

BRUNSWICK UNITING CHURCH

A CHRISTMAS CREATURE ADVENTURE

7pm Christmas Eve 2022



Story by Caitlin Mullen-Beagley
Directed by Blessing Mokgohloa

Welcome

CHOIR: **The friendly beasts**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 2:1-20**

SCENE 1

SONG: **The Virgin Mary had a baby boy**, TiS 307

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name was Jesus.

*He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom,
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom,
O yes, believer, O yes, believer, he come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.*

2. The angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
and proclaim him the baby Jesus.

3. The wise men saw where the baby born,
the wise men saw where the baby born,
the wise men saw where the baby born,
and they say that his name was Jesus.

Scene 2

SONG: **The first nowell**, TiS 301

1. The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.*

2. When they looked up they saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light
and so it continued both day and night.

6. Now let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth from naught,
and with his blood salvation brought.

Scene 3

SONG: Donkey, donkey plod along, ATAR 594

Donkey donkey plod along
Donkey donkey it won't be long
Take it easy with your load
Not much further down the road.

1. Stepping on the dirt and stones, careful as you go!
Don't you jump if a rabbit hops across the road.
The bush galahs all screech away, the magpies warble on;
To help along the way they sing their song.

2. There's a girl, tired and sore, riding on your back;
There's a man, he walks in front, down the dusty track.
See the sun? When it goes down you can rest again;
You'll be in a shed in Bethlehem.

3. When you're there you'll know why the 'roos don't bound away,
Why you must beat the haze and get them there this day;
For tonight in Bethlehem a tiny king is born
Thanks to you this donkey, tired and worn.

Scene 4

SONG: **As with gladness**, TiS 314

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your glory see.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before one whom heaven and earth adore:
so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare at your cradle rough and bare:
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide;
5. in the heavenly country bright need they no created light:
you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down.
There for ever may we sing hallelujahs to our King.

Scene 5

CHOIR: **There is room at the inn**

Scene 6

SONG: **Silent Night**, TiS 311

1. Silent night, holy night: all is calm, all is bright
round the virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night: shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.'

3. Silent night, holy night: wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born, Christ our Saviour is born.

Closing

SONG: **Joy to the world**, TiS 268

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns; let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Christmas Blessing

A Creatures' Christmas Adventure

written by Caitlin Mullen-Beagley

Direction and Script Revisions by: Blessing Mokgohloa

Cast

Minister:	Ian Ferguson	More sheep:	Jacob Ly Josh Whitty
Cast (in order of appearance)		Shepherds:	Tonia Beggs Cindy Davenport
Herald 1:	Greta Drimmel	Camel 1:	Eloise Chatelier
Herald 2:	Jude Chatelier	Camel 2:	Avonlea Cameron
Donkey:	Harriet Loynd	Camel 3:	Ruby Sanders
Angel Donkey:	Clementine Loynd	Wise Ones:	Saide Cameron Blessing Mokgohloa Janet Watson Kruse
Angels:	Irene Chen Rowan Drimmel Maxine Loynd Bridie Turner	Cat:	Anya Kvensakul
Sheep 1:	Matilda Brown	Innkeeper:	Ruth Sandy
Sheep 2:	Lillian Sanders	Mary:	Steph Gesling
Sheep:	Oscar Davenport Scarlet Davenport Rafa Hallinan	Joseph:	Matt Whitty
		Baby Jesus:	Samuel Whitty

Crew

Director:	Blessing Mokgohloa	Publicity:	Saide Cameron Blessing Mokgohloa
Assistant Directors:	Joel Hallinan Janet Watson Kruse	Catering:	Anita Brown-Major Cindy Davenport Catherine Drimmel Maxine Loynd
Pageant Team:	Saide Cameron, Ian Ferguson, Steph Gesling, Alison Nixon, Elaine Potter, Natalie Sims	Front of House:	Emily Evans Ruth Sandy
Set Design:	Irene Chen	Stage Hands:	Irene Chen Bridie Turner
Sound Operator:	Michael Cameron		
Laptop Operator:	Hugh Brown		
Livestream Operator:	Dave Miller		
Gimbal Operator:	Ray Cameron		
Photographer:	Adrian Brown		

Music

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Choral items

The Friendly Beasts, Orientis Partibus, W.J. Kirkpatrick, arr Dan Forrest
There is room at the inn - Tony Backhouse

Musicians & Choristers

Choir Director:	Leigh Johnston	Musicians:
Elaine Potter	Jessica Kvensakul	Elaine Potter
Choir:	Courtney Rodhe	(co-ordinator)
James Balsillie	Helen Rowe	James Balsillie
Daniel Broadstock	Kate Skull	Brad Coath
Anoushka Chatelier	Natalie Sims	Sam Coath
Glenice Cook	Geoff Thompson	Hudson Coath
Sheryll Coulson	Shelley Vanderwerff	Quilan Goff
Jean Evans	Daniel Whelan	Courtney Rodhe
Ian Ferguson	Shawn Whelan	



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- Waiting to return home – Sri Lanka
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Christmas worship continues ...

Worship by candlelight, 11:30pm

Holy Communion

Music, readings and prayers by candlelight

Christmas Day, 9:30am

We celebrate the birth of Christ

We seek to be an inclusive and engaged community offering worship, music, programs for people of all ages, a food co-op, outreach and social activities.

You are always welcome to drop in.

We acknowledge that we worship, work, laugh and play on the traditional lands of the Kulin nations.

We worship on Sundays throughout the year, 9:30am

Rev. Ian Ferguson, 0438 547 842

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