

WELCOME TO
THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



The Brick Church Christmas Pageant

DECEMBER 10, 2022 | FOUR P.M.

PRELUDE

La Nativité

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Once in Royal David's City
Liesel Stitch and Emma Thorpe, *soloists*

Irby

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 41

O Come All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

*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!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all 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!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

SCENE 1: Invitation to Hear the Christmas Story

SCENE 2: The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary and Joseph

SCENE 3: Caesar's Proclamation

SCENE 4: No Room at the Inn

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger
Ingrid Gower, *soloist*

Mueller

SCENE 5: Gabriel Visits the Shepherds

HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

*Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Friendly Beasts
Maggie Stitch, Liesel Stitch and Emma Thorpe, *soloists*

Robert Davis

SCENE 6: The Gifts of the Magi

HYMN 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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All:

*We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

Knowles Johnson, *soloist*:

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.*

All:

*O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

Magnus Caspersen, *soloist*:

*Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising, Worshipping God Most High.*

All:

*O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

Josie Johnson, *soloist*:

*Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, Breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in a stone cold tomb.*

All:

*O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Sounds through the earth and skies.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 40

Joy to the World!

Antioch

*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 Heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let us our 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.*

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Joy to the World*

All children must return to Watson Hall to turn in costumes and meet their parents.

A BABY IS BORN...

We are in a season of wonder. A season when quiet is filled with mystery, when song is reminiscent of memory, when simple folk and angelic host and pastoral animals all take part in telling a story as old as time. A season when a bright star shines a celestial light into a forlorn world, reminding us that the sheer fabric between heaven and earth is very thin indeed.

A season when children wear each role, like a comfortable, well-worn coat, to remind those of us who have lost the wonder what it all means: the promise that our Triune God—Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter—enfolds us in a never-ending, ever-present, kind and grace-filled love. Love entrusted to two very regular people, living in difficult times, so they may raise the Messiah, the Anointed One, the One who changes everything.

May the gift of our children this afternoon inspire us to remember the wonder that remains deep within us, and call us to return, once more, to the promise of the manger.

Worship Leaders in the 2022 Brick Church Christmas Pageant

Thank you to everyone who helped make our pageant this year so meaningful.

ANGELS Louise Aldrige Charlotte Bales Brooke Bales Margaret Blais Siena Yue Ru Brassil Anna Preston Breen Coco Christon Celia Galloway Eliza Galloway Brooke Heinerscheid Harriet Hipps Willoughby Johnson Gracie McCormick Lily McKay Neely Ness Davis Phillips Katherine Phillips Audrey Rodda Cecily Sutton Ellie Valentine Carter Valentine	CHRISTMAS COWS Blake Bellows Charlie Bellows Avery Gower George Harman Stallings Milam Katherine Pettker	SHEPHERDS Vincent Cali Norah Jin Nicholas Pettker Ryan Rodda Maggie Stitch Miles Stitch	MUSIC DIRECTORS Raymond Nagem Julianna Grabowski
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