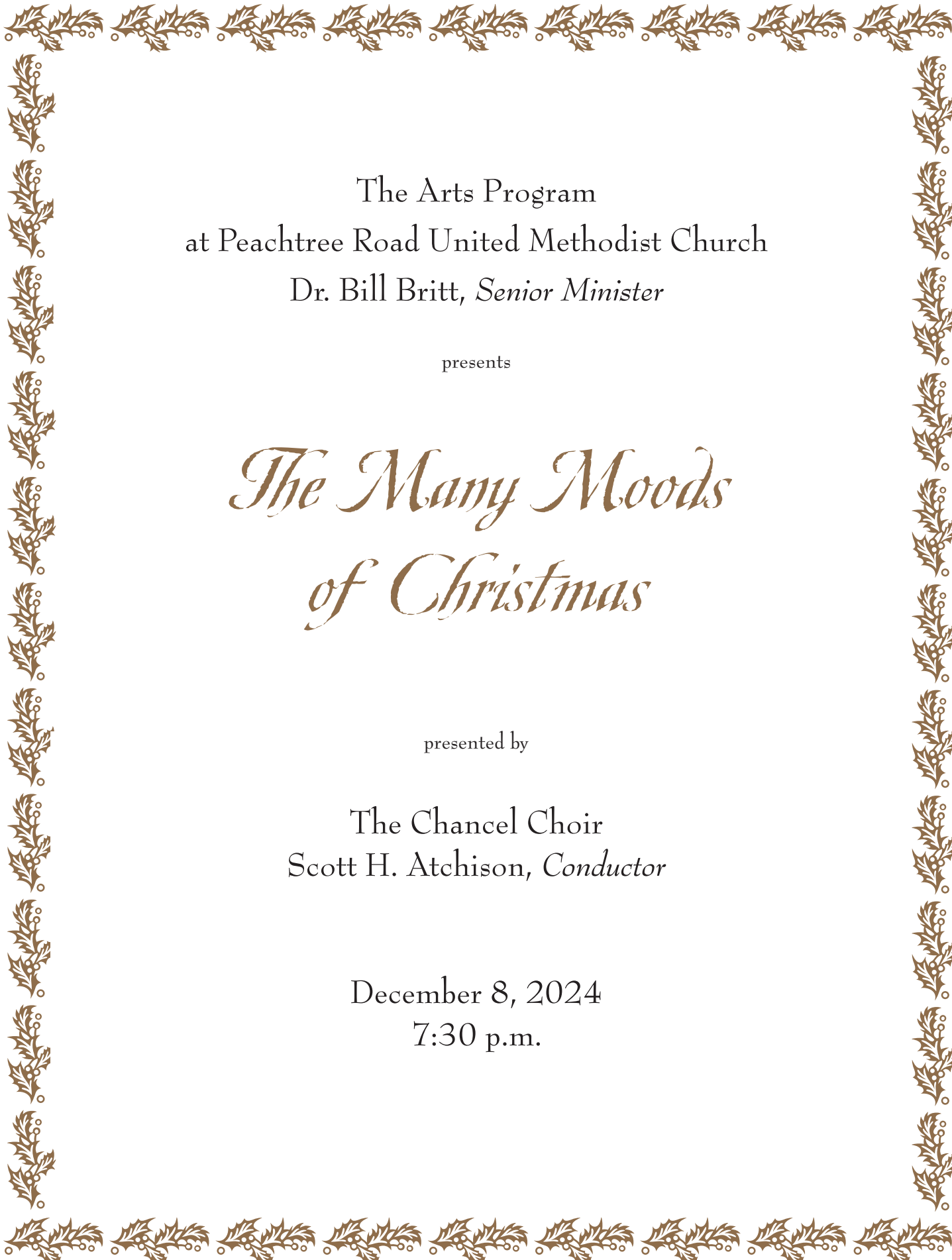




PEACHTREE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The Many Moods of Christmas*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024



The Arts Program  
at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church  
Dr. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*

presents

*The Many Moods  
of Christmas*

presented by

The Chancel Choir  
Scott H. Atchison, *Conductor*

December 8, 2024  
7:30 p.m.

## WELCOME

INVOCATION .....Dr. Bill Britt,  
Senior Minister

## PROGRAM

### PART I

*Messiah*.....G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

### PART THE FIRST

#### The Prophecy and Realization of God's Plan of Redemption

*Sinfony* (overture)

#### God's Comfort and Promise

Recitative: *Comfort ye my people* (Isaiah 40:1-3)  
Air: *Every valley shall be exalted* (Isaiah 40:4)  
William Green, *tenor*  
Chorus: *And the glory of the Lord* (Isaiah 40:5)  
Recitative: *Behold, a virgin shall conceive*  
Aria and  
Chorus: *O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion*  
Emily Skilling, *alto*

#### The Distance between God and Man

Recitative: *For behold, darkness shall cover the earth* (Isaiah 60:2-3)  
Air: *The people that walked in darkness* (Isaiah 9:2)  
John Arnold, *bass*

#### The Message of Joy

Chorus: *For unto us a Child is born* (Isaiah 9:6)

#### The Christmas Message of the Gospel

Recitative: *There were shepherds abiding in the field* (Luke 2:8)  
*And lo! The angel of the Lord came upon them* (Luke 2:9)  
Recitative: *And the angel said unto them* (Luke 2:10-11)  
*And suddenly there was with the angel* (Luke 2:13)  
Mary Fetterman, *soprano*  
Chorus: *Glory to God in the highest* (Luke 2:14)

#### A Symbolic Representation of Christ's Sojourn on Earth

Air: *Rejoice greatly, o daughter of Zion* (Zacharias 9:9-10)  
Mary Fetterman, *soprano*  
Chorus: *His yoke is easy, and His burthen is light* (Matthew 11:30)  
Chorus: *Hallelujah* (Revelation 19:6)

# INTERMISSION – FIFTEEN MINUTES

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Bill Britt

## PART II

*O Magnum Mysterium, Alleluia! Puer Natus Est Nobis*..... Nicholas White  
(b. 1967)

*O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
jacentem in praesepe!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Christum.  
Alleluia.*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord Christ.  
Alleluia.

The Chamber Singers  
Juliana Bolaño, *soprano*

*A babe is born*..... William Mathias  
(1934-1992)

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus*. At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was; and him to serve God give us grace, *O lux beata Trinitas*. There came three kings out of the East, to worship the King that is so free, with gold and myrrh and frankincense, *A solis ortus cardine*. The angels came down with one cry, a fair song that night sung they in worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!*

*15th century, anonymous*

*Nativity Carol*..... John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; born 'neath light of star He who loved us so. Far away, silent he lay, born today, your homage pay, for Christ is born for aye on Christmas Day. Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby; over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky. Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills worship this babe so rare, hearts with his warmth he fills. Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow; innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know.

*Oxford Choral Song*

*Christmas Flourish*.....Randol Bass  
(b. 1953)



*Me Thinks I See an Heavenly Host*.....William Billings  
(1746-1800)

*Joy to the World*.....George Friderich Handel  
(1685-1759)

*Silent Night, Holy Night* ..... Franz Gruber  
(1787-1863)

Mary Fetterman, *soloist*

*Angels We Have Heard on High* ..... French Carol  
France, 19th Century

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*.....J. F. Wade  
(1711-1786)  
arr. David Willcocks  
(b. 1919)

Congregation and Choir  
† *Please stand as the introduction begins*

*Stanza one*

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:

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Stanza two*

Sing, Choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, Glory in the highest:  
*Refrain*

*Stanza three*

Yea, Lord we Greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:  
*Refrain*

† *the people sit.*

*A Spotless Rose* ..... Paul Mealor  
(b. 1975)

A spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter and the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; through God's great love and might the blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

The Georgia Boy Choir

THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS ..... Robert Shaw and  
Robert Russell Bennett  
(Twentieth Century)



*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* ..... Harmonized by J.S. Bach  
Germany, 1664

*The First Nowell* ..... Traditional English  
England, 1833

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* ..... L.H. Redner  
United States, 1908

*I Saw Three Ships* ..... Traditional English  
England

*Deck The Halls with Boughs of Holly* ..... Traditional Welsh  
Wales

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Complimentary childcare for ages 3 and under for the 4:00 & 6:00 pm service.

**11:00 am | THE FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS**

A celebration of the Eucharist.

**4:00 pm | FAMILY CANDLELIGHT & PAGEANT**

Children's Choirs and Christmas Pageant with nativity characters.

**6:00 pm | FAMILY CANDLELIGHT & PAGEANT**

Children's Choirs and Christmas Pageant with nativity characters.

**8:00 pm | FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

Chancel Choir and Festival Orchestra herald in this most Holy Night.

**10:30 pm | FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Chancel Choir and Festival Orchestra with a celebration of the Eucharist.





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