

“The Birth of Jesus”

Marionettes Christmas Story

December 1, 2024
 Rev. John Odhner

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And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. (Luke 2:16)

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Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:14)

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” The shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” (Luke 2:13-15)

Hark the Herald Angels Sing25

While we were talking, ... suddenly a burst of light shone about us, dazzling my eyes. So, I looked up, and see! — the whole sky above us appeared lit up, and we heard a glorification echoing across it in long succession from the east to the west. Then the angel said to me, "The glorification you hear is a glorification of the Lord on account of His Advent. (*Married Love* 81)

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For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

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Everyone without exception is born earthly but has the potential to become either heavenly or spiritual. The Lord alone was born both spiritual and heavenly, and this being so, he was born in Bethlehem, on the border of the land of Benjamin. Bethlehem symbolizes heavenly spirituality. (*Secrets of Heaven* 4592.3)

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Song Leader: Lori Odhner
Keyboard: Shawn Rose
Livestreaming: Gareth Messman, Levi McFall
Sound: Lucas Dewees

We do not pass a collection basket during the service. An offertory bowl is located at the entrance for donations to support this church. Donate online at www.brynathynchurch.org.

Announcements

Moms and Tots Morning: December 3, 10:00-11:30 am

Join us for a morning with other moms and tots. Contact Nina with any questions and for specific address location (Nina.Deweese@brynathynchurch.org or 215-947-6225 x206).

Dads Group: December 4, 6:45-8:15 am (Scouts Building)

For dads of all ages. This month's topic is "A Dad's Role at Christmas." Read more about Dads Group at brynathynchurch.org/dads.

Star of Wonder: December 7, 10:00 am-noon (Cathedral)

Children and parents are invited to make ornaments and fresh green table arrangements, as well as decorate cookies. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per child or \$20 per family to cover materials.

Children's Tableaux: December 8, 3:30 pm (Heilman Hall)

These tableaux feature scenes and readings from the Christmas story. They are acted by elementary school students, with singing by the Bryn Athyn Choristers.

Young Children's Special Christmas Outdoor Worship

December 22, 3:30 pm (Cathedral)

This will be a short children's outdoor Christmas worship service on the grounds of the Cathedral near the main parking lot. NOTE: Weather-permitting; cancellation will be posted at www.brynathynchurch.org and on Facebook Friends of Bryn Athyn Church group page.

Lessons and Carols: December 22, 7:30 pm (Cathedral)

The organ preludes start at 7:10 pm. Joined by the Choristers, the Festival Chorus offers a variety of Christmas pieces interspersed with readings by Rev. Jeremy Simons.

Christmas Eve Family Festival Services: 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 pm (Cathedral)

All are welcome.

Christmas Day Adult Service: December 25, 11:30 am (Cathedral)

All are welcome.

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