

FINAL SCRIPT
 2017 CHILDREN’S PAGEANT
 A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

CAST

Mary.....	Ella Cerniglia
Joseph.....	Nathaniel Russell
Starbearer.....	Eric Wetzel
Sheep.....	Jackson Gutzmer
	Lucas Lang
	Abby Lindstrom
	Jayne Martinka
	Brennan Palla
	Veronica Pardun
	Rilla Puckett
Angels.....	Andrew Haines
	Nolan Halley
	Elijah Lang
	Henry Lopuszynski
	Ben Nowak
	Grant Swaim
	Gabe Taylor
Shepherds.....	Laina Halley
	David Pendley
	Cleo Puckett
	Maryn Russell
	Harrison Swaim
Magi.....	Colin Falls
	William Haines
	Nora Taylor
Liturgists.....	May Allen
	Sam Cerniglia
	Evan Doering
	Gregor Lee
	Leigh Levinsky
	Kate Nowak
	Emily Wetzel
Preschool helpers.....	Michele Holifield
	Jane Treppa
Ushers.....	Allen Family
	Doering Family
	Levinsky Family
	Lopuszynki Family

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PAGEANT SEATING

Pulpit

Leigh Levinsky
Emily Wetzell
Evan Doering
Kate Nowak

Lectern

Gregor Lee
Sam Cerniglia
May Allen

Front row (Pulpit side – will move to pulpit/lectern after advent wreath lighting)

May Allen
Kate Nowak
Evan Doering
Sam Cerniglia
Ella Cerniglia

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Chris Urban

WELCOME Katy Allen (p)

CALL TO WORSHIP Leigh Levinsky (p)

One: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

All: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

One: Our souls sing out God's praise.

All: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

One: Tonight, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

All: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.

HYMN 133

O Come All Ye Faithful

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 A Prophet Speaks Words of Promise Gregor Lee (l)

We begin tonight with the words of the prophet written nearly seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ. Hear these words of Isaiah, words of promise and hope for a broken and weary world.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders.

His authority shall grow continually and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forever more.

(Gregor sits until Call to Confession)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Liturgists come forward from front pew when Gregor is finished with the first lesson

May Allen The prophet Isaiah wrote of a time of darkness and promised that the people who walked in this darkness would see a great light.

Kate Nowak Matthew wrote of the Magi who followed the light of the glorious star in the east that led them to the promised King.

Evan Doering Luke wrote of the night when the sky lit up with an army of angels to shout the news that the promised Messiah had been born.

Sam Cerniglia John declared that this great light is Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

Wreath liturgists exit sanctuary through pulpit side door and enter the chancel area through back door and take their seats on pulpit/lectern side

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gregor Lee

God came to us an infant, surprising the wise and encouraging the faithful. God came to know us, live as us, teach us, heal us, and save us. Knowing that we have fallen short of what God hopes for us, and who God calls us to be, let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SPOKEN BY ALL)

Emily Wetzel (p)

O God, our Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace: in tonight's quiet and stillness, help us draw near to you and to each other. Forgive us for our bad behavior. We have not loved our neighbor, we have been mean to our friends, we have not shared your light with others. Give us ears to hear your good news. Help us to see the possibilities for peace. Forgive us so that we can walk more closely with you. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Emily Wetzel

On this holy night, we gather as strangers and friends, as the faithful and the wondering. We come to seek the light, the hope, the Good News of Christ's birth. So hear the Good News on this Holy night: God so loved the world that God sent his only son to save the world. In this we find hope, we find grace, we find love, we find God! Let us rejoice!

HYMN 583

"Glory to God"

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PASSING THE PEACE

Emily Wetzel

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Evan and Sam move to pulpit during Passing the Peace

HEARING GOD'S WORD

WITNESSING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THROUGH STORY

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 11:1-6 The Peace of Christ Will Bring is Foretold

Evan Doering (p) A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

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Sam Cerniglia (l) His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

HYMN 119 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (vv 1,3)

Kate moves to lectern during final verse of hymn

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-32 Mary Finds Favor with God Kate Nowak (p)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign;
the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son
and will call him Immanuel, which means
God with us.

Travel music

Mary (Ella) comes forward from front pew and sits on stool center chancel

In the sixth 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.

The angel said to Mary,
"Greetings, favored one. The Lord is with you.
Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
You will bear a son and 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 stands up and walks down stage stairs on pulpit side and exits pulpit side door.

Volunteer meets Mary in the area at the back of the sanctuary

During Anthem, Joseph (Nate) leaves his seat and meets Mary and Volunteer at the back of the sanctuary

Volunteer stays in the narthex with Mary and Joseph

ANTHEM TO A MAID WHOSE NAME WAS MARY
(Adam Hendrickson, Nick Pulikowski, Steve Walter)

Evan moves to pulpit as soon as song is over

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FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7 Christ is Born

Evan Doering (p)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth to Judea to the city of David called Bethlehem because he was descended from the house and family of David.

Travel music – Once in Royal David’s City

Volunteer cues Mary and Joseph to start walking slowly down center aisle, holding Baby Jesus doll

Evan begins again when Mary and Joseph are at the middle pew

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. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Mary and Joseph step up on stage and sit on stools/crates in the stable, holding Baby Jesus

HYMN #115

Away in a Manger

Sam moves to lectern during last verse

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-14 Shepherds Hear the Good News

Sam Cerniglia (l)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night.

Traveling music

Preschool teachers begin walking from back, collecting sheep and shepherds as they come forward. All gather and sit on front left of stage

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

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SEVENTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 (portions) A Star Shines in the East

May Allen (l) Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward some men who study the stars, wise men from the Orient, came to Jerusalem and asked for King Herod. "Where is the baby born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the East, and we have come to worship him."

Kate waits until Starbearer and Magi have arrived at the stage to begin her part

Kate Nowak (p) When King Herod heard this, he was very upset and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

May Allen (l) Herod said, "Go and search for the child...when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out and there, ahead of them went the star, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Starbearer ascends stage and places star in holder, then stands next to the Holy Family

May Allen (l) When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Magi approach manger, kneel in front of Holy Family and present their gifts

May waits until Magi have knelt and presented their gifts before beginning again

May Allen (l) Then, opening their treasure chest, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Magi depart from the Holy Family and return to their families using the side aisles

HYMN 147

"The First Nowell" (vv 1,3,5)

*At the end of verse 5, Holy Family stands up and moves to center chancel
Sheep, shepherds, angels, and Starbearer stand on the sides of the Holy Family
Leigh moves to pulpit during last verse of hymn
Volunteer brings lights down a little bit at the end of the hymn*

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Leigh (p) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulders,
and he will be called
Wonderful Counselor...
Mighty God...
Everlasting Father...
Prince of Peace.

Traveling music

All pageant participants return to sit in their pews. Return to your seats in this order:

1. Sheep & Preschool Teachers
2. Shepherds
3. Angels, Star Bearer
4. Holy Family
5. Liturgists

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION Judy Hockenberry

OFFERTORY STAR CAROL
First Pres Children's choir

*Volunteer brings lights down all the way
Ushers come forward when they are finished collecting the offering and sit in front pews*

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Alex Lang
Alex uses candle stick to take flame from one advent candle to light the Christ Candle

One: The prophet declared, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light:

All: **"Those who dwelled in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined"**

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;

All: **"Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

One: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world; let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.

Ushers come forward with long tapers to receive their flame from Alex

Alex lights all ushers' candles

Usher instructions on separate sheet

HYMN 122

Silent Night! Holy Night

(Long intro to Silent Night to allow time for children to come forward)

All children including visiting children are invited to leave their pews and share in singing Silent Night at the front of the sanctuary.

Children will take a song sheet and battery powered candle as they approach the platform

BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

HYMN 134

Joy to the World (vv 1,2,4)

All children return to their seats during hymn

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Adeste Fideles"