

CAST

Readers:

- 1 – Asher Long
- 2 – Charles Roederer
- 3 – Dylan Garus
- 4 – Sascha Godfrey
- 5 – Jacob McDowell
- 6 – Grace Fenwick

Shepherds:

- 1 – Asher Long
- 2 – Sarah Fenwick
- 3 – Sierra Godfrey

Adult: Richella Parham

Children:

- 1 – Hudson Rogers
- 2 – Charis Long

Soldiers:

- 1 – Spencer Faison
- 2 – Christian Josey
- 3 – Asher Crump

Angels:

- 1 (appears to Mary) - Anna Faison
- 2 – Anna Josey
- 3 – Reagan Chalfin

Mary: Ainsley Crump

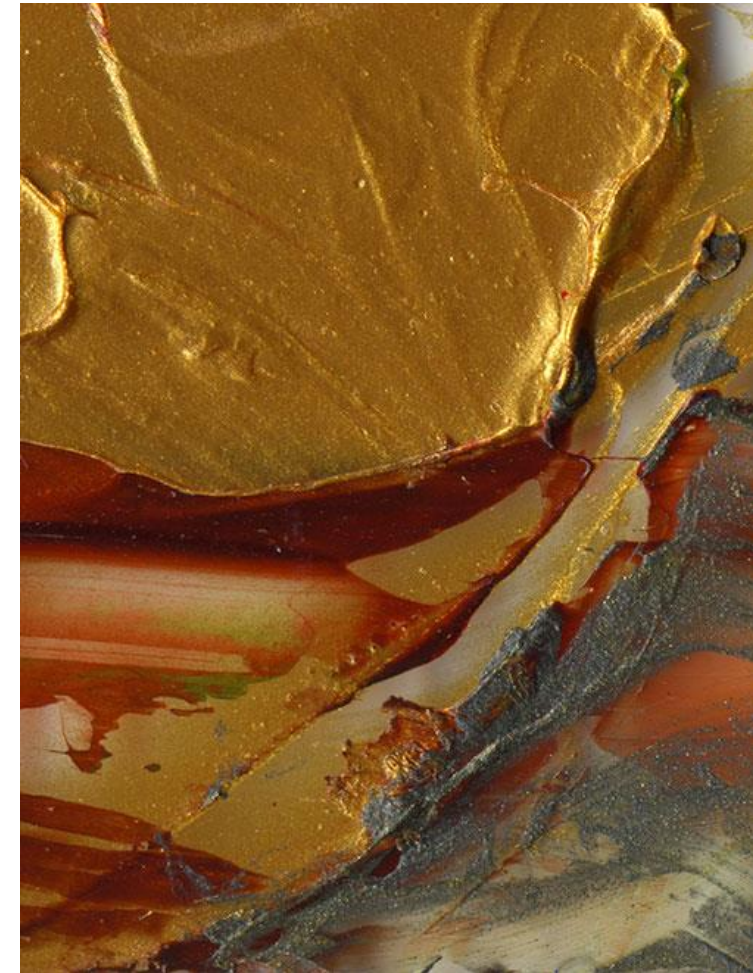
Joseph: John McDowell

Innkeeper: Matthew Chenet

Soloists:

The Friendly Beasts– Audrey Garus,
Judson Roederer, Cannon Close
Do You Hear What I Hear– Abby and Kate Chenet

December 14, 2014



Prepare, by Jan Richardson

Third Sunday of Advent

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

-Isaac Watts

UPCOMING www.allgather.org/calendar	CONTACT	GIVING REPORT www.allgather.org/giving
<p>December 24: Joint Christmas Eve Service with Oak Church</p> <p>For more details on all our December events, please visit: http://www.allgather.org/christmas-at-gathering-church/</p> <p>Potluck today: Please stay after the service today to share a special Christmas potluck!</p> <p>During the month of December, we are accepting nominations for Leadership Team members. To nominate someone, please fill out a ballot at the back table. You may nominate more than one person. You can also nominate someone by visiting: http://www.allgather.org/nominate/</p> <p>Creekside Family Christmas. Our church is providing Walmart gift cards to 50 Creekside families. If you would like to help you may donate \$25 or \$50 to the church (memo – Creekside) or purchase cards and bring them to the church office by Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16. Thank you!</p> <p>Fill out a blue card to receive our church-wide midweek email keeping you abreast of news and opportunities.</p>	<p>Office at Hamilton Centre 1415 W NC54 Ste 114 Durham, NC 27707</p> <p>p919.797.2884 f919.908.1171</p> <p>www.allgather.org @allgather facebook.com/allgather @markacuff #seriousjoygc</p> <p>Access a password-protected Church Directory at: www.allgather.org/info/directory/</p>	<p>2014 Budget Goal: \$360,000</p> <p>2014 YTD Through Nov: \$302,337</p>

GATHERING MUSIC – I PRAY ON CHRISTMAS

CONNICK

Written by Harry Connick, Jr ©1993 Papa S June Music

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

KING JOHN/WADE

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Lyrics by John Francis Wade (1751) and by King John IV of Portugal (Public Domain)

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

TRADITIONAL

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ, whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

See him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

Shepherds, why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Lyrics French Traditional, Translated James Chadwick (1862) and Music by Edwin Barnes (Public Domain)

WELCOME

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is growing in doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

ACT 1 – WAITING FOR THE PROMISE

O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN

SCHULZ

O come, little children, o come one and all
O come, to the manger in Bethlehem's stall
The bright star will guide us and show us the way
To Jesus our Savior, asleep on the hay

The shepherds are kneeling with hearts full of love
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above

He's born in a stable for you and for me
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see

Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast
And join in the song of the heavenly host

Words and Music - *Ihr Kinderlein, Kommet* by Johann Schulz (1840) Translation Unknown (Public Domain)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

TRADITIONAL

Lyrics from 12th Century Latin Chant and Music from 15th Century French Processional - Public Domain

TO A VIRGIN, MEEK AND MILD

BOE/OVERBY/HUSTAD

Lyrics by Vigleik Boe & Oscar Overby (1935) Music – *Lo Desembre Congelat* by Donald Hustad ©1990 Hope Publishing Co.

YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

LEDNER

Lyrics Written by Michael Ledner ©1981 CCCM Music CCLI # 21442

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

REDNER/BROOKS

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

Music by Lewis Redner (1868) Lyrics by Philips Brooks (1867) (Public Domain)

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR

REGNEY/BAKER

Written by Noël Regney (Lyrics) and Gloria Shayne Baker (Music) ©1962 Regney/Baker

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

WESLEY/MENDELSSOHN

Lyrics Written by Charles Wesley (Lyrics) 1739 and Felix Mendelssohn (Music) 1840 (Public Domain)

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

TRADITIONAL

Lyrics by Viglei Traditional 12th Century English Carol. Melody from *Orientis Partibus* (Public Domain)

ACT 2 – THE PROMISE HAS COME

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

RUTTER

Written by John Rutter ©1984

JOY TO THE WORLD

WATTS/MASON

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

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as, the curse is found

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders, of his love

Lyrics by Isaac Watts (1719) Music by Lowell Mason (1839) (Public Domain)