

Friends Church Christmas Pageant 2024

Updated from 2016 version for hybrid production by Sue Ambrus, Andrew Roblyer, Dan De Leon & Tami Dudo

Adapted from Joy to the World by Kate Lucchese

CAST (in order of appearance)

Chance (Narrator): Chance Roblyer
Ruthie (Narrator): Ruthie De Leon
Adult Directors: Morgan Leopold, Tami Dudo
Youth Members: Kylen Harvey, Ariana S. Hinojosa, Chloe Gutierrez, Gavin Gutierrez, Declynn Leopold, Liam Marley, Makayla Parr
Gabriel: Declyn Leopold
Mary: Chloe Gutierrez
Joseph: Kylen Harvey
Innkeeper: Lorelei Marley
King Herod: Gavin Gutierrez
Teacher of the Law: Aiden Gonzales
King 1: George Verdegaal
King 2: Noah Verdegaal
King 3: Liam Marley
Star Angel: Logan Harvey
Shepherd 1: Galia Ortiz
Shepherd 2: Logan Makin
Shepherd 3: Tatum Marley
Herald (Head Angel): Raleigh Svatek & Heavenly Hosts
Marble Player 1: Mason Mendez-Ramirez
Marble Player 2: Bentley Walker
Marble Player 3: Alex Brunstedt
Marble Player 4: Rollins Svatek
Baby Jesus: Margot Burley and Sage Brown
Heavenly Host/Animals: X'Savier Bowen, Jordyn Bowen, Niki Brunstedt, Harper Burley, Jack Burley, Mateo Mendez-Ramirez, Reina Makin, Charlie Shields, Elliot Shield
Youth Pastor: Pastor Brooke Dooley

The congregation is invited to sing the hymns in the pageant. Please remain seated to sing. Thanks for being part of the pageant! Reminder: no photography until after the pageant has ended.

Act I – Introduction of Play – the players enter

“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!

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Act II – Mary & Joseph leave for Bethlehem and Seek shelter

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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.

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

ACT III – The Kings Arrive

“O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright”

O Morning Star, how clear and bright, your beam shines forth in truth and light!

My Sovereign meek and lowly!

O Root of Jesse, Promised One, my God and Ruler, you have won my heart to serve you solely!

You are holy,
great and glorious, all-victorious,
Rich in blessing,
rule and might o'er all possessing.

Come heavenly Brightness, Light divine, and deep within my heart now shine,
there make yourself an altar!

Fill me with joy and strength to be your member, joined eternally
in love that cannot falter;

Longing for you
does possess me; turn and bless me;
Here in sadness
eye and heart long for your gladness.

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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

O Star of Wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all you saints arise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn bring!

Act IV – Shepherds go to Bethlehem

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella” – music arranged by Ruth Artman

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Soloist: Ericalynn Cannon and David Manuel

Finale – end of pageant

“Jesus, Our Brother, Kind and Good

Sung by the Pageant Participants

**All animals will come on stage to the manger*

“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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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