

DECEMBER 8, 2013

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

- * WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- * PRELUDE: “*Gesu Bambino*” Bonnie Guy-Violin
- INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE (Esther Ann and David Walton)

LESSON I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

“*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*” Neil Harmon

LESSON II...Isaiah 9:2-6,7

“*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*”-Craig Courtney, arr.

LESSON III: Micah 5:2,4

“*Who Will Make Him Welcome*”-Lloyd Larson, arr.

LESSON IV: Isaiah 11:1-5

“*Blessed Is the Lord*”-Dan Forrest, arr.

LESSON V: Luke 2:1-7

“*What Strangers are These*”-Dan Forrest, arr.

LESSON VI: Luke 2:8-14

“*The First Noel*”-Dan Forrest, arr.

+ HYMN: “*Joy to the World!*” (Red) No. 161

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Instrumental Ensemble
“*Shepherds and Merry Bells*”

+ DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

+ HYMN: “*What Child Is This*” (Red) No. 159

“*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*”-Hal Hopson arr.

LESSON VII: John 1:1-14

“*Ring the Bells*”-Joseph Martin, arr.

HYMN: “*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*” (Red) No. 163
(Congregation sings Verses 1 and 2)

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “*Alleluia*”

+ POSTLUDE: “*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*”

+ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND
* USHERS MAY SEAT THOSE WAITING

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

10:00 A.M.

Morning Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Sunday School for all ages

Attendance last week: 125

Offering last week: \$2,936.25

Session Meeting

12 Noon

TUESDAY:

6:00 P.M.

Circle 6 will meet at Red Lobster

WEDNESDAY:

5:30 P.M.

OYF

THURSDAY:

6:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal (SCOB)

Our greeter today is Scott McMurrain.

Our prayer family this week is Melanie and Brian Argenbright and Kaylin.

The Women are collecting Food Baskets for the Salvation Army to be distributed to the needy for the Christmas season. Please leave donations in the social hall by Sunday, December 22, 2013. The collection for items for SACRA will resume the first of the year.

The OYF is presenting a Christmas Program & Dinner Theater at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2013. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you plan to attend. There will be a Warm Tree. Bring scarves, gloves, etc. to place on the tree to be donated to the needy. The OYF will go caroling on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. They will meet at Cici's at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

A Kitchen Fund has been created to renovate the kitchen and the surrounding area. Anyone wishing to contribute may make checks payable to Olivet Presbyterian Church and earmark them Kitchen Fund. Full details of the planned work which will begin in January of 2014 is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

The 2014 Relay for Life event will be held at Riverheads High School May 17-May 18th. There will be a kick-off fundraiser in January at Olivet. Anyone wishing to join the Olivet Strutters is asked to see Vickey Wood.

Olivet and the Church of the Brethren's choirs will jointly present a music program at Olivet during the morning worship this morning and again during the worship service at the Brethren Church on December 15, 2013.

There will be an informal Candlelight Service on Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 7:00 p.m.

SOPRANO

Patsy Phillips
Marilyn Garber
Wanda Morris
Joyce Shell
Sue Whisman
Charlene Michael
Kay Argenbright
Mary Huffer
Nancy Whitesell
Carolyn Vass
Alexis Reid
Angela Leach
Frances Wilkerson
Cindi Spitzer
Martha Gangwer
Karen Stevens

ALTO

Terri Perry
Ronda Reames
Kim Weller
Jane Robinson
Janet Brandon
Becky Duffey
Beverly Walsh
Helen Gangwer
Kathy McMillan
Erin Staebell

Reader

Nancy Bowman

TENOR

Bob Armbruster
Scott Duffey
Phil Balsley
O. W. Gilbert

BASS

David Smith
Rick McKibben
David Balsley
Harry Hogshead
Joe Brandon
Alan Shull
Larry Simmons
John Garber
John Wampler
Claude Simmons

ORCHESTRA

Flute-Mabel Lou Weiss
Flute-Pam Charette
Oboe-Doug Lane
Violin-Bonnie Guy
Violin-Lucy Weston
Cello-Nancy Baker
Piano-Debbie Landes

Handbells

Hannah Frederick, A. J.
Gibson, Abi Gilmer, Lauren
Herz, Hannah Hilliard, Mark
Pekun, Ginny Ridder and
Candy Smith.

We express our thanks and appreciation for today's inspiring Worship to the Choirs of the Staunton Church of the Brethren and Olivet Presbyterian Church under the direction of David MacMillan.



*Sounds
of the
Season*

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The Rev. Lee Thomas, Pastor