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Christmas Eve Pageant

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A Child My Choice

By Robert Southwell (c. 1561—1595)

Let folly praise that fancy loves, I praise and love that Child
Whose heart no thought, whose tongue no word, whose hand no deed defiled.

I praise Him most, I love Him best, all praise and love is His;
While Him I love, in Him I live, and cannot live amiss.

Love's sweetest mark, laud's highest theme, man's most desired light,
To love Him life, to leave Him death, to live in Him delight.

He mine by gift, I His by debt, thus each to other due;
First friend He was, best friend He is, all times will try Him true.

Though young, yet wise; though small, yet strong; though man, yet God He is:
As wise, He knows; as strong, He can; as God, He loves to bless.

His knowledge rules, His strength defends, His love doth cherish all;
His birth our joy, His life our light, His death our end of thrall.

Alas! He weeps, He sighs, He pants, yet do His angels sing;
Out of His tears, His sighs and throbs, doth bud a joyful spring.

Almighty Babe, whose tender arms can force all foes to fly,
Correct my faults, protect my life, direct me when I die!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m.Christmas Pageant Service

11:00 p.m.Festival Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 26: St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

8:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.Holy Communion (Chapel)

Thursday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.Holy Communion (Chapel)

Friday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.Holy Communion (Chapel)

Sunday, December 30: The Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. and NoonHoly Communion

10:30 a.m.Morning Prayer and Baptism

5:30 p.m.Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 31NO Services

Tuesday: The Circumcision of Christ

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Daily Prayer resumes January 2, 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., in the Church.
Men's Bible Study resumes January 17th, 7:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

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**THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF
 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

5:30 p.m. — CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SERVICE

CARILLON

HYMN #13 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*.....Winchester New

A Bidding Prayer, with the Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Presented by the Students of the Church School
 With Lessons from St. Luke and St. Matthew

(The congregation may be seated and is asked to sing with the Children's Choir)

HYMN #42 *Angels We Have Heard on High*..... Gloria

HYMN #43 *Away In A Manger*.....Traditional

THE APOSTLES' CREED..... 15

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
 Let us pray.

The Collect for Christmas Eve..... 98

The Grace

OFFERING

Sentences
 Christmas Anthems.....Junior Choir
 Presentation of Alms and Devotions, and Doxology #139

The Word was made flesh;
And dwelt among us.

And we beheld his glory, as of the only begotten of the Father;
Full of grace and truth.

Let us kneel in adoration of the Son of God.

HYMN #33 *Silent Night* (sung kneeling) Heilige Nacht

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #21 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*..... St. Louis

ACOLYTE

Mallery Pindar, Crucifer
 Tayloe Compton, Star of Bethlehem

OFFERING CHAIRMAN

The pageant will remain in place following the recessional for picture taking.
Please do not take photographs during the service.

PAGEANT

Mary	<i>Tessa Morris</i>
Joseph	<i>Chris Dixon</i>
Arch Angel	<i>Claire McMillan</i>

Angels

<i>Alston Macgill</i>	<i>Sarah Elizabeth Inglesby</i>	<i>Wells Ross</i>
<i>Carole Kennedy</i>	<i>Maggie Hendrix</i>	<i>Lily Fort</i>

Shepherds

<i>John Kennedy</i>	<i>Patrick Perrie</i>	<i>Hunt Wasden</i>
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Kings

<i>Peter Stein</i>	<i>Lindsay Pindar</i>	<i>Charles Perrie</i>
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Christmas Candle

Katharine Warner

Warrior Angels

<i>John Osborne</i>	<i>Lawson Turner</i>	<i>Kendrick Hodges</i>
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Candy Canes

Bill Osborne and Emmie, Nigel Stein and Mary, Austin Kennedy and Clara