





BARRINGTON METHODIST CHURCH  
December 18, 1955

T H E F I R S T C H R I S T M A S

The Christmas Story in Scripture, Song, and Tableaux

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PROLOGUE  
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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Puer Natus Est" - - - - - Everett Titcomb  
"Nativity Song" - - - - - Seth Bingham  
"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" - - - - - Johann Sebastian Bach  
"Chartres" (Variations on a  
French Noel) - - - - - Richard Purvis

PROCESSIONAL: "O Come All Ye Faithful" - - - - - Adeste Fidelis  
(Congregation singing)

CHORAL CONCERT: "Fanfare for Christmas" - - - - - Martin Shaw  
"Hosanna" from the Moravian Liturgy - - - - - arr.

Combined Choirs

"The Birthday of a King" W. H. Neidlinger

Junior Choir

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" - J. S. Bach  
"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" - - - - - Praetorius-Cain  
"Glory to God in the Highest" - - - - - G. B. Pergolesi  
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - - - - - Gustav Holst  
"Wreathe the Holly, Twine the Bay" - - - - - Gena Branscombe  
"Carol of the Bells" - - - - - M. Wilhousky  
(Ukranian Carol)  
"Hallelujah Chorus" - - - - - George Frederick Handel  
(from the "Messiah")

Senior Choir

Traditional Caroling  
by  
Congregation and 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.

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."

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" - - - - - Lewis Redner

"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.

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!"

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## NATIVITY

- THE PROPHECY: Isaiah 9: 2-6  
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  
(Congregation singing with Choir)

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

EPILOGUE

BENEDICTION: Rev. Carl G. Mettling

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Greensleeves" - - - - - Richard Purvis

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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 Comes, Darwin Lange, Howard Wagner

INSTRUMENTALIST: Margaret Hendee, Nancy Hardacre, Joan Colburn

MESSENGER: Robert Colburn

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

MARY: Mrs. Harry C. Dickelman

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: Wilson McCoy

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

SENIOR CHOIR:

Judy Buckingham  
Elizabeth Carr  
Joan Colburn  
Robert Colburn  
Arlene Comes  
Bess Comes  
Ada Mae Crotty  
Maxine Graham  
Nancy Hardacre  
Terry Ogden  
Darwin Lange  
Earlee Leaf  
Iris MacDonald

William Oesterle  
Nancy Prickett  
Pam Quayle  
Jack Rieke  
James Sparling  
Lorraine Sparling  
Helen Stiehl  
Trista Powers  
Howard Wagner  
Helen Waugh  
Charles Welty  
Henry Witz  
Robert Woodsome  
Dorn Younger



JUNIOR CHOIR:

Bill Anderson	Ann Hanchett	Barbara Read
Jim Andresen	Carol Hanson	Susie Read
John Andresen	Duke Hardacre	Robertta Robinson
John Benzing	Wendy Hayward	Andy Rockwood
Mary Berry	John Hendee	John Rockwood
Susan Berry	Judy Lippert	Marcia Rogers
Margie Bohn	Bertel Leaf	Robert Schwemm
Susan Bowker	Ted Manzke	Carrie Snodgress
Stephanie Carr	Barbara McFarland	Stephanie Smith
Ann Cronwell	Debby McFarland	Ann Sparling
Kit Campbell	Susan McFarland	Abbey Spreyer
Peggy Campbell	Carla Mettling	Danny Stebbins
Richie Chambers	John Mettling	Mike Stiehl
Francis Cherney	Cynthia Nash	Joan Stout
Dick Davis	Jimmy Naylor	Nancy Sullivan
John Davis	Penny Payes	Janet Wagner
Harry Honeycutt	Michele Peters	Jennifer Werhan
Bill Eadie	Susan Pettise	Betty Woodruff
Buzzie Carr	Barbara Putta	Puck Zimmerman

PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS: Mrs. Wm. D. Dotterrer, Mrs. Austin Sparling

COSTUME COMMITTEE: Mrs. James Dow, chairman; Mrs. Paul Younger, Mrs. Philip Bash, Mrs. Wilson McCoy, Mrs. Lyman Simpson, Mrs. Percy Drover

JUNIOR CHOIR MOTHERS: Mrs. Wendel Andresen, Mrs. Marion Bohn, Mrs. Richard Chambers, Mrs. Thomas Hanchett, Mrs. Gordon Hanson, Mrs. Frederick Lippert, Mrs. Orrin Nash, Mrs. Charles Peters, Mrs. Angus Robinson, Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. Frank Spreyer, Mrs. Harry Snodgress, Mrs. Charles Woodruff.

MAKE-UP COMMITTEE: Joy Aspinwall, Valerie Smith, Joan Mitana, Diana Kelsey, Marlene Nouy, Larae Biesterfeld, Barbara Cooney, Sarah Richardson, Arlene Comes, Beth Watson, Virginia Grace, Betsy Wegner, Barbara Pelton, Sandra Hartley, Paris Legraw, Linda Shermer.

ELECTRICIANS: Harold H. Olson, chairman; George Merritt, Fred Chambers, Larae Biesterfeld, Ron Jensen

STAGING: Austin Sparling, T. J. Manzke

PROPERTIES: Mr. Russel B. Bacon, chairman, Hank Palmer, Cliff Brouk

PROMPTERS: Mrs. Wm. Dotterrer, Mrs. Edward Vorbeck, Miss Mary Carlton

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