

A Christmas Pageant 2021



Walnut Hill Church
575 Walnut Hill Road
Lexington, KY 40515

Morning Worship
Sunday, December 12, 2021

Greetings and Announcements

-Pastor Mike Ward

Prelude

-Children's Choir

Advent Candle Ceremony -Miller/Spencer/Olszewski Family

Hymn - "Joy to the World" - beginning

*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.*

Prayer (unison)

***Open our eyes, Lord, to gently see the life we lead, the home we have,
the world we inhabit, and so to find signs of hope. Grant us a vision
of what you are doing in this world. Show us the possibilities of
recovery, renewal, and redemption. And, open our eyes to see Christ
come among us. Amen.***

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Children, Youth and Children's Choir

Reading by Grey Gillispie

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

Readings by Sadie Sirk & Zenya Christovassili

*Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a Stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place, Can he be the savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.*

Reading by Eli Horman

*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.*

Reading by Julianna Horn

*The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the king of Israel.*

Reading by Keegan Cook

*What child is this, who laid to rest; On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch
are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come one and all to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.
(refrain)*

Reading by Leah Barnes

*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, 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, Christ, the Savior is born.*

Greetings/Scripture/Homily - Bishop Mark Van Koevering

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer - Pastor Ward

The Offering and Offertory -Dr. Angela Hurley

Closing Sentences (responsive) - Pastor Ward

God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God.

We lift expectant hearts to you.

Object of the Magi's search, subject of an old man's song,
fulfillment of a prophet's word,

We continue to seek your presence.

Mary's son, Joseph's son, God's son.

Give us strength to reflect your light.

Hymn - "Joy to the World" -conclusion

*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.*

Benediction -Bishop Van Koevering

Postlude -Dr. Hurley

Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry - Gifts to support the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry in Prestonsburg may be placed in the baskets in the foyer. Cash and checks payable to Walnut Hill are welcome.

Children, youth and ALL are welcome to Trinity Hall to congratulate our pageant presenters and enjoy some informal music presentations.