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DECEMBER 31, 2016



WELCOME

to Pioneer

"Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always" (1 Chronicles 16:9-11 NIV).

What a privilege and joy is granted to us to assemble and worship our God and Saviour on this communion worship service. We welcome you and we wish you God's rich blessings as we worship together.

"For he is our God. We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep in his care. Today, oh that you would hear his voice" (Psalm 95:7 WEB!)

—Don Dronen

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FEAST OF LIGHTS: GIVING BACK TO YOU

BY BYRON GRAVES

If you have lived in Berrien Springs for any length of time, you have probably attended or at least heard of the the annual Andrews Academy Feast of Lights Christmas program. I still remember the feeling of awe I felt hearing the music and seeing the candles in such a huge and beautiful church during my first Feast of Lights experience as a teenager freshly arrived from our much smaller church in Virginia. Little did I know that fifteen years later I would be helping lead this inspiring event.

Feast of Lights was first conceived by longtime Andrews Academy principal Richard Orrison in 1972. Dr. Orrison had attended a different Feast of Lights put on annually by the University of Redlands in southern California while he was dean at La Sierra University, and he was so impressed by it that he decided to borrow the idea for Andrews Academy. An

Andrews Academy tradition was born and this year we celebrated our 44th annual Feast of Lights program on Friday, December 9.

There have been many small traditions within the larger one; for many years, every student at Andrews Academy sang in the Chapel Choir at Feast of Lights, and a guest alumnus was invited to perform. A more recent addition is the presentation

of large scale choral and orchestral works such as Vivaldi's Gloria and Handel's Messiah. Some old traditions continue still, such as the live nativity, student-drawn cover artwork for the program (visit www.facebook.com/andrewsacademyAA to see a selection of Feast of Lights covers over the years), and of course, singing the Hallelujah chorus and Silent Night to close the evening.

Along with my friend and fellow music director, Héctor Flores, I am often the public face of Feast of Lights. Even my son Asher had a cameo role as baby Jesus last year. But what the audience does not see is that every one of our faculty and staff is involved

behind the scenes, along with many parents and students who are not performing onstage. Whether it be decorating the church in the days leading up to the concert, choreographing the nativity, running the spotlights, or vacuuming the floor

after the program, I am extremely grateful for the countless hours these individuals spend creating an atmosphere that reminds us of years past and points us to the infant King.

As you can see, Feast of Lights is more than just a school Christmas program. Besides the nearly 1000 people in onsite attendance, nearly 3000 people watched it on Facebook Live this year, with many

FEAST OF LIGHTS WAS FIRST CONCEIVED BY LONGTIME ANDREWS ACADEMY PRINCIPAL RICHARD ORRISON IN 1972.



others watching via the website live-stream and later on YouTube (https://youtu.be/5h-EGoSAZ_o). The PMC Media Team and the University's Department of Telecommunications have been instrumental in helping us add the technological elements to make this a worldwide concert. But beyond its production value, Feast of Lights has always been about something deeper. As Dr. Orrison envisioned it nearly half a century ago, this program is about the academy giving something back to the community. Through the musical retelling of Christ's birth, we strive to live up to the subtitle on the program, "Honoring God's

Gift to the World," as we give this Christmas gift to you. ■

Byron Graves is the band and handbell director at Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

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WE WORSHIP

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THE CALL

The Meditation

What Wondrous Love Is This? • Traditional American

The Introit

Come, Every Soul by Sin Oppressed • John Stockton

The Invocation

Sharon Terrell

THE CELEBRATION

In Praising

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • 154

In Baptism

Chaiwa Chende & Sarah Brown Chende
with Sharon Terrell

In Praying

Don Dronen
O Come, All Ye Faithful • st. 1 of 132

In Giving

PMC Operating Expense • John Youngberg
I Know a Fountain • Benjamin Harlan

In Proclaiming

"A Sign of Love Complete" • Sharon Terrell

THE CLEANSING

After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them. -John 13:12-17 CEB

THE COMMUNION

In Reading

Millie Youngberg

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom." Then, after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives. -Mark 14:17, 22-25 CEB

In Praying

John Youngberg

In Partaking

Come to the Table of the Lord • J. Althouse

THE COMMITMENT

In Singing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing • 407

In Blessing

In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

In Leaving

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Jan Bender

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Elizabeth Wilson, soprano

MUSIC ALIVE

"OUR"

The year that is concluding has occasioned many issues of individuality versus community. What a word of power "our" is in hymns of Christian faith! Yes, many hymns are meaningfully in the first person singular, using "I," "my," "mine." Those occupy an important place as hymns of personal devotion. But what is the profound message of a hymn like "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (hymn

no. 103), having four occurrences of "our" in its first stanza alone! In fact, an alternate version has even the first word as "Our:" "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past!" The "ours" communicate subtly, yet importantly, a message of community. For God not just to be one's own help, but "our" help, should be a profound encouragement as we begin a new year. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Jimmer Mun

Scripture & Prayer

John 1:14 • Mordekai Ongo

Special Feature

"The Year in Review"
Focus Group with Sabbath School Superintendents,
Council, & Class members

Offertory

Bible Study

"Some Lessons From Job" • Classes

Theme Song

Make Me a Blessing

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson
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Benediction

Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Ryan Clough

| TRANSFERS IN |

ATISME, Glimps
 BARNUM, Alexandra
 BRAMUCCI, Madison
 BRAMUCCI, Mekhi
 EDWARDS, Aileen
 HARVEY-BRAMUCCI, Nicole
 JAMES, Michael
 JAMES, Sarah
 MBAIWA, Galaletsang

| TRANSFERS OUT |

ANDRADE, Cristiane
 ANDRADE, Erick
 ANDRADE, Nicole
 ANDRADE, Rodrigo
 DUBOV, Alexander
 HEISEY, Dean
 HEISEY, Deborah
 MNGO, Zachary
 NAMIREMBE, Angeline
 ORDAZ, Heidi
 SHOCKEY, Brian
 THUMBALAMOTO, Jedidah
 VILLANUEVA, Elia Lopez
 WEBBER, Ashley
 WEBBER, Jeff
 WESTON, Camille

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 5:23
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:29

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

“Storm: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark”—1

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

“Storm: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark”—2

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Tonight many will gather with family and friends to bring in the New Year. In the middle of celebrating and making New Year’s resolutions, some take time to recall how God led and intervened over the past 365 days. Has God blessed you during 2017? Have you been blessed through the ministries of PMC? It’s the last day of the year. Why not respond through a special thank offering today?

Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come to a hymn and prayer session to usher in the New Year!

Ten Days of Prayer

JANUARY 1-10 • 6:45 PM
4731 GREENFIELD DR.

Come and join the Youngberg's at their home as we intercede for our families, church, and for the outpouring of the Latter Rain. Each night there will be a short presentation by a number of presenters. Start the New Year right—on your knees.

New Year House of Prayer

JANUARY 4 • 7:00 PM
PMC SANCTUARY

Let’s join together to welcome the New Year with a prayer service on Wednesday evening, January 4, 7:00, in the Pioneer sanctuary. Given how 2017 is already shaping up to become, isn’t it high time God’s people band together in collective prayer? *“Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you; and you will glorify Me”* (Psalm 50:13). *“We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the day of Pentecost. If they needed it at that time, we need it more today”* (Prayer 119). So come with your Bible. Let’s pray.

Instruments for Cuba

Do you have a small wind or string instrument that is not being used or is forgotten in your closet? Dozens of kids in Cuba would love to have it and learn how to play. Donate it today and make a child sing for joy as we will personally take it to Cuba. Simply drop the instrument at the MDiv office (Seminary building), or call 269.471.3538 or write to mdivstudy-tour@andrews.edu. Give the gift of Music. Donate an instrument today!

PMC Office Closed

The PMC office will be closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year holiday. We will be open at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 3, and look forward to serving you.

PMC Youth Mission team in Honduras

Our PMC Youth Mission team has completed an outstanding Friendship Camp at the REACH International school in Honduras. As co-directors Josés Ngugi and Eliana Iller provided excellent leadership for the camp. Additionally many hours of service were provided to children's home. Glenn Russell, Mission team leader, reports that "We have seen many answers to prayers. The 22 member team also provides large Christmas food donations to over 50 families in the community. Thank you for your prayers and support of PMC youth missions."

Church Kitchen

Some things are missing from our church kitchen. Please make sure any items you may have borrowed from the kitchen are returned. Thank you!

Year-end Contributions

Today is the last Sabbath to return your tithe and offerings for 2016. Your donation needs to be postmarked no later than December 31 to be included in your 2016 tax deductible receipt. You can also make your contribution online. Go to www.pmchurch.org and click on Giving. Contributions made by 11:59 PM on December 31 will be included in your 2016 tax-deductible receipt.

GROW More Hope in 2017

Lead a GROW Group between February 20 and April 30, 2017. It's as simple as 1, 2, 3. (1) Think of a subject or activity that you are passionate about. (2) Invite at least 2 others to join you. (3) Sign up at www.pmchurch.org/grow so that more can join. Help us grow more hope, community and friends for Christ in 2017! For questions or ideas, contact Pastor Sabine at growgroups@pmchurch.org or 269.471.6153.

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