



University of Mount Union
Christmas Festival

Child of Light

Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 11, 4 p.m.
Myers Sanctuary, Dewald Chapel



Christmas at the University of Mount Union

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Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Giese
President of Mount Union

We kindly ask that you hold your applause until after the choral benediction.



Child of Light

Organ Prelude

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me..... *Adoro te devote*
Processionale, Paris, 1697, arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me; I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see; I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me; I would truthful be;
Help me now Thy truth to see; I would be like Thee;
And with wisdom kind and clear Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me; I would holy be;
Show Thy mercy tenderly; make me more like Thee;
Separate from sin I would and cherish all things good;
And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me; I would mighty be;
Help me now Thy power to see; I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Prayer of Invocation Church of Scotland, 20th Century, Alt.

Ever present God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in Him, that when He shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reading *Verses from "Advent 1955"*..... Sir John Betjeman, 1906-1984

The world seems travelling into space,
And travelling at a faster pace
Than in the leisured summer weather
When we and it sit out together,
For now we feel the world spin round
On some momentous journey bound—
Journey to what? to whom? to where?
The Advent bells call out 'Prepare,
Your world is journeying to the birth
Of God made Man for us on earth.'

Lost in the Night Finnish Folk Tune
Arr. Kyle S. Haugen

Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.
Will not day come soon?

Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon?

Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon!

Will not day come soon?
Come and save us soon!
Christ is coming soon!



Reading Micah 5:1-5a

Now you are walled around with a wall; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the ruler of Israel upon the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall live secure, for now he shall be great unto the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

A Child Is Born in Bethlehem..... Mode I Plainsong, 14th Century
Realization in modal rhythm by Richard Proulx

A Child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia!
Therefore rejoice Jerusalem, alleluia!
*Come, join the angel throng in songs of joy,
In one accord adoring Christ the Lord.*

The babe within a manger poor, alleluia!
Will rule the world forever more, alleluia!

Upon this joyful holy night, alleluia!
We bless your name, O Lord of Light, alleluia!

We praise you, Holy Trinity, alleluia!
Adoring you eternally, alleluia!

Reading "BC—AD" U. A. Fanthrope, 1929-2009

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented time keepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect

Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the Kingdom of heaven.

Hodie Nancy Hill Cobb

Today Christ is born;
Today the Savior of the world has appeared;
Today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest.

CAROL FOR THE AUDIENCE

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
(the audience is invited to stand)

Hark! The herald angels sing; "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing; "Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing; "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing; "Glory to the new-born King!"

Readings Traditional Monastic Liturgy

The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God. Every
tree in the forest will be clapping its hands. The Lord will come and
rule forever. Alleluia.

Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree
from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all
went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also
went up to Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the
city of David, which is called Bethlehem; to be taxed with Mary his
espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while
they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be
delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped
him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there
was no room for him in the inn.

Blessed Be that Maid Marie..... Traditional English
Arr. Joy Sherman

Blessed be that maid Marie.
Born He was of her body.
Very God ere time began.
Born in time the Son of Man.
Christus hodie natus est de Virgine
(Today Christ is born of the Virgin).

Sweet and blissful was the song
Chanted by the Angel throng.
Peace on earth. Alleluia.
In excelsis Gloria (Glory in the highest!)
Christus hodie natus est de Virgine.

Fare three kings from far-off land,
Incense, gold, and myrrh in hand.
In Bethlehem the Babe they see
Stelle ducti lumine (Led by the light of a star).
Christus hodie natus est de Virgine.

Make we merry on this fest
In quo Christus natus est (On which Christ was born).
On this Child I pray you call.
To assoil and save us all.
Christus hodie natus est de Virgine.

There is Faint Music..... Dan Forrest

There is faint music in the night,
And pale wings fanned by silver flight;
A frosty hill with tender glow
Of countless stars that shine on snow.

A shelter from the winter storm,
A straw-lined manger, safe and warm,
And Mary singing lullabies,
To hush her Baby's sleepy sighs.

Her eyes are fixed upon His face,
Unheeded here is time and space;
Her heart is filled with blinding joy,
For God's own Son—her baby Boy!

Reading Verses from "A Hymn of the Nativity" Richard Crashaw,
c. 1613-1649

We saw Thee in Thy balmy nest,
Bright Dawn of our eternal day!
We saw Thine eyes break from their east,
And chase the trembling shades away.
We saw Thee, and we blessed the sight,
We saw Thee by Thine own sweet light.

Welcome, all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span;
Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man.

To Thee, meek Majesty, soft King
Of simple graces and sweet loves,
Each of us his lamb will bring,
Each his pair of silver doves,
Till burnt at last in fire of Thy fair eyes,
Ourselves become our own best sacrifice.

Mary Had a Baby African-American Spiritual
Arr. Maria Thompson Corley

Mary had a baby, my Lord.
What did she name him? She named him King Jesus.
Where was he born? Born in a manger.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Carol of the Children John Rutter

One for the star in the sky over Bethlehem;
Two for the hands that will rock Him to sleep;
Three for the kings, bringing gold, bringing myrrh, bringing in-
cense;
Four for the angels that watched over His bedside.
(And one for the heart that I give as my off'ring to Jesus.)

Blue for the robe of the sweet Virgin Mary;
White for the dawn of the first Christmas Day;
Red for the blood that He shed on Good Friday;
Black for the tomb where He rested till Easter.

Lullaby! See Jesus asleep;
Angels and shepherds their watch on Him keep:
Lullaby! He soon will awake,
For the oxen are stirring and morning will break.





CAROL FOR THE AUDIENCE

Silent Night

(the audience is invited to stand)

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 a-far, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, 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, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those
who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests
upon his shoulders; and he is named, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow
continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of
David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice
and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.
The Zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

True Light.....Keith Hampton

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light, He lives in us as True Light.
In the beginning, out of the darkness God created True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my
mind. But let the one who serves You, praise You again and again.

You are the one who judges right from wrong; Your glory excites
no envy. But let the one who serves You, praise You again and
again.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.
God gave the world True Light.

Benediction

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things
earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace
and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
AMEN.

Stay With Us..... Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,
Stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening,
And night is falling.

Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening,
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness
And fill your church with its glory.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,
Stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening,
And night is falling.

Organ Postlude

Readers

Rev. Marty CashBurless, University Chaplain
Dr. Douglas Hendel, Professor of Theatre

Collaborative Artists

Barbara Lyons, soprano
James Mismas, organ
Kathy Reichenberger, piano
Greg Smith, piano

University of Mount Union Concert Choir
Dr. Grant William Cook III, conductor

Soprano

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Alisa Andrews* | Communication | Senior |
| Victoria Blankenship | Criminal Justice | Freshman |
| Holly Cappelli* | Biochemistry | Senior |
| Kacey Cooper | Music Education | Freshman |
| Alex Garner | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Courtney Gazda*† | Music Education | Senior |
| Joyanna Hoffman | Biochemistry | Sophomore |
| Jessica Kostrab* | Geology | Junior |
| Kristen Morton | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Stephanie Porten* | Writing: English | Junior |
| Regina Strumbly*† | Music Education | Senior |
| Kelsey Tomlinson* | Communication | Junior |
| Courtney Wachal | French and International Studies | Freshman |

Alto

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| Maya Brown | Undeclared | Freshman |
| Caitlin Corfias | Accounting | Sophomore |
| Cresslyn DiRosa | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Sarah Hayes* | Theatre | Senior |
| Megan Jordan* | Health | Senior |
| Meghan Joyce* | Music | Senior |
| Jacqueline Mathias*† | Music Education | Junior |
| Corinne Midlik* | History | Junior |
| Amanda Myhal | Biochemistry | Freshman |
| Taylor Nervo | Biology | Freshman |
| Patrina Sanders* | Psychology | Sophomore |
| Brianna Searing | Music Education | Freshman |
| Jana Sleutz | Exercise Science | Freshman |
| Megan Smith* | Communication | Junior |

Tenor

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| Mark Amabeli | Mechanical Engineering | Freshman |
| Ian Bell | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Joe Cetina* | Music Education | Senior |
| Kenneth Leep* | Japanese | Junior |
| Ian LeRoy† | Music Education | Sophomore |
| William Mitchell | Religious Studies | Sophomore |
| Jeff Slater* | Biochemistry and Psychology | Junior |
| Josh Sleutz* | Human Resource Management, Accounting and Management | Junior |
| Greg Smith* | English: Literature | Senior |
| Jacob Ward | Art and Education | Freshman |

Bass/Baritone

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| Sean Andrews | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Ryan Chinrock* | Japanese | Junior |
| Kyle Crowley* | Physics | Junior |
| Kyle Edwards* | Biochemistry | Junior |
| Sean Eppler† | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Will Hollingsworth | Middle Childhood Education | Freshman |
| Jeff Looker | Communication | Sophomore |
| Tyler Mason* | Music | Senior |
| John Opalenik | History and Psychology | Freshman |
| Jesse Phillips | English: Writing | Sophomore |
| Steve Roshong* | Music Education | Senior |

University of Mount Union Women's Choir
Dr. Grant William Cook III, conductor

Soprano

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| Jennifer Book | Sport Business | Freshman |
| Emily Christopher | Early Childhood Education | Freshman |
| Sarah Croley | Communication | Freshman |
| Christine Culver | Biochemistry | Freshman |
| Kayleigh Eddy | Music Education | Junior |
| Alex Garner | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Joyanna Hoffman | Biochemistry | Sophomore |
| Elizabeth Jenkins | Communication | Sophomore |
| Meghan Joyce | Music | Senior |
| Christina Linder | Communication | Freshman |
| Allie Vanek | Early Childhood Education | Freshman |

Alto

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|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Julie Book | Public Health | Freshman |
| Rachael Davis* | Psychology | Junior |
| Alexandra Fritsch | Undeclared | Freshman |
| Bethany Herman | Environmental Science | Sophomore |
| Chelsi Howman | Middle Childhood Education | Freshman |
| Mckenzie Marchand | Undeclared | Freshman |
| Lacey McDaniel | Early Childhood Education | Freshman |
| Erin Miller | Music Education | Sophomore |
| Taylor Nervo | Biology | Freshman |
| Kimber Stevenson | Music Education | Junior |

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