

St. Paul's United Church

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Advent 3, JOY - Musical "We Three Spies"

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Actors and Singers: Youth from St. Paul's and Community

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox, Marina Commisso



WELCOME

CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CAROL MEDLEY: VU#91 "The First Nowell"

1. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell. Nowell. Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain:**
3. And by the light of that same star, three wisemen came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain:**
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain:**

VU#48 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

1. 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 the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
2. 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!"
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen 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!"

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Mary Jane Deacon

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY:

One: On this third Sunday of Advent, we come with joy as a community of faith.

All: We watch, we wait, we wonder.

One: May we bask in the joyful moments that are ours when we take time to notice joy – in the beauty of nature, in the beauty of a single snowflake with its intricate, always unique pattern, or in the many snowflakes that comprise the softly falling snow, or in the play and laughter of children.

All: We embrace joy as we anticipate the birth of Jesus, Mary's new boy.

One: As we light the third candle in our wreath, we take a moment to breathe in the Spirit of joy.

SUNG RESPONSE: "Light a Candle"

Light a candle for joy in the darkness.
In each trial we know you are near;
Advent watching and waiting for Jesus,
God with us, is wiping our tears,
Emmanuel, joy is here; joy is here!

Youth Christmas Musical

WE THREE SPIES

Created by Christy Semsen.
Arranged by Daniel Semsen.

Sshh! Grab your dark shades and go undercover to join the exciting Christmas mission of **WE THREE SPIES**. Agents E, L and F are recruits with the CIK (Christmas Intelligence Kids), a covert group of spies who secretly bring Christmas cheer to the needy. But this year they're facing an especially difficult challenge: keeping Ms. Harriet (pronounced "Har-ret") King, a Scrooge-like landlord, from evicting them from their headquarters, confiscating donations, and cancelling their Christmas Nativity program. It takes a little expert espionage and a lot of God's unconditional love for Ms. King to change her tune as she finally joins the CIK and the entire town in a musical celebration of the true meaning of Jesus' birth. This Christmas, your classified mission – should you choose to accept it – is to join **WE THREE SPIES** as they blow their cover to proclaim joy to the world!

Song: "Undercover"

Scene 1: A New Spy

Song: "Spylent Night"

Scene 2: Meet Ms King

Song "I Don't Like Christmas"

Scene 3: Three New Wise Ones

Song: "God With Us"

Scene 4: A Diversion

Song: "Glory"

Scene 5: Package Discovery

Song: "Hope Was Born This Night"

Scene 6: Eviction

Song: "Be Still, My Soul"

Scene 7: An Outdoor Nativity

Song: "Nativity Medley"

Scene 8: Ms King Has a Change of Heart

Song "I Love Christmas"

YOUTH CAST

Andrew Heffernan: **Commander X**

Madison Torraville: **Ms Harriet King**

Sadie Sharp: **Agent E/Wise One**

Laura Heffernan: **Agent L/Wise One**

William Shantz: **Agent F/Wise One**

Ella Brunet: **Agent Tiny**

Cypress Pelletier: **Josiah/Shepherd**

Eva Toman: **Josephine/Shepherd**

Charlotte Heffernan: **Ms Maple**

Olivia Robitaille: **Spy 1**

Alaelah Pelletier: **Spy 2**

Alistair Whitmore: **Narrator 1/Joseph**

Isla Whitmore: **Narrator 2/Angel**

Faith Knutson: **Narrator 3/Angel**

Avna Wagg: **Narrator 4**

Indigo Stewart: **Narrator 5**

Libby Lapham: **Narrator 6**

Grace Dehnke: **Narrator 7/Mary**

Casey Emery: **"Little Kid"/Angel**

Julia Shantz: **Chorus**

Samina Wagg: **Chorus**

Chloe Robitaille: **Chorus/Scene Announcer**

Austen Zhang: **Chorus/Scene Announcer**

Shayla Brown: **Co-Director**

Gabriela Dell: **Co-Director**

Victoria Warwick – **Music Director**

THANK YOU SO MUCH to this year's cast of "We Three Spies"! We have some cast members who are veterans having done many musicals over the past few years. This year we welcome many newcomers! Their enthusiasm and talent is, as always, inspirational. Thank you so much to Shayla Brown for bringing her music and drama talent, to Gabriela Dell who brings her past experience with drama instruction; to Rick Dell for tech support and over-the-top props, and to all the parents and volunteers who helped in many ways to make this happen!

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER read by Mary Jane Deacon

CLOSING HYMN: VU #43 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

1. The virgin Mary had a baby boy, the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain: He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

Oh, yes! Believer! Oh, yes! Believer!

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

2. The angels sang when the baby was born, the angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born, and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain:

3. The shepherds came where the baby was born, the shepherds came where the baby was
born, the shepherds came where the baby was born, and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain:

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE