

Sanctuary Choir

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Lynn Black	Stephanie Baxter	Darrell Bragg	Harold Bengé
Gloria Gill	Julie Dey	Angel Cleary	Charles Caruso
Martha Holley	Jennifer Kimbrell	Mary Cleary	David Chew
Margaret Johnson	Susan LaFrance	John Dunsmore	Don Cleary
Kay Lovingood	Ilona Law	McDonald Law	Scott Doss
Cathie McClure	Sue Moncrief	Charles McClure	Glynn Dyer
Claudia Moller	Kirsten Pylant	Paul Moller	Ed Evans
Natalie Parish	Carol Rezzelle	Robert Pendergrast	Ron Moncrief
Desiree Wiggill	Mary Ellen Sartori	Richard Turner	Ora Parish
Hildemarie Wiggill	Karen Stewart		
	Barbara Volpitto		

Children's Choir

Abigail Asmann	Joseph Doss	Derrick Smits
Hannah Doss	Mary Grace Doss	Gloria Smits
James Doss	Noah Doss	Sophia Smits
	Peter Doss	
	Claramae Parish	

Augusta Youth Chorale

Soprano	Alto	Tenor
Ruthie Balkcum	Esther Doss	Micah Balkcum
Kyle Bledsoe	Cassidy Jane Elsey	John Daniel Bannister
Riley Earlenbaugh	Madison Hildebrand	Joshua Doss
Abigail Doss	Breana Kitchens	Nichols Parish
Sydney Hawkins	Kallie Newsome	Ellis White
Jessica Ivory	Leanora Parish	
Grace Jones	Isabel Polhemus	Bass
Kaylee Scherrer	Helen Whitacre	Alejandro Ortiz
Anna Whaley		Ian Purdy

Festival Orchestra

Violin 1	Bass	Bassoon
Ryan Kfio	Sara Neal Lokey	Joy Hoffman
Amanda Igo	Flute	Horn
Violin 2	Alicia Markyna	Deryck Clarke
Jonathan Aceto	Desiree Wiggill	Trumpets
Viola	Oboe	Tom Strayer
Carl Purdy	Kelly Odell	Jason Harriman
Cello	Clarinet	Percussion
Christine Crookall	Steven Christ	Stephen Montgomery
Hildemarie Wiggill		

Let Earth Receive Her King (Part 4)
Shepherds: Public Declaration
Luke 2:8–14

- I. Trust (v. 9–11)**
A.) Angels actually appearing
B.) They see the glory of God (v. 9)
C.) Proclamation to the people (v. 10-11)
D.) Heavenly host (v. 13)

- II. Verify (v. 12)**
A.) Sign (v. 11)
B.) See Him (v. 16)

III. Proclaim (v. 17–18)

IV. Praise and Thanksgiving (v. 20)

Takeaways



Evensong



Merry Christmas!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Christ is born! You are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. for a candlelight service as we worship and celebrate our Savior and Lord on the eve of His birth. There will be heartfelt music involving a string ensemble, special music, and a homily by the Rev. Robert Hendrick.

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Sunday, December 15, 2019
Evening Worship, Six O'clock

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor*
Dr. Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*; Mrs. Laura Doss, *Organist*
Mr. John Psomas, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Mrs. Fay Deal, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mrs. Shirley McBride, *Administrative Assistant*
Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Digital Media Director*; Mr. Charles Caruso, *Lawn Maintenance*

A Christmas Festival

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

(† Indicates the congregation standing)

The prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices, and respectfully refrain from unnecessary conversation.

The Orchestral Prelude – Christmas Fantasy.....arr. Dan Goeller

The Welcome & The Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

The Invocation

† **The Carol of Praise** – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing..... MENDELSSOHN

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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

The First LessonNumbers 24:17–19

I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. Edom shall be dispossessed; Seir also, His enemies, shall be dispossessed. Israel is doing valiantly. And One from Jacob shall exercise dominion and destroy the survivors of cities!

The Anthem – There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob..... Felix Mendelsohn

The Second Lesson Luke 1:26–33, 35

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”

The Anthem – The Angel Gabriel.....John Leavitt

The Third LessonMicah 5:1–5a

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem Ephrahtah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me One Who is to be ruler in Israel, Whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.

The Anthem – Once in Royal David’s City arr. Duane Funderburk
The Children’s Choir with the Sanctuary Choir

The Children’s Choir – On a Starlit Night.....Jill Gallina
Directed by Kay Lovingood

The Anthem – The First Noel.....Andrew Huish

The Fourth Lesson.....Matthew 2:1–2, 9–12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Anthem – The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy.....arr. Mack Wilberg

The Anthem – How Far Is It to Bethlehemarr. Mack Wilberg

† **The Carol** – Infant Holy, Infant LowlyW ZLOBIE LEZY, arr. Goeller

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

The Anthems – Pat-A-Pan (Burgundian Carol).....arr. Dan Goeller
Angels Visit When We Sing..... Tom Trenney
African Noel.....arr. Victor Johnson
The Augusta Youth Chorale

The Offering and the Prayer of Consecration

(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

† **The Orchestral Offertory** – Appalachian Carol Dan Goeller
Carl Purdy, penny whistle

† **The Carol** – Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

The Fifth Lesson Luke 2:8–14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

The Homily (*outline on back*) Rev. Hendrick

The Anthem – Go Tell It on the Mountain..... arr. Molly Ijames

† **The Carol** – Joy to the WorldANTIOCH, arr. Wilberg

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!
Let ev’ry 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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

† **The Benediction**

The Organ Postlude – Fanfare Jacques Lemmens

