

How silently, how silently, the wonder is made known,
When God imparts to human hearts the gift that is our own.
No ear may hear that coming, but in this worldly din,
When souls are truly humble, then the dear babe rests within.

Text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), alt.

Third Lesson – PAGEANT, part 2

Anthem *O Holy Night*
Adolphe Adam and John Sullivan Dwight

Fourth Lesson – PAGEANT, part 3

Carol *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.
Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. (repeat refrain)
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. (repeat refrain)
See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above,
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.
Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. (repeat refrain)
Text: French carol, tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Fifth Lesson “Shepherds Among Us” by David Miller Kohlmeier

Sixth Lesson “Christmas Eve Prayer” by Tom Schade

Offertory *Away in a Manger* Sam Whitesell
James R. Murray; arr. Sam Whitesell

Seventh Lesson – PAGEANT, part 4

Anthem *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*

FUUSB Choir

Eighth Lesson by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the peoples,
To make music in the heart.
Amen, Blessed be.

Candle Lighting

Carol *Silent Night*

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,
Heav'nly 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.

Text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Benediction "Let us sing the song of angels now..."

Postlude *Toccata pastorale*
Johann Pachelbel

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FUUSB Adult Choir

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plus all the Pageant Players!