



St. James' Episcopal Church
Christmas Eve Worship
with
Children's Christmas Pageant

3:30 p.m.

2022 St. James' Children's Christmas Pageant

A Birth of Hope: The Christmas Story of Jesus

Cast

Narrators: Kylee Baleno, Alex Bova, Zach Echols, Ethan Echols, Alex Ferretti, Ella Green, Lueth Mawien, Jane Thomas

Welcome & Close Moderators: Alex Ferretti & Nora Williamson

Mary: Jaqueline Bova

Joseph: Matthew Bova

Angel Gabriel: Jane Thomas

Caesar Augustus: Zachary Echols

Innkeeper: Alex Bova

Shepherds:

Benjamin Binga, Alex Bova, Beckett Bova, Adrian Coker, Moses Delaney, Zach Echols, Domino Quinn

Angels:

Kylee Baleno, Tenley Binga, Annie Bova, Amaya Coker, Birdie Ericksen, Hazel Ericksen, Quinn Ferretti, Nora Green, Sophie Green, Waverly Quinn, Laney Thomas

Donkey: Sofie Larkin

Sheep: Charlie Thomas & Alyssa Baleno **Cow:** Benjamin Binga

Special Virtual Scenes of: Deng Family

Written & Directed by: Laura Posecznick, Children's Ministry Team Leader

Editing & Videography: Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music & Technology

Music: Kip Coerper, Organist Choirmaster

Child Wranglers: Kristen Baleno-Assistant Teacher, Ethan Echols, Paige Posecznick, & Lily Sveen

Thank you to all the parents who continue to support
the Children's Ministry & this pageant!

Prelude

Christmas Carols for Organ

Processional Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

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

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*The figure of the Christ Child is placed in the manger, and the Christmas candle is placed on the altar,
by the Baleno Family.*

Prayer at the Christmas Crèche

Clergy The angel of the Lord said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people,

People **for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.**

Clergy Let us pray.

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the humble trust of his mother, Mary: help us to enter with joy into the celebration of this night, and may we rejoice continually because you have made us your adopted daughters and sons, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace, thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer for the World

Dear People of God: On this Christmas Eve, let it be our delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, and to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear, and take to heart, the Scripture story of God's loving purposes to redeem and reconcile all things, that we might live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. And let us fill this church with the glad sound of our carol singing.

But first, let us pray for the needs of God's whole world, for peace and justice throughout the earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, and especially for God's Church in our country and in our communities.

Prayers may be offered aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

And because our merciful God particularly loves them, let us remember in God's Name, those who are poor and helpless, those who are cold and hungry, those who are oppressed, those who are sick and those who mourn, those who are lonely and unloved, the aged, the little children, as well as all those who do not know they are loved by the Lord Jesus.

Prayers may be offered aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Finally, let us remember that whole multitude of people which no one can number, whose hope was in the Lord Jesus Christ, who now live on another shore and in another light, with whom we are one for evermore.

Prayers may be offered aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

May Almighty God bless us with grace, may Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and may the King of Angels bring us all to the fellowship of the citizens of heaven. **Amen.**

Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

All may be seated for the Children's Pageant Story.

**St. James' Saints-in-Training Present
Birth of Hope: The Christmas Story of Jesus!**

The Peace

Clergy The peace of the incarnate Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Holy Communion

*Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith...
all people are invited to receive communion.*

Offertory

*O Come Little Children
Featuring Alison & Alex Ferretti on violin*

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you loving God, for you did not stand far off but came in nearness with the tenderness of love. We praise you for the Word made flesh born of Mary, cradled in her arms, greeted by her song.

The fullness of God dwells in his flesh, a touch of welcome for the outcast, good news of bread for the hungry and poor, a shepherd to find those who are lost.

And so we gladly thank you, joining our voices with saints and angels, we now say:

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said "Drink this, all of you; This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

*If it is difficult for you to come to the altar to receive communion, please tell an usher:
We will be happy to bring communion to you in your pew.*

Music at Communion

*What Child is This?
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Silent Night*

Hymn 115
Hymn 79

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.

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!

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of the Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

By way of Bethlehem lead us, O Lord, to newness of life;
By the innocence of the Christ Child renew our simple trust;
By the tenderness of Mary deliver us from cruelty and hardness of heart;
By the patience of Joseph save us from all rash judgement and ill-tempered action;
By the shepherds' watch open our eyes to the signs of your coming;
By the shining of a star guide our feet into the way of peace;
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you both now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
off-spring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!
All **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Joy to the World!

J. Wayne Kerr

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Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart
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