

Cantata Participants

Josh Bogus, soloist	June P. Ellis	Mary— Mandy Stant
Fred Dismore, soloist	Frances P. Johnson	Joseph— Josh Bogus
Amy Kellen, soloist	Mary Kobb	Angel Gabriel— Jim Curtis
Mandy Stant, soloist	Barbara Roscoe	Shepherd— Larry Josefowski
Diane Bean	Ruby L. Schaffer	AJ McLellan
Gail K. Benson	Grover W. Johnson	Wise Men— Levi Young
Michele Dryda	Howard Rowley	Jim Thistlewood
Nancy Franks	Kirk Wiltshire	Carlos Reyes
Sherri Harrell	Anne Albiez	Angels— Ally McLellan
Ann Baker Horsey	Lyle K. Briggs	Madeline Devine
Jean King	Pat Root	Bella Redick
Nancy Jo Lambertson	Angel Choreographer— Ally McLellan	
Shirley Mayhew	Sound— Tony McLellan	
Sigrid Mills	Media— Ray Yarnall	

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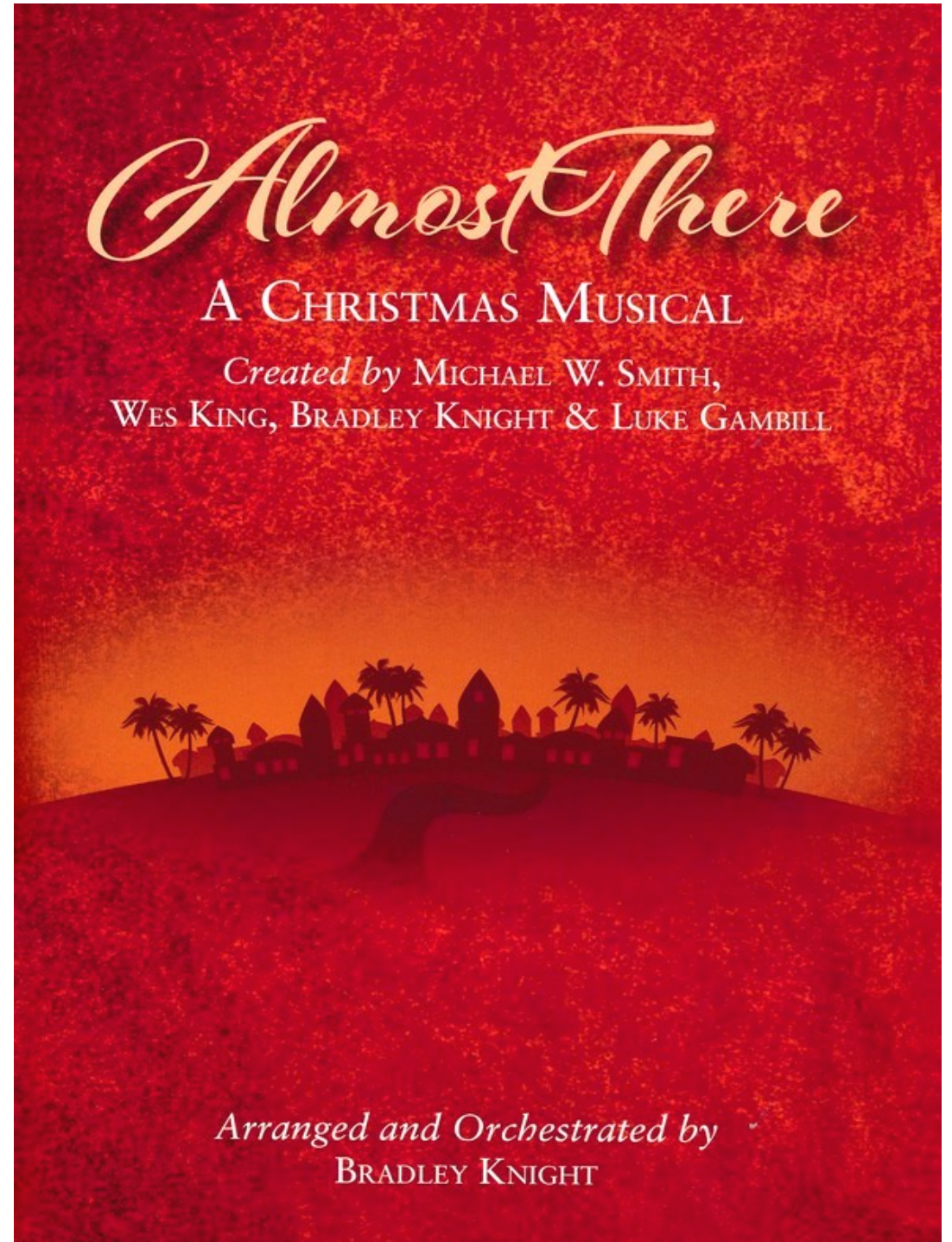
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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(† Indicates congregation standing for those who are able.)

Prelude *Meditation on "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"* David Wilkins
14th Century German Carol, Arr. Gilbert Martin, USA 1972

Greeting-Announcements Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

† Call to Worship: Lighting the Advent Candle¹

Reader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." In the beginning was the Word— spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

People: Speak it loud and clear— God's promise is true!

Reader: The Word was in the beginning, and through him all things come into being.

People: Eternal and near at hand, Already and not-yet, God's promise is the foundation of all life.

Reader: Do not hold back! Speak out, giving voice to God's peace that passes all understanding.

† Opening Prayer² (Unison)

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Advent Song **Verse 2**
The Advent Song is located inside on the back cover (right-hand side) of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Almost There, A Christmas Musical
Michael W. Smith, Wes King, Bradley Knight & Luke Gambill

Narrator Doug Grudzina

Overture**The Bells****John 1 (In The Beginning)****Hark! The Herald Angels Sing with Joy To The World!**

Almost There Amy Kellen & Fred Dismore, Soloists

Joseph's Song Josh Bogus, Soloist

The Inn In Bethlehem Josh Bogus, Soloist

The Child Is Born Mandy Stant, Soloist

Emmanuel / Gloria!

Christmas Medley -- O Come, All Ye Faithful, The First Noel, Angels We Have

Heard On High, Joy To The World! -- *Becky Davis, Director, will turn and motion for the congregation to stand, if able, to join the choir in singing using the insert or words on the screen.*

The Bells (Reprise)

Advent Hymn ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, vs. 1*** **UMH 196**

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory ***All Earth is Waiting to See the Promised One (Toda la Tierra)***
Catalonian Melody, Arr. Alberto Taule, Spain 1972

† **Doxology** ***There's a Spirit in the Air, vs. 1*** **UMH 192**

Ω Passing of the Peace (Let us exchange signs of God's reconciliation and love.)
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE† **Benediction**

† **Closing Hymn** ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*** **UMH 213**
Verses 2,3,4

† **Postlude** ***Go, Tell It on the Mountain***
African-American Spiritual, Arr. Robert Thygerson, USA 2006

Those wishing to partake in communion may do so immediately following the Closing Hymn in St. Paul's Chapel.

¹ Ministry Matters² A Disciple's JournalUMH: *United Methodist Hymnal* (Navy)FWS: *The Faith We Sing* (Black)W&S: *Worship and Song* (Green)