JacobFelix Mendelssohn
A star shall rise up out of Jacob, and a scepter shall come out of Israel. *Repeat*
And dash in pieces princes and nations, and dash in pieces princes and nations. *Repeat*
A star shall rise up out of Jacob. *Repeat*
As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams.
Of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, Radiance darting, Truth imparting,
Gives Salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

The Second Reading..... Luke 2:1-6 (*Pew Bible, page 857*)

The Anthem – The First Nowellarr. Mack Wilberg
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: No-well, no-well, no-well, no-well! 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. *Refrain*
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav’n and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*

The Anthem – O Holy Night..... arr. David Downes
O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Saviour’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder beams a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices. O night divine,
O night when Christ was born, O night divine.
Truly he taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we. Let all within us praise His holy name
Christ is the Lord, Oh praise His name forever!
His pow’r and glory ever more proclaim! O night divine!
O night when Christ was born, O night divine!
Ms. Brianna Pylant, *soloist*

The Third Reading Luke 2:8-20 (*Pew Bible, page 857*)

The Anthem – Angels from the Realm of Glory Dan Forrest

Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight through all the earth
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new born King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. *Refrain.*

Sages, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

*All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One! Refrain*

The Anthem – Listen to the LambsRuth Elaine Schram

We have waited for the King, our Messiah. We have heard the angels sing of His birth
But, here we are in a stable, surrounded by gentle lambs.
By some miracle, they seem to understand. Listen to the lambs.

Refrain: Some see a child, but we see the Great Shepherd.
Some hear a baby’s cry, but we hear our Maker.
We know we stand in the presence of the great I AM.
So, listen, listen to the lambs.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes. Cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes.

But the lambs hear the voice of God in the cries that He makes.
These innocent, simple creatures; it seems they know their Creator.

O Jesus, give us the faith to see and accept Your deity. *Refrain*
With the Children’s Choir; Kay Lovingood, *Director*

† The Hymn No. 213 (*Trinity Hymnal*) – What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

The Anthem – Pat-A-Pan.....arr. Dan Goeller

Willie, take your little drum, Robin, take your flute and come.
When we hear the music bright, Turelurelu, Pat-a-pat-a-pan!
When we hear the music bright, we will sing, "Noel!" this night.

Long ago was born a King, to Him we now do sing,
Play your music sweet and clear, Turelurelu, Pat-a-pat-a-pan!
Play your music sweet and clear, sounding Noels of cheer.

Refrain: O sing Noel! O sing Noel! O let our praises ring!
O sing Noel! O sing Noel! O sing Noel! Sing to the newborn King.

Rejoice, proclaim our Savior’s birth! Bring forth songs of exultation!
Join our song of celebration! O sing Noel! *Refrain*

He was born on Christmas Day, celebrate with us, come play,
Let the music sound again, Turelurelu, Pat-a-pat-a-pan!
Let the music sound again with our song of praise, A-men! *Refrain*
The Augusta Youth Chorale

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Our Savior is born! You are invited to join us on Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m., as we worship and celebrate our Savior and Lord on the eve of His birth. There will be heartfelt music involving a string ensemble, a children’s message by Landon Gray, Director of Student Ministries, and a homily by the Rev. Jones declaring the awesome love and wonder of God’s pure grace.

The Anthem – A Shepherd’s Joy.....Mark Hayes

One quiet night when all was still, I saw a wondrous sight
While tending sheep up on a hill one peaceful winter’s night:
For in the sky there shone a light so glorious and bright.
Behold, an angel did appear up on the special night.

Refrain: Glory to God! Glory to God on high!
Messiah has come! Love has transformed this night!

The angel said, "Now, have no fear, I bring good news to all.
A Savior now is born to you; your God has heard your call;
In Bethlehem, in a lowly manger lying in a stall.
Go worship Him, the newborn King; before Him humbly fall." *Refrain*

Then angels quickly filled the sky with glory all around,
Praising God with joyful voice; I listened to their sound.
Then all the shepherds went to where the Baby could be found,
Then bowed in homage to the King, their faces on the ground. *Refrain*
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The Fourth ReadingJohn 1:1-5 (*Pew Bible, page 886*)

The Anthem – Living Light..... David Lantz

From the God of all creation comes the gift of living light.
Mary holds the tiny baby Who will grow beyond her sight, Who will grow beyond her sight.

Fragile baby, Holy Christ child, gift of hope to all the earth,
May the light of Your salvation shine beyond Your humble birth.

Refrain: Light of hope, light of peace, light of joy and light of love;
From the God of all creation comes His light of hope and peace,
Comes His light of joy and love, comes His light from heav’n above.

Brighter than the star of Beth’lem is Your radiance on this night.
Glow forever in each heart like a candle burning bright. *Refrain.*

From the God of all creation comes the gift of living light. The holy child we meet this night.

The Homily – WHAT’S THE **BIG** DEAL ABOUT A LITTLE BABY ... The Rev. Jones
Hebrews 1:1-4 (*Pew Bible, page 1002*)

The Anthem – O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Mack Wilberg

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;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heav’n above!
Glory to God; Glory in the highest. *Refrain*

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv’n. Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

† The Benediction

The Organ Postlude – Hark! the Herald Angels Singarr. David Willcocks
Mark Dickens, *organist*