Catawba College presents
The 24th Annual Service of Lessons & Carols
Tuesday, 2 December 2008 & Thursday, 4 December 2008
in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel
A Prelude of Christmas Music - 6:30 p.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols - 7:00 p.m.
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A PRELUDE OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC (6:30 p.m.)

The Advent Chorale at the Procession

Angelic voices resound with joyous news. The eternal Word comes to be born in a manger. Sing with the angels, and let all creation echo their song of praise.

THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND BIDDING PRAYER

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Hark! the herald angels sing
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Glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:
In the heavens is the glory of God, and in earth peace, good will among men.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!

The power of darkness is broken, the kingdom of God has come.

Let us listen to the story of God's saving acts from humanity's first disobedience down to the glorious redemption brought to all by this Holy Child.

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within the church Christ formed to be his continuing body
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We prayer for the poor, the helpless, the cold,
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THE SIXTH READING
Isaiah xl, i-xi

The prophet offers words of comfort and hope that foreshadow the teachings of John the Baptist.

THE SECOND READING
St. Luke i, 26-33, 38

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE SEVENTH READING
St. John i, 1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

THE FIRST READING
Isaiah vi, i-iii

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Whose love doth all enfold.

That night He knew no kingly crown nor any regal thing,
No royal robe was ever sewn For such a tiny King.

Yet King He was and is, and Lord Who made our souls His quest;
He by His blood salvation earned And all mankind is blessed.

Let worldly woes yield now to joy And earth's dissensions cease;
This night His radiant face we see And share His perfect peace.

(Donald Greatbatch)

THE FIFTH READING
St. Luke ii, 8-16

The Shepherds go to the manger.

(John Rutter)

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Justin Lewis, baritone soloist; Kristopher Watson, tenor soloist

THE THIRD READING
St. Luke ii, 3-7


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The First Nowell

(arr. John Leavitt)

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Angels we have heard on high

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
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Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
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Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations, guided by Christ's natal star:
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(John Rutter, stanza one)

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THE FOURTH READING

Dr. Elizabeth Homan, Interim Chair and Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre Arts

"Amazing Peace from "Celebrations"

Maya Angelou

(b. 1928)

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(1906-2001)

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Ms. Katie Hill, '10, President of the Student Government Association

THE CAROL
The Catawba Chorale and Children's Chorus
Climb to the top of the highest mountain
Carolyn Jennings

Angelus ad virginem
14th century Irish carol, arr. Sir David Willcocks
Translation of Latin Text:
Gabriel to Mary came, And entered at her dwelling,With his salutation glad Her maiden fears dispelling,"All hail, thou ... shall soon be born in pureness, The Saviour of mankind. Thou art the gate of heaven bright, The sinner's healer kind."

"How could I a mother be That am to man a stranger? How should I my strong resolve, My solemn vows endanger? ""Pow'r from ... have no fear: be of good cheer, Believing that still thy chastity In God's almighty keeping Shall all unsullied be."

(John F. Wade, ca. 1743)

THE SECOND READING
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Mr. Robert J. Casmus, Head Athletic Trainer and Instructor of Physical Education

THE CAROL
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Wonderful Counselor
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Ron Huff

Tell me, who do you call Wonderful Counselor? Oh, glory, hallelujah! Oh, glory, hallelujah!
The shepherd worships a baby in a manger. Oh, glory hallelujah!
The baby Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor. Oh, glory, hallelujah!

(Christina G. Rossetti, 1872)

THE SIXTH READING
St. Matthew ii, 1-11
The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

Dr. Edith Bolick, '70  Interim Provost

THE CAROL
The Catawba Singers
Candlelight Carol
John Rutter
(b. 1946)

The congregation is seated for the Benediction and the Benediction Response.

THE BENEDICTION AND THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING
Dr. Clapp

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE
The Catawba Singers

In the bleak mid-winter
Harold E. Darke
What can I give him, poor as I am(1888-1976)
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wiseman, I would do my part. But, what I can I give him, give my heart.

(Christina G. Rossetti, 1872)
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A Prelude of Christmas Music

A Rhapsody on Christmas Carols

Catawba Wind Ensemble; Dr. Stephen Ettrick, conductor

Claude T. Smith

[1922-1975]

Fantasy on English Carols

Catawba Handbells; Dr. Timothy Bellflowers, conductor

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Douglas Wagner

[1872-1958]

I Saw Three Ships

Market Street Brass Ensemble

Dale Wood, arr. Edward Bush

[1934-1903]

The Nativity Day Carol

Market Street Brass Ensemble

Noel Ravenhorne, arr. Edward Bush

[b. 1929]

The Holy and the Ivy

Catawba Madrigal Singers; Professor Paul E. Oallen, organ

Richard Shepherd

[1949]

The Rod's End, Let a Rose Bloom

Catawba Madrigal Singers, Melissa Alessi, mezzo-soprano

Craig Hally Johnson

[b. 1942]

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Catawba Handbells; Dr. Timothy Bellflowers, conductor

Once in Royal David's City

Market Street Brass Ensemble

J. Wayne Kert, arr. Edward Bush

THE ADVENT CHORALE AT THE PROCESSION

Ano, Your Light Has Come

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