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December 11, 2011

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA, 7:00 P. M.

*Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Hench
Greeters: Mrs. Janet Noggle and Mrs. Marge Crum*

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

PASTOR : Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dayspring from on high has visited us.

PEOPLE: To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

UNISON: To guide our feet into the way of peace! (Luke 1:78, 79)

*The Invocation

*The Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #250

The Welcome and Announcements

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology

*The Offertory Prayer

The Christmas Musical **A BABY CHANGES EVERYTHING**

created by Deborah Graig-Claar and David T. Clydesdale

Organist: Michael Minnich
Pianist: Elaine Shughart
Choir Director: Diana Ciucci
Lighting: Pastor Greg Hench
Audio: Chris Campbell
Pastor Greg Hench

Characters:

Storyteller: Mary Jane Shatto
Miriam: Sally Bigham
Cassius: John Gross
Sarah: Rachel Gobin
Aaron: Nicholas Kuhn

Hannah: Karen Neidig
Seth: Wally Walters
Nathan: Dwain Ronan
Rebekah: Maria Kinsler

Scene A	<u>One More Silent Night</u>	Senior Choir
Scene B	<u>Your Light Has Come</u>	Senior Choir
Scene C	<u>A Baby Changes Everything</u>	Solo: Julie Gross Senior Choir
Scene D	<u>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</u> <u>Precious Jesus, Precious Savior with O Come Little Children with We Fall Down</u>	Solo: Brian Bittinger Senior Choir Solo: Amanda Peters Junior Choir Senior Choir
Scene E	<u>While You Were Sleeping</u>	Solo: Todd Bittinger Senior Choir
Scene F	<u>A Baby Changes Everything (Reprise)</u>	Solo: Julie Gross Senior Choir
Scene G	<u>My Heart is Bethlehem</u>	Trio: Don Campbell Elizabeth Kuhn Alan Mathna Senior Choir
Scene H		Solo: Rachel Gobin
Scene I	<u>Come and Worship Medley</u> <u>Includes Your Light Has Come</u> <u>Angels We Have Heard On High</u> <u>Angels from the Realms of Glory and</u> <u>O Come, All Ye Faithful</u>	Senior Choir Congregation joins

Congregation sings:

*Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the new born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*Come to Bethlehem behold Him, Christ the Lord, the new born King
In a Manger bed adore Him, with the Angel voices sing:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the new born King!*

*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!
O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him!
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

**Those who are able may stand.*

Special thanks to the following for helping with staging and costumes:

Jean Ilgenfritz Christian Kuhn Justin Kuhn
Gary Prosser Jean Rowett

A special thank you to Tammy Gitt for sharing her expertise and working closely with all areas of tonight's program.

On behalf of all of those involved in this cantata, we wish you a very blessed Christmas and the very best New Year!

VISITORS: It is so nice that you are able to be with us during our Christmas Musical. First Church of God's regular schedule of services is printed in the bulletin, and we invite you to share with us in any of these. Please feel free to make yourself better known to us by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate, or by signing our guest book in the back of the sanctuary. We appreciate your attendance with us this evening!

The Nursery is open but is not staffed this evening.

Tonight the offering will be given in its entirety to the construction costs of one of our mission churches in Brazil. In October work had to stop on the Brazil Campo Grande Church construction project due to lack of funds. A donor has recently offered to match gifts towards the completion of the construction of this church. This generous offer means our "Christmas gift" will be doubled. Although this is not the church where Missionary Mike and Natihna Poe are currently working, Missionary Mike began his ministry in Brazil at Campinas (population—2 million) and was instrumental in working with Pastors in the Campinas area. With a donor pledging to double all gifts given through December 31, we thought it a great time to direct our Christmas musical offering to our mission work in Brazil. (Checks can be made payable to "Carlisle First Church of God")

CHRISTMAS EVE—7:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This year our Candlelight Service will include the singing of carols, special music, a meditation by Pastor Greg and the traditional lighting of candles conducted by our EDGE participants. Please mark your calendars to pause and worship .

DECEMBER 25 9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship Service with children remaining in the sanctuary for the Object Lesson and the remainder of the service. No Junior Church and No Sunday School on this morning.
—Nursery

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES:

- 9:30 a.m.—Worship
 - Junior Church for children age 4 through Grade 4
 - Nursery
- 10:40 a.m.—Sunday School classes for every age
 - Nursery

WEDNESDAYS - Family Night Programs resume in January