

Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Christmas Eve 2025



Evening Prayer and Pageant
4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

The flower arrangements for our Christmas celebration are
given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

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including the time when the children come forward to view the tableau.
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the closing hymn when the cast will reassemble at the front of the nave.
As a kindness to others, please silence all cell phones and any other electronic devices.*

Evening Prayer

Prelude

Congregation stands as the procession enters.

Processional Hymn 83: O come, all ye faithful, v.1-3

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;

Refrain O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of God the Father; **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; **Refrain**

Invitatory and Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages

Officiant Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

People **for his love revealed in the Word made flesh.**

Officiant Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

People **coming among us and sharing our humanity.**

Officiant Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

People **for our salvation, for bringing joy and peace into our world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Officiant Praise be to God for his great love for us.

He has entered our darkness with his great light.

People **He comes as our God and yet as a child.**

Lord help us and your whole church to walk as children of the light.

Anthem:	Torches	John Joubert
Officiant	<p>O Father of Lights, we beseech you to fill our hearts with the holy joy of Christmas, as again we hear the song of angels and the antiphon of a mother's lullaby.</p> <p>We bless you for the dawning of the light in Bethlehem's manger, when in the fullness of time you gathered your light into life, ushering in peace and goodwill to all humankind.</p>	
People	<p>O Lord, come and abide in us that we may abide in you, who, as at this time was born into the world for us, now lives and reigns, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.</p>	
Officiant	<p>Set a star, O Lord, in the night sky to lighten our darkness and to guide our feet in the way of peace; Take flesh and blood once more upon yourself that love may dwell among us.</p> <p>Let us bless the Lord.</p>	
People	<p>Thanks be to God.</p>	

Anthem:	Ding Dong Merrily on High Sung by the Redeemer Choristers	Ken Berg
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Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

(A collection will be taken)

The Pageant

Please be seated for the pageant.

Hymn 79: O little town of Bethlehem, v.1-3	St. Louis
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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 streets 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.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

First Reading: Luke 2: 1-14

Hymn 94: While shepherds watched their flocks

Winchester Old

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

“To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease.”

Second Reading: Luke 2: 15-20

Hymn 89: It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing

Third Reading: Matthew 2: 1-11

Hymn 128: We three kings of Orient are

Three Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading,
still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Verses 2-4 are sung by the Kings, please join with the refrain.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. **Refrain**

Adoration of the Christ Child

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to view the tableau.

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to take photographs following the closing hymn,
when the cast will reassemble at the front of the nave.*

Please kneel for the hymn.

Hymn 111: Silent night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Christmas Blessing and Benediction

Officiant: By way of Bethlehem lead us, O Lord, to newness of life;
by the innocence of the Christ child
People: **renew our simple trust;**
Officiant: by the tenderness of Mary
People: **deliver us from cruelty and hardness of heart;**
Officiant: by the patience of Joseph
People: **save us from all rash judgment;**
Officiant: by the shepherds' watch
People: **open our eyes to the signs of thy coming;**
Officiant: by the wise men's journey
People: **keep our searching spirits from fainting;**
Officiant: by the music of the heavenly choir
People: **put to shame the clamor of the earth;**
Officiant: and by the shining of a star
People: **guide our feet in the way of peace.**

Please stand for the hymn.

Closing Hymn 100: 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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, 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.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Postlude

All are invited to remain and take photographs of the tableau.

The Cast of the Pageant

Mary: Grace Vauclain

Joseph: Nicholas Zafriou

Baby Jesus: William Thomas Wilkinson

Angels

Clare Northington

Natalie Miller

Eloise Bullit

Bridget Bowers

Evie Silio

Catherine Zafriou

Shepherds

Marshall Zafriou

Will Antik

Topher Jodz

Conor Beamer

Grayson Steele

Kings

Scott Carter

Theodore Silio

Lachlan Northington

Pages

Caroline Kirwan

Elizabeth (Bess) Kirwan

Anthony Senn

Officiant: The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen

Acolyte: Conor Beamer

Livestream Operator: Charlie Beamer

Ushers: Sam Chew, Lisa McLean, Arden Saligman, Doug Raymond,
Scott Miller, Catherine Miller, Win Shafer, Lily Meehan

Samantha Manogue, *Pageant Director;*

Caroline Antik, Maddie Jodz & Rives Northington; *Pageant Co-Directors*

Andrew Senn, *Director of Music & Organist;* Paulo Reyes, *Stage Manager;*

Rebecca Northington, *Producer*

Special thanks to all who have contributed their gifts by helping with or participating in the pageant.