

Dates

The second and third Sundays of Advent: We will conduct a full rehearsal in Cooke Hall following our morning service. Please allow enough time for your children to go through the Pageant twice.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Day of the Pageant): The Pageant will begin our worship service. Please have children at HLS in costume/dress and ready to go no later than 9:10AM. We will meet in the Arts Building (i.e., where we meet for Sunday School) and walk to the sanctuary together. If the weather is poor, we will meet in Cooke Hall and you will be directed where to go upon arrival.

Costumes

Readers - Any nice attire is just fine...

Mary - Soft or pastel color dress (simple if possible)...

Joseph - Khaki pants and white t-shirt...

Angels - White or cream dresses may be worn...

Shepherds - Khaki pants and white t-shirts with sandals...

Wise Men - Khaki pants, dark colored t-shirts (blue, purple, navy), and sandals...

Some accessories will be provided (e.g., headdresses for shepherds as well as wings and/or halos for angels).

We have animal costumes available. If your child is assigned the role of an animal, s/he will be provided an appropriate costume for use during the performance.

Music

In the pageant, the entire cast sings “Joy” together; please practice at home! The music and a demo vocal track is available at this URL:

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/grace-anglican/media/joy-\(demo-in-e\).mp3](https://s3.amazonaws.com/grace-anglican/media/joy-(demo-in-e).mp3)

The lyrics are reprinted below.

JOY

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby

Keeping watch over their flocks at night

An angel of the Lord appeared to them

And the glory of the Lord shone around them

And they were terrified but the angel said to them

Do not be afraid I bring you good news

Chorus:

Of great joy that will be for all people

Joy that will be for all people

Today in the town of David

A Savior has been born to you

He is Christ the Lord

He is Christ the Lord

Spoken: And this will be a sign to you:

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the highest

Glory to God in the highest

Glory to God in the highest

And on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests