

LANCASTER
CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CONCERT
Monumental Chancel Choir

MONUMENTAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
450 DINWIDDIE STREET
PORTSMOUTH, VA 23704

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MONUMENTAL UMC ONE LICENSE, NET NUMBER: A-720155.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2021
4:00 P.M.

Professor A.J. Lancaster

In 1911 Arthur J. Lancaster, an Englishman, became the director of music at Monumental Methodist Church. He would serve the church for 50 years until his death in 1961.

He also brought his gifts to the community during much of that time by teaching and directing music programs for 30 years from 1929 through 1959 in the Portsmouth school system. From 1929 through 1947 he directed vocal music at Woodrow Wilson High School and from 1947 through 1959 he directed the entire Portsmouth school system's music programs.

He was honored as Portsmouth's First Citizen in 1959 for his dedication to the cause of music. In that ceremony he was described as someone who would go anywhere to teach any student or reach any audience with an interest in music.

Written by:
*Margaret Windley,
Monumental UMC
Historian*

Thank You for your attendance today!

If you would like to make a contribution to support the fine arts ministry at Monumental, please leave it in one of the collection plates located near the doors.

Make check payable to Monumental UMC, designated fine arts fund.

**Monumental holds in person worship service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Please join us. All are invited!**

**On-line worship service is offered on Facebook and our web site:
Monumentalumc.org**

UPCOMING

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
Friday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.**

**COVID 19 SAFETY PROTOCOL
MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCE WHERE POSSIBLE.**

Coleman Nursery Nativity

The Nativity is open Saturdays from 11am-5pm and Sundays, from 12:30pm -5pm. These hours will be in effect each Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 19.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to all the concert participants for making this program possible.

A special thanks to Stacy West, Carol Thomas Downing and the Virginia Children's Chorus - <http://www.vachildrenschorus.org>

Program

Opening Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Hymn #250

*1st & 2nd verses – Solo
3rd verse - Choir
4th verse – All*

Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8

Anthem

“How Beautiful Upon the Mountains”

J. Stainer

Lesson

Jeremiah 23:3-6

Carol

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Hymn #216

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem

“Before the Marvel of this Night”

C. Schalk

Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Anthem

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Jacques

Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Carol

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

(See Insert)

Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Anthem

“Candlelight Carol”

J. Rutter

Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Carol

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

(See Insert)

Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem

“There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth”

F. Mendelssohn

Closing Carol

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn #240

Choral Benediction

“Lullaby”

A. Lancaster

PARTICIPANTS

Director/Organist

Nicholas John Steltzer

Organist/Accompanist

Brad Norris

Soprano

Celia Alexander

Marlene Braun

Wendy Roane

Donna Scott

Sandra Tarkenton

Joyce Thacker

Noah West

Rhys West

Alto

Michele Berger

Annette Crandall

Ellen Comstock

Hunter Ott

Martha Underwood

Tenor

Al Crandall

Art Morgan

Jay Slater

Bass

Bob Berger

John Epperson

David Roane

Robert Scott

Heath Suarez

Readers

Ann Stewart

Harry Spears

Delores Stike

Lila Suarez

Rosemary Epperson

Barrett Richardson

Ray Comstock