



Children's Ministry presents

The York Nativity Play

"With songs & with mirth we'll celebrate our Saviour's birth"

Saturday, December 6 at 2pm

Sunday, December 7 at 6pm

In the Upper Room

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 6, 2pm & December 7, 6pm

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”
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.*

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye bright hosts in heav’n above.
Glory to God, all glory in the Highest;

Ye Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Call for Offering

Offertory

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Ring Forth!; Mary Clark, director; Anne Omland, assistant

Pastoral Meditation & Prayer

Mr. Rob Yancey

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Adapted by Tony Gray

Hymn of Celebration

“Joy to the World”
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.

Benediction

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A Synopsis of Scenes

The Scenes

Prologue: Procession of the Guilds

Voices of God James Heiser, Jonathan Morris, Charl Naude

The Spicer's Play: The Annunciation & Visitation

The Angel Gabriel James Heiser

Elizabeth Anna Liston

Mary Naomi Redd

The Tile Thatcher's Play: The Nativity

Joseph Charles Naude

Attending Angels Marit Frerichs, Grace O'Halloran,
Mary Redd, Katie Slay, Sophia Valbrune, Elizabeth Griffin

The Chandler's Play: The Shepherd's

First Shepherd Zeke Frerichs

Second Shepherd James Heiser

Third Shepherd Timothy Heiser

Angels-with-the-star Julianna Cantrell

The Shepherd Choir Children of Fourth

The Angel Choir Children of Fourth

The Mason's and the Goldsmith's Play: Herod & The Magi

Retinue of Kings Marit Frerichs, Grace O'Halloran, Mary Redd,
Naomi Redd, Katie Slay, Sophie Valbrune

First King Ngari Murira

Second King Joshua Lee

Third King Jonathan Morris

King Herod Joseph Senderling

Queen Kathryn Cochran

Herod's Son Julia Gray

Herod's Mother Ashley Perrin

Slaves Will Smedley, Braden Nicholson

Courtiers & Soldiers Benji Kemp, John Senderling, Peter Smedley, Joseph Griffin, Colin Mizushima

A Note on The Play

For hundreds of years people did not have Bibles in their own language. When they went to church they heard the bible in Latin—just like the prologue of our play. So the people would understand, the church fathers wrote and presented Bible stories in the common language. The plays dramatized the stories from Genesis to Revelation. These traditional Christmas plays we're performing became identified with the trade and merchant guilds of medieval times. Each guild would produce the same play year after year, usually from ornate, two-story pageant wagons. The roles would be a matter of intense pride and were sometimes passed down in families. Parts of the original manuscript indicate "The York Mystery Cycles" were written down about the year 1340. They were so popular that they were performed every year until 1580. Maybe this play isn't like Christmas plays you've seen before. For one thing, it's funny, and rightfully so. It celebrates the birth of Jesus and the church fathers who wrote it thought honest laughter was a fine way to celebrate. There is no scenery for this play. People used their imaginations then, as we ask of you now.

We hope you enjoy this joyous and wonder-filled dramatization of the birth of our Lord!

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Production Team

Technical Design..... Eric Lofberg
Prop Master Will Smedley
Artwork/Banners Carol Van Duzer and the Cast of 2013
Costumes Aimee Griffin
Accompanist Jean Mascott
Director Amanda Westly

Ring Forth!

Mary Clark, director; Anne Omland, assistant director

Julianna Cantrell
Ethan Cooper

Julia Gray
Anna Liston
Jonathan Morris

Jesse Nerantzis
Naomi Redd

Advent 2014

Third Sunday of Advent • Next Sunday, December 14

MORNING

Morning Service, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am
"The Shepherd"
Ezekiel 34:1-31
Dr. Robert M. Norris

EVENING

Lessons and Carols
Friday, December 12, 8pm in the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 14, 6pm in the Sanctuary
With choirs and full orchestra,
Scripture readings and Christmas carols