

**“The Gift” Christmas Pageant**  
**Saturday December 13, 2025 • 2:00 pm**

*PROCESSIONAL*

*“The Snow Lay on the Ground” V. 1*

*Everyone*

Opening Prayer:

*The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci, Priest-In-Charge*

*The Reverend Ted Renaud, Assistant Rector*

*“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*

*Everyone*

**Scene 1 The Announcement to Mary**

**Scene 2 No Room at the Inn**

*“Mary Did You Know?”*

*Olivia Diaz*

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem” V. 1*

*Everyone*

**Scene 3 The Announcement to the Shepherds**

*“The Friendly Beasts”*

*(cast)*

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” V. 1*

*Everyone*

**Scene 4 Adoration of the Child**

*“The First Noel” V. 1*

*Everyone*

*“Away in a Manger” V. 1*

*Little Angels & Choir*

**Scene 5 The Three Kings**

*“We Three Kings”*

*Everyone*

*“Joy to the World” V. 1*

*Everyone*

Final Prayers:

*The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci, Priest-In-Charge*

*The Reverend Ted Renaud, Assistant Rector*

**RECESSIONAL:**

*“Go Tell It On The Mountain” all verses*

*Everyone*

**Welcome to the 2025 Pohick Christmas Pageant!**

The cast, crew and I extend a warm welcome to each of you. We are delighted you are here, and we hope you enjoy our portrayal of the story of our Lord’s birth.

This Christmas Pageant reflects the wonderful gift bestowed upon us in the Christ child, Jesus, or Emmanuel (“God is with Us”). God also granted each of us special gifts he wants us to share with others in our lives, and the children you see in the Pageant are excited to share some of their special gifts with you. We hope you take the opportunity this Christmastide to follow their example and share your gifts.

I am thankful for this opportunity to have worked with the wonderful, talented young people who attend our church. None of this would be possible without the assistance of many, many other people! Please join me in thanking everyone who helped make this production a success:

### **PRESCHOOL- Kindergarten** (Angels)

Teachers: Storytellers: Neil Hogg and Scott Sweetser

Doorpersons: Janet Ayorinde and Ginger Albertson

Children's Chapel: Sally Wise

Kate Hopkins, Wally Boyle, Grayson Dwyer and Elizabeth Corsey

### **FIRST-FOURTH GRADE**

Teachers: Storytellers: Lee Kelley, Catherine Gonzalez, Doorpersons: Sandra Caesar, Molly Diaz  
Kate Corsey (Shepherd C), Avianna Gonzalez (Narrator 1), Mary Emma Cenci (Sheep 1) Evelyn  
Hopkins (Innkeeper), Caroline Masick (Balthazar), Elli Masick (Dove 1), Elliot Bontrager (Dove 2),  
Hope Kelley (Shepherd A), Alek Greathouse (Kasper), Caleb Bontrager (Cow 1)

### **FIFTH - EIGHTH GRADE**

Teachers: Femi Ayorinde and Patrick Riley

Abigail Hopkins (Mary), Samantha Wright (Shepherd B), Ana Diaz (Shepherd), David Diaz (Gabriel),  
Andrew Cenci (Joseph), Rosemarie Schavland (Donkey 1), Elise Arnold (Narrator 2), Caroline  
Billingsley (Narrator 3), Ari Greathouse (Melchoir)

### **NINTH –TWELFTH GRADES**

Teachers: Jen Crump-Strawderman and Molly Diaz

Kaitlyn Wright (Sarah), Barbara Schavland (Camel), Olivia Diaz (Solo)

Pohick is blessed to have people who take time from their busy lives to learn about Jesus all year long. But this is especially true as they come together and tell us the story of his birth. Through this Christmas Pageant, they have learned about God's gift in Jesus and how all of us have God-given gifts to share. You will see and hear some of those gifts during the Christmas Pageant. It is my fervent prayer that the students will come away from these experiences knowing the true meaning of Christmas.

In addition to the talent described above, there are many other people who worked together in a caring and loving way to bring the Christmas Pageant to you. Special thanks are due to the following people:

- Special thanks to Courtney Greathouse and Lisa Arnold, our directors, for guidance with the cast and crew.
- The Rev. Daniel M. Cenci, and the Rev. Ted Renaud, thank you for your guidance and support.
- Susan Pehrsson, our Director of Christian Education for her support and devotion to our young people.
- Neil Hogg, Senior Warden, for his support and encouragement.
- Carolyn Cockroft, for playing the music for the Christmas Pageant.
- Molly Diaz, accompaniment, baritone ukulele
- Our wonderful, loving and giving Church School teachers for teaching the students their lines and songs for the Christmas Pageant. Without their help, the Christmas Pageant would not be possible.

- Olivia Diaz for being the Christmas Pageant soloist.
- Jessica Cenci for fitting the costumes and dressing the students on performance day.
- Chris Brown for setting up and operating the sound equipment.
- Clint Herbert for his unwavering support for the Christian Education Program, including his hard work preparing the set and sign.
- The parents and families of the cast and crew who brought them to rehearsals, helped with their lines, dressed the cast, and did many other things too numerous to mention.
- The members of the Parish for all their support and understanding.
- Connie Myers and Jenny Corsey for preparing hot chocolate and cookies for this event.
- Pehr Pehrsson and Dennis Myers for helping with the set.
- Sandra Caesar, for her unlimited enthusiasm and encouragement for the cast and their families.

And finally, thank you to the many other people who worked behind the scenes and for giving their time and love so that our students could just have fun learning and sharing the story of the birth of Jesus.

**We are so glad you joined us for our Community Event today.**

**We hope you will come and worship with us again!**

- For information about our Christian Education program, please contact Susan Pehrsson, Director, at 703-282-6574 or [spehrsson@pohick.org](mailto:spehrsson@pohick.org).
- For information about our Children's Choir program, please contact Ronald Butts Boehmer, our Minister of Music, at 703-339-6572, or [music@pohick.org](mailto:music@pohick.org).
  - Grades 3-12: The Pohick Youth Choir sings twice monthly with the Pohick Choir at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. (Labor Day to Trinity Sunday)
  - Thursday's 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Additional rehearsals at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday's not singing. (Meets September to Trinity Sunday)
  - St. Francis Choir, Kindergarten-Grade 2, Barbara Lynn, Director
  - Sings monthly at the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Tuesday's 6-6:30 p.m. rehearsal.
  - The Ministry of Music at Pohick Church uses the Royal School of Church Music choir training program offering the RSCM Voice for Life Digital and workbooks for the singers. Currently our choristers have progressed with the *Light Blue*, *Dark Blue* and *Red* level ribbons with medals.

## **Pohick Episcopal Church**

**The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci, Priest-In-Charge**

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# The Snow Lay on the Ground

Traditional Carol

*In unison, cheerfully*

1. The snow lay on the ground, The stars shone bright, When  
 2. 'Twas Ma - ry, daugh-ter pure Of ho - ly Anne, That  
 3. Saint Jo - seph, too, was by To tend the Child; To  
 4. And thus that man - ger poor Be - came a throne; For

Christ our Lord was born On Christ - mas night. Ve -  
 brought in - to this world The God made man. She  
 guard him, and pro - tect His mo - ther mild; The  
 He whom Ma - ry bore Was God the Son. O

- ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num; Ve - ni - te a - do -  
 laid Him in a stall At Beth - le - hem; The ass and ox - en  
 an - gels hovered round, And sung this song, Ve - ni - te a - do -  
 come, then, let us join The heav - nly host, To praise the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

- re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 shared The roof with them. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi -  
 re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 Son, And Ho - ly Ghost.

- num; Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num;

# It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up - on\_\_\_ the mid - night clear, that  
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with  
3. And ye, be - neath\_\_\_ life's cru - shing load, whose  
4. For lo! the days\_\_\_ are has - tening on, by



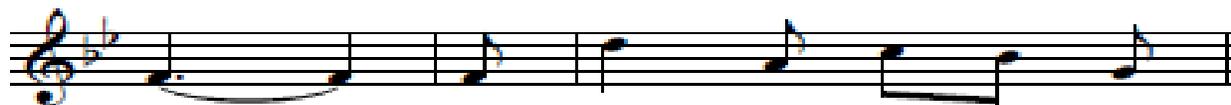
glo - rious song\_ of old,\_\_\_ from an - gels ben - ding  
peace ful wings un - furled,\_\_\_ and still their heaven - ly  
forms are ben - ding low,\_\_\_ who toil a - long\_ the  
pro - phet seen\_ of old,\_\_\_ when with the ev - er -



near the earth to touch their harps\_ of gold:\_\_\_ "Peace  
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;\_ a -  
climb - ing way with pain - ful steps\_ and slow,\_\_\_ look  
cir - cling years shall come the time\_ fore - told\_\_\_ when



on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gra - cious  
bove its sad\_ and low - ly plains, they bend\_ on ho - vering  
now! for glad\_ and gol - den hours come swift - ly on\_\_\_ the  
peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors



King."\_\_\_ The world in so - lemn  
wing,\_\_\_ and e - ver o'er\_\_\_ its  
wing,\_\_\_ O rest be - side\_\_\_ the  
fling,\_\_\_ and the whole world\_\_\_ send



still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.  
Ba - bel sounds, the bles - sed an - gels sing.  
wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing!  
back the song which now the an - gels sing.

# O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga thered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem, des - cend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go  
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won dering  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles sings of his  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to -



by. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the e - ver - las - ting  
love, O mor - ning stars, to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly  
heaven. No ear may hear his co - ming, but in this world of  
day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings



Light; the hopes and fears of  
birth, and prai - ses sing to  
sin, where meek souls will re -  
tell; O come to us, a -



all the years are met in thee to - night.  
God the King, and peace to all on earth.  
ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

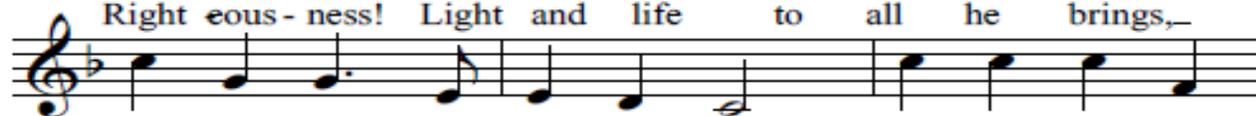
# Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, — Christ, the e - ver -  
3 Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



new - born King: peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, —  
las - ting Lord, late in time be - hold him come, —  
Right eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, —



God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye  
off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb: veiled in flesh the  
risen with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



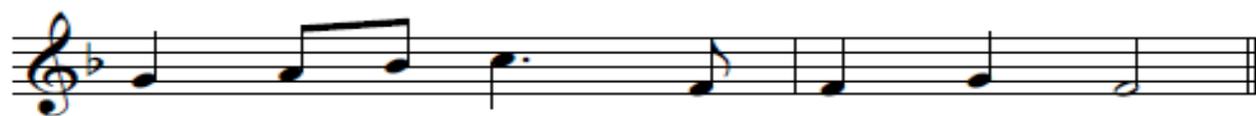
na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —  
Go - dhead see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —  
glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die, —



with th'an - ge - lic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is — born in  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, — our Im -  
born to raise us from the earth, born to — give us



Beth - le - hem!"  
ma - nu - el. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,  
se - cond birth.



"Glo - ry — to the new - born King."

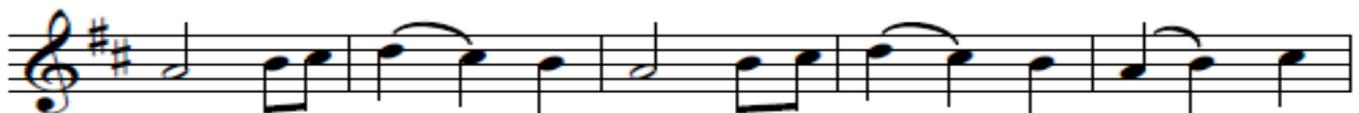
# The First Noel



1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing  
3. And by the light of that same star three  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er  
5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in the east, beyond them far; and to the  
Wise Men came from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem it took its rest; and there it  
rev - erent - ly up - on the knee, and of - fered



they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that  
earth it gave great light, and so it con - ti - nued both  
king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher  
did both stop and stay, right o - ver the place where  
there, in his pre - sence, their gold and myrrh and

## Refrain



was so deep. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -  
day and night.  
e - ver it went.  
Je - sus lay.  
frank - in - cense.



el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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# Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all their songs em -  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

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King. Let ev - ery heart pre - pare him  
 ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

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room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

D
D/A A<sup>7</sup> D

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heaven and na - ture sing,

# Go, Tell It on the Mountain

## Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.

## Parts

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

## to Refrain

be - hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn.

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