

December 10, 2017
Songs of Angels Cantata

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Angels Among Us

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SONGS OF ANGELS CANTATA

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<i>MAGIFICAT</i>	<i>Choir</i>
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<i>CHRISTMAS LULLABY</i>	<i>Choir</i>
<i>I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	<i>Choir</i>

CHANCEL CHOIR

<i>Becky Arterbury</i>	<i>Billy Jordan</i>	<i>Joy Stone</i>
<i>Rhonda Banman</i>	<i>Judy Kirby</i>	<i>Wayne Thames</i>
<i>Linda Barnhart</i>	<i>Carolyn Newsom</i>	<i>Pat Wright</i>
<i>Charlotte Byrd</i>	<i>Monty Newsom</i>	<i>Marcy Yates</i>
<i>Candace Clayburn</i>	<i>Martha Oxford</i>	<i>Marilyn Joyce- music director</i>
<i>Stephen Cotten</i>	<i>Maaike Plantinga</i>	
<i>Lou Daniel</i>	<i>Bob Sehon</i>	
<i>Betsy Gekiere</i>	<i>Jackie Stempel</i>	

Speakers

Randall Byrd
Lisa Lowry

Instrumentalists

Yvonne Hampton, organist
Lisa Lowry, pianist

Technical Support

Stephen Marshall, media director
Cody Bradford, sound
James King, video

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Pocket Verse

The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God."

Luke 1:35

PRELUDE

Lisa Lowry

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Lowry

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Angels Among Us

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

8:30 am (Cody, Cindy, Chase & Deb Wooden)

11:00 am (Eric, Maegen, Jobe & Knox Law)

***HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High

UM #238, vss. 1,2,3

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-56

Lisa Lowry



SONGS OF ANGELS CANTATA

Lesson 1 A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. He shall judge with righteousness. The wolf shall live with the little lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child lead them. (Isaiah 11:1-4)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Words: 9th century Latin

Music: 15th century French

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

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

O Come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on Thy mercy call.

Lesson 2 In the 6th month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. Mary responded, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord. Let it be with me according to your word.'"



MAGNIFICAT

Words and Music by Linda Lee Johnson and Tom Fettke

Soloist: Betsy Gekiere

My soul magnifies the Lord; my soul blesses my God and creator.
My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; my soul magnifies the Lord.

For the Lord has regarded my lowly estate,
A handmaiden worth but to kneel at His feet
And yet He has blessed me far above every woman;
For He that is mighty has done great and glorious things!

Holy, holy, holy, holy is his name.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is his name.

My soul magnifies the Lord; my soul blesses my God and Creator,
My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; my soul magnifies the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy is His name.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is His name. My soul magnifies the Lord.

Lesson 3 In those day a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census should be taken. All went to their towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

GOIN' TO BETHLEHEM

Words and Music by Jay Althouse

Chorus

Goin' to Bethlehem, Goin' to Bethlehem, Goin' to Bethlehem, Goin' to Bethlehem
Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, see that child.
Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, gonna take a while.

Verse

Look over yonder and see the wise men. On a journey they travel a-far.
Look over yonder and see the wise men, led to Bethlehem by a star.

Chorus

Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, see that child.
Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, gonna take a while.

Verse

Look over yonder and see the shepherds watching over their flocks by night.
Look over yonder and see the shepherds, by the light of a star so bright.

Chorus

Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, see that child.
Goin' to Bethlehem, gonna take a while.

Verse

I'm gonna sing, sing, sing, sing heavenly melodies when I see that child.
I'm gonna sing, sing, sing, sing heavenly melodies when I see that child.
I'm gonna shout, shout, shout, hallelujah when I see that child.
I'm gonna shout, shout, shout, hallelujah when I see that child. Oh

Chorus

Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, see that child.
Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, gonna take a while.

Verse

Look over yonder and see the angels, from the heavens they come to earth.
Look over yonder and see the angels, singing praise of a baby's birth.

Chorus

Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, see that child.
Goin' to Bethlehem, see that baby. Goin' to Bethlehem, gonna take a while.

Goin' to Bethlehem, Goin' to Bethlehem, Goin' to Bethlehem, to see that child.



Lesson 4 In that region there were shepherds out in the field keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among those whom he favors!" So the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child.

OUR EYES HAVE SEEN THE LORD

Words and Music by Linda Lee Johnson and Tom Fettke

Our eyes have seen Your salvation; This night have we seen His face.
The moon and stars gather round His head in this quiet, holy place.

Our eyes have seen Your salvation; At last, fulfilled is Your Word.
Oh, God, our Father, we praise Your name For our eyes have seen the Lord,
For our eyes have seen the Lord.

Lesson 5 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, "Where is the child who had been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard of this, he was frightened, and all of Jerusalem with him. Calling together all the chief priests, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star appeared. Then he sent them saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay homage." When they had heard the king, they set out. There ahead of them went the star they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

SUCH WISE MEN

Words and Music by Jimmy and Carol Owens

Verse

The strangest men came through our city just the other day;
We heard that they were wise men from a country far away.
They said that they were following a star up in the sky;
They were searching for a newborn King. And only passing by.

King Herod heard they were in town and had them up for tea;
He asked about this newborn king that they had come to see.
My uncle on the palace staff said they cause quite a stir
When they said they'd come to worship him with frankincense and myrrh!



Chorus

Such wise men! Such wise men! Traveled from afar.
Such wise men! Such wise men! Following a star.

Verse

Well, Herod called these scholars in and asked them if they'd heard
About a King of Israel God promised in His Word.
They reasoned and debated and they finally agreed
That the prophecy of Micah was the one the king should read.

They hurried then to tell the king what they had figured out;
The birthplace would be Bethlehem they knew without a doubt.
They drew a map and marked the spot so no one could go wrong;
But then they used their common sense and didn't go along!

Chorus

Such wise men! Such wise men! Stayed right where they are.
Such wise men! Such wise men! Never saw the star!

Verse

So Herod showed the travelers the way that they should go;
He said, "If you should find Him there, be sure and let me know!
So I can come and worship Him, this Savior of mankind."
But my uncle said he didn't think, that's what he had in mind!

The star led on to Bethlehem and there the search was done;
They fell down and they worshiped Him, God's newborn little son.
Then they remembered all the things that Herod had to say,
So when they packed and headed home, they went the other way!

Chorus

Such wise men! Such wise men! Traveled from afar.
Such wise men! Such Wise men! Following a star!



Narrator: I wonder if Mary fully understood the power, the majesty, and the wonder that she cradled in her arms that first Christmas night. I wonder if she realized that when she caressed those tiny hands and fingers, those were the same hands that had scooped out oceans and formed the rivers and mountains...and those little feet could have walked on stars. Mary must have been overwhelmed when she kissed her new-born Child, knowing that she was kissing the cheek of the Everlasting God.

TRACES OF HEAVEN

Words and Music by Claire Cloninger and Gary Rhodes

Soloist: Rhonda Banman

As He sleeps is He dreaming of His home so far away?

Oh I see traces of Heaven shining in His holy face.

ISN'T HE?

Words and Music by John Wimber

Isn't He beautiful? Beautiful, Oh isn't He? Prince of Peace, Son of God, Isn't He?

Isn't He wonderful? Wonderful, Oh isn't He? Counselor, Almighty God,

Isn't He? Isn't he? Isn't He? Isn't He?

OFFERTORY PRAYER

"For God so loved the world, that God gave ... !"

John 3:16 (adapted)

*DOXOLOGY

UM #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Words by Charles Wesley Music by Felix 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!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"



THE FIRST NOEL

Traditional English Carol

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

Narrator: But for some of us, we struggle with expected loss and may for a time lose sight of the hope, the promise. He Will be with us. He will lead us home.

CHRISTMAS LULLABY

Words and Music by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

Are you far away from home this dark and lonely night?
Tell me what best would help to ease your mind.
Someone to give direction for this unfamiliar road.
Or one who says "Follow me and I will lead you home."

How beautiful, how beautiful the Savior of old
To love so completely the loneliest soul.
How gently, how tenderly He say to one and all,
"Child, you can follow Me and I will lead you home.
Trust Me and follow Me and I will lead you home.

I will lead you home! Lead you home!
I will lead you. Lead you home.

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Lord be near.
Lead us home.

Narrative: *The angel said "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"*

Luke 2:10-14



I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Words by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Music by Jean Baptiste Calking

New Words & Music by Bernie Herms, Mark Hall and Dale Oliver

Arranged by Dave Williamson

I heard the bells on Christmas Day, Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet their songs repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

Refrain:

And the bells are ringing "Peace on earth."
Like a choir, they're singing "Peace on earth."
In my heart I hear them "Peace on earth goodwill to men."

And in despair I bowed my head, "There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Refrain:

And the bells are ringing "Peace on earth."
Like a choir, they're singing "Peace on earth."
Does anybody hear them? "Peace on earth goodwill to men."

Then rang the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
Peace on earth, peace on earth.
the wrong shall fail, the right prevail
with peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Then ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day.
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

Refrain:

And the bells are ringing "Peace on earth."
Like a choir, they're singing "Peace on earth."
With our hearts, we'll hear them "Peace on earth goodwill to men."

Do you hear the bells? They're ringing "Peace on earth."
Like the angels singing "Peace on earth."
Open up your heart and hear them "Peace on earth goodwill to men."

Peace on earth. Peace on earth. Peace on earth goodwill to men.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

HYMN

The First Noel

UM 245, vs. 4

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION

The First Noel

UM #245,(refrain only)

POSTLUDE

Prayer List

Joe Anderson	Joanna Earl	Jolynn Johnson	Earl Page
Dejah Arnold	Sharron Meek Elliott	Dean Johnston	Dawn Parsons
Wade Bradshaw	Chuck Etheridge	Blake Jones	Lena Mae Reeder
Jenny Bergman	Victoria Fletcher	Robert Jones	Dan Rembold
David Bergman	Jim Fritz	John Kennedy	Don Rose
David Brewer	Oleta Gann	Bob Kerr	Carol Ann Scott
Janie Bynum	Jan Banman Gracia	Don Kuehnert	Jimmy Stroud
Patty Cheatwood	Richard Haynie	Larry Leslie	Peggy Stutts
Tim Clipson	Candy Holmes	Charles Lowry	Tim Sumrow
Terri Coleman	Colton Hughes	Samantha Massey	Wayne Thames
Carolyn Dalton	Sheryl Hughes	Lou Gene Maxton	Johnny Tom
Norma Jean Draper	Brian Hunnicutt	Dennis McBride	Melissa Venteicher
Lila Drees	Margie Jagers	Lanny Moore	Grant Watson
Kenny Duck	Nadine Jennings	Donna Naber	Charlotte Whitesides
James Duck	Chantz Jeter	Ruby Neely	Liam Wilmeth
			Wynne Family

Sympathy to:

... the family and friends of Charles Huey, Patti Brewer's father.

Please Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days if needed. They will be relisted by request.

Christmas Cookie Exchange
Women's Ministry Event
Monday, December 18 at 7pm
 Meet in Crossroads to celebrate Christmas
 with friends, sweets, and fun!
 more info
 Pam Greenberg
 214-236-4894



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

**We are taking reservations now for Christmas
Poinsettias.**

The cost is \$15.00 per plant.

To make your reservation, complete the envelope in your bulletin and place it with a \$15.00 donation for each plant in the collection plate or mail it to the church office. You may reserve plants in honor, or in memory, of someone. After Christmas Eve Worship services, deliver your plant(s) to someone who needs extra beauty in their life.

(just one designation per plant)

Deadline to order: Dec.18th



Christmas Store

The Christmas Store is coming on December 19 and 20 in the Family Life Center. Items needed are gently used coats, shoes, and winter clothing for babies through adults, as well as toys and books for kids of all ages. Small gifts for men (gently used) such as tools, gloves, wallets, cologne, etc. are needed for children to select as gifts for dads. If you have any questions, contact:

Susan Sample

903-466-3346



This Week

Sunday, December 10

8:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Refreshments
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 5:30 pm Youth

Monday, December 11

5:15 pm Rainbow Board
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13

No Wednesday Night Live
 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for Sunday, Dec. 10, are provided by Flowerland of Mt. Vernon as a gift for the Holiday Season.



2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 WORSHIP & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY
 CLOSED FROM**

DEC. 25 – DEC. 30

**LYNNE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE
 DEC. 27, 2017 FROM 9 TO 12**

**KATHY WILL BE IN THE OFFICE
 DEC. 29, 2017 FROM 9 TO 12.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
 WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30 & 11:00

**CLOSED MONDAY,
 JANUARY 1, 2018**

OFFICES WILL OPEN JAN. 2

WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE

Wednesday Nite Live
 Activities return
 January 10, 2018

WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE
 DINNER
 WILL RETURN
 JANUARY 10, 2018

FINANCE COUNTERS

December

10 Linda Moore Randall Byrd

17 Gary Givney Tom Sample

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

24 Steve Wright ??????????

5:00 & 7:00 pm Services

24 Randall Byrd Deb Morris

31 Linda Barnhart Brian Ruyle

MINISTRIES

MINISTERS	THE CONGREGATION
CHILD CARE DIRECTOR	Ellen Leslie
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Marilyn Joyce
MEDIA DIRECTOR	Stephen Marshall
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ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT	Lynne Overstreet
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PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Pam Williams
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR	Pam Greenberg
YOUTH DIRECTOR	Cindy McDonald
MUSICIAN	Yvonne Hampton
PASTOR	Rev. Stephen Cotten

Sundays in December

Angels Among Us

8:30 & 11:00 am

12/3 #morehope

12/10 #morepeace
Songs of Angels Cantata

12/17 #morejoy

12/24 #morelove

12/24 - 5 & 7 pm
Candlelight Services
 #morelight
Impromptu Children's Pageant 5PM

Be an Angel Among Us!
 Post your pic on FB/Instagram.
 Use #AngelsAmongUsMV
 Angel Photo Op Outside North Entrance

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Wednesday, December 13, Ignite kids will be shopping for Samaritan Boxes. They will be leaving at 5pm from their classroom.

RESTORATION

It's complete when it's debt-free!

\$70,000

Your Gifts **\$52,063**



