

The Reformed Church of Bronxville

68th Annual
Gift Service



December 12, 2021

5:00p.m.

The Sanctuary

The Annual Gift Service
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 12, 2021, 5:00pm

THE TOWER BELLS

Rory Pingel

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Noel, Noel, A Boy Is Born
Carol, Cathedral and Chapel Choirs

Natalie Sleeth

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone

We wait for the Lord.

Our souls wait for God.

Praise the Lord.

O come let us adore Him.

*THE CAROL OF PRAISE

Hymn No. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

*Congregants must wear a mask while singing, regardless of vaccination status.***

* GATHERING PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of hope and joy,

open our hearts in welcome,

that Christ may find in us a dwelling prepared for him,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

**indicates that those who are able may stand*

*** Soloists in this performance may sing without masks upon proof of vaccination and negative test.*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
 *3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
 dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

*Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42

The Nativity Pageant

The Prophecy

Light One Candle
Cathedral Choir

Natalie Sleeth

The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
Gabriel with Cathedral and Chapel Choirs

Traditional

Mary and Joseph at the Manger

Joseph Tender, Joseph Mine
Mary with Chapel and Cathedral Choirs

German 15th Century

Joseph's Lullaby
Joseph

Bart Millard and Brown Bannister

The Angels and the Shepherds

Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep
Chapel Choir

Arr. Melvin Rotermund

The Villagers Come to the Manger

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
Chapel and Cathedral Choirs

Traditional

The Wise Men from the East

March of the Kings

Provençal Carol Tune
Arr. D. S. Smith

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Youth Ushers will present the gifts already collected.

Following that presentation, children in the congregation, guided by ushers, will present their gifts at the crèche. All are asked to remain in pews until directed to the Chancel by ushers.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

Congregants must wear a mask while singing, regardless of vaccination status.

Hymn No. 60

STILLE NACHT

THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

The Reverend Samuel T. Clover

*CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World!

Congregants must wear a mask while singing, regardless of vaccination status.

Hymn No. 40

ANTIOCH

*THE BENEDICTION

The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone

THE CLOSING POSTLUDE

THE TOWER BELLS



Following the pageant, a full cast photo will be taken.

We ask that you refrain from taking pictures or videos during the service.



NATIVITY PAGEANT LEADERSHIP

Director of Music & Liturgy: Caitlin Dowling

Producer: Shea Scanlon Lomma

Stage Direction: Jonathan Lomma

Gift Service Team: Andrea Gift Allan, Christine Chen, Laura Hale,
Viyan Handy, Katie Hood, Kenia Padilla, Tammie
Schnier, Arleen Thomas, Sarah Waterstone



Silent Night, Holy Night

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STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

B \flat F B \flat E \flat

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round you
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

B \flat E \flat B \flat

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heaven-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

F B \flat F B \flat

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh',
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'!

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da,
 Christ der Retter ist da!

3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
 And heaven and na - ture sing,

And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heaven and na - ture sing,



THE CAST OF THE NATIVITY PAGEANT

Narrator: Sophie Pingel

Gabriel: Jayleen Padilla

Mary: Cate Spitz

Joseph: Andrew Hale

Kings: Alexander Jeffrey
Hudson Schnier
Will Tinson

Angels: Eleanor Hale
Sabrina Latham

Head Shepherd: Walker Liggitt

Shepherds: Davis Clarke
Audriana Handy
Gretchen Schnier

Villagers: Kailee Fino
Finley Hood
Eloise Liggitt

Ushers: Chloe Clarke
Emerson Gramins
Marshall Liggitt
Henry Lomma
Juliet Parsons





THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

THE CHAPEL CHOIR (7TH – 12TH GRADERS)

Eleanor Hale
Audriana Handy
Finley Hood
Lexi Parsons
Gretchen Schnier
Jayleen Padilla

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR (4TH – 6TH GRADERS)

Benjamin Lescott
Elizabeth Lomma
Josie Padilla
Joy Padilla
Juliet Parsons
Willem Waterstone
Colton Zydb
Cordelia Zydb

THE CAROL CHOIR (1ST-3RD GRADERS)

Augusta Allan
Annabel Chen
Lily DeMartini
Fulton Frehse
Gigi Frehse
Avery Fulton
Esme Hood
Sally Liggitt
Eleanor Mahoney
Emma Mahoney
Chizara Okeke
Odera Okeke
Mitchell Sprague
Ben Tyree
Bram Waterstone

MUSICIANS

Caitlin Dowling
Conductor, Organ, Piano
Filippo Mariottini
Assistant Organist



UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Wednesday, December 15

6:30pm, Advent Wednesday Evening Prayers

Tuesday, December 21

6:30pm, Service of the Longest Night

December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00pm, Traditional Candlelight Service

5:30pm, Village Christmas Pageant

6:30pm, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

10:00pm, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 25 – Christmas Morning

10:00am, Christmas Day Worship

with sermon and communion

December 26 – regular Sunday worship

10:00am, one service only



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DEACONS Lela Agnew, Joe French, Fran Harris, Jessica Hogue, Aaron Hood (Chair), Jennifer Lescott, Mark Liggitt, Shea Scanlon Lomma, Sophia Okeke, Amy Parsons, Gretchen Pingel, Jenny Shively, Arleen Thomas, Kate Milliken-Vaughey

OFFICERS The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone, President; Paul Shoemaker, Vice President; Arleen Thomas, Treasurer; Rosanne Welshimer, Clerk of Consistory

Pastoral care: If you or someone you know needs help, please contact one of our pastors. For professional counseling, contact our partner, The Counseling Center, at 914-793-3388 or www.counselingcenter.org.