

BARRINGTON METHODIST CHURCH December 19, 1954

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Story in Scripture, Song, and Tableaux

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ORGAN PRELUDE:	"Puer Natus Est" Everett Titcomb
	"Nativity Song" Seth Bingham
	Three Christmas Pieces Robin Milford
	"Unto Us a Boy Is Born"
	Variations on "The Coventry Carol"
	Pastoral Dance on "Christmas Night"
	"Christmas in Sicily" Pietro Yon
	"Greensleeves" Richard Purvis
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PROCESSIONAL:	580	Come	All	Ye	Fat	ithful"	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adeste Fidelis	
		(0	hoi	rs a	and	Congregat	ion)						

CHORAL CONCERT:

"Fanfare for Christmas" -		-	 Martin Shaw
"Hosanna" from the Moravian	Liturgy	-	 Arr. by Robert Bitgood

Combined Choirs

"Gesu Bambino" - - - - - - - - Pietro Yon

Junior Choir

"And the Glory of the Lord" (from "The Messiah")	-	-	-	-	-	George Frederick Handel
"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"	-	-	-	-	-	Johann Sebastian Bach
"Glory to God in the Highest"	-	-	-	-	-	G. B. Pergolesi
"No Candle Was There and No Fin	ress		-	-	-	Liza Lehmann
"Carol of the Bells" (Ukrainain Carol)	-	-	-	-	-	Arr. by M. Wilhowski
"Hallelujah Chorus" (from "The Messiah")	-	-	-	-	-	George Frederick Handel

Senior Choir

TRADITIONAL CAROLERS

The shepherds go forth and move among the people to receive their gifts.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" - - - Felix Mendelssohn

"Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born king; Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled.' Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!' Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King.' Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen 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. Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King.'"

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" - - - Henry Smart

"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.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" .

"O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark street shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight. Shepherds, in the field 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."

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For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth?"

Carolers and Congregation

NATIVITY

Isaiah 9: 2-6 THE PROPHECY: The Messenger "The Carol of the Messenger" - - - - Arr. by Alfred Whitehead Robert Colburn and the Choir The Prophets "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - - - - - Ancient Gregorian Chant Choir THE ANNUNCIATION: Luke 2: 26-38 Mary and Angel Gabriel "There's a Song in the Air" - - - - - Price Choir THE APPARITION: Luke 2: 18-14 Shepherds and Angels "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" - - - - - Handel Choir "Angels We Have Heard on High" - - - - - - - Traditional Shepherds, Angels and Choir THE MANGER: Luke 2: 1-7 Mary and Joseph "What Child is This" - - - - - "Greensleeves"-Stainer "Away in a Manger" - - - - - - Martin Luther Choir THE ADORATION: Luke 2: 15-16 Shepherds bring their gifts to the Christ Child Mary, Joseph, Shepherds and Wise Men "The First Noel" - - - - - - Sir John Stainer "We Three Kings of Orient Are" - - J. H. Hopkins "Silent Night" - - - - - - - Gruber Choir THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: Isaiah 9:7 Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds, Angels and Prophets "Joy to the World" - - - - - George F. Handel Choir and congregation 3. 1. "Joy to the world! the Lord is come: No more let sins and sorrows grow, Let earth receive her King; Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, Far as the curse is found, And heaven and nature sing. Far as the curse is found. And heaven and nature sing. Far as the curse is found. 2. 40 Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns: He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, Rocks, hills and plains, Repeat the sounding joy, And wonders of His love,

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And wonders, wonders of His love.

EPILOGUE

Rev. Carl G. Mettling BENEDICTION:

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

"Toccata" (Symphony V)

Charles Marie Widor

Reverend Carl G. Mettling Minister

Virginia Hardacre In charge of production

Robert Stebbins Organist-Choirmaster

INTERPRETATION

(Cast in order of appearance)

CAROLERS: Earlee Leaf, Bess Comiss, William E. Thomas, Howard Wagner

INSTRUMENTALIST: Margaret Hendee, Nancy Hardacre

MESSENGER: Robert Colburn

PROPHETS: R. W. Dawson, John Rockwood, R. A. Campbell

MARY: Mrs. Everett Sproul

GABRIEL: Charles B. Rogers

SHEPHERDS: Orrin B. Nash, John L. Ogden, Lee T. Smiley, John J. Putta Philip E. Bash, Austin Sparling, Junior Choir boys

ANGELS: Junior Choir girls

JOSEPH: Everett Sproul

WISE MEN: Paul H. Younger, Harold C. Miller, Donald E. Nichols

SENIOR CHOIR: Sopranos, Judy Buckingham

Beth Carr Maxine Graham Nancy Hardacre Irene Houtz Earlee Leaf Iris MacDonald Donalda McKinney Joan Robinson Lorraine Sparling Frances Stevens Helen Waugh

Altos, Judy Bergren Frances Colburn Bess Comiss Margaret Hendee Janet Leonard Trista Powers Janice Rackow Helen Stiehl Jean Stout Mary Walbaum

SENIOR CHOIR (Continued):

Basses, Jim Briggs Douglas W. Carney Patrick G. Carr Robert Colburn William Hile Terry Ogden Jack Rieke Howard Wagner Paul Younger Tenors, Charles Bernett Darwin O. Lange Ellis Luke William E. Thomas Charles Welty Dorn Younger

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR: Bill Dawson, Fred Chambers, Virginia Grace, Nancy Hardacre, Phil Nichols, Steve Pettise, Betsy Wegner, Dorn Younger

JUNIOR CHOIR: John Andresen, Susan Bowker, Susan Berry, Margie Bohn, Buzzie Carr, Stephanie Carr, Kit Campbell, Peggy Campbell, Ann Cronwall, Richard Chambers, Lyn Dickerson, Dick Davis, John Davis, Bobby Dow, Patty Grant, Ann Hanchett, Duke Hardacre, John Hendee, Jacquie Jensen, Bertel Leaf, Patty LeGrow, Judy Lippert, Carla Mettling, Cynthia Nash, Jimmy Naylor, Karen Nichols, Simone Nichols, Peter Parker, Michele Peters, Susan Pettise, George Peirce, Kathy Prince, Pamela Quayle, John Rockwood, Marcia Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Carrie Snodgress, Abby Speyer, Joan Stout, Carol Teuscher, Janet Wagner, Patty Wood, Susan Wood

PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS: Mrs. Wm. D. Dotterrer, Mrs. Austin Sparling, Mrs. Roy L. Peirce

- COSTUME COMMITTEE: Mrs. James E. Dow, chairman; Mrs. Lyman Simpson, Mrs. Kenneth R. Lunquist, Mrs. Percy Drover
- JUNIOR CHOIR MOTHERS: Mrs. George W. Teuscher, chairman; Mrs. Robert A. Campbell, Mrs. Thomas B. Hanchett, Mrs. Marion M. Bohn, Mrs. Richard J. Chambers
- MAKE-UP COMMITTEE: Judy Kensel, chairman; Edith Wegner, Joan Robinson, Annette Boade, Katherine McKain, Leila Campbell, Judy Toycen, Carol Schliefer, Audrey Younghusband, Connie Vodnonsky, Robin Sittig, Betty Blaydes

ELECTRICIANS: Tom W. Pettise, chairman; Harold H. Olson, Phil Hoffner, Ronny Jensen, Wayne Koci

STAGING: T. J. Manzke, chairman; Austin Sparling, Douglas W. Carney

DECORATIONS: Mrs. Joseph M. Friedlander, chairman; Mrs. Paul H. Younger, Mrs. R. Wilson McCoy, Mrs. Lyman Simpson, Mrs. Elden Simpson, Mrs. Sandfort Rieke, Mrs. Walter L. Straman, Mrs. Arthur R. Strubel

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