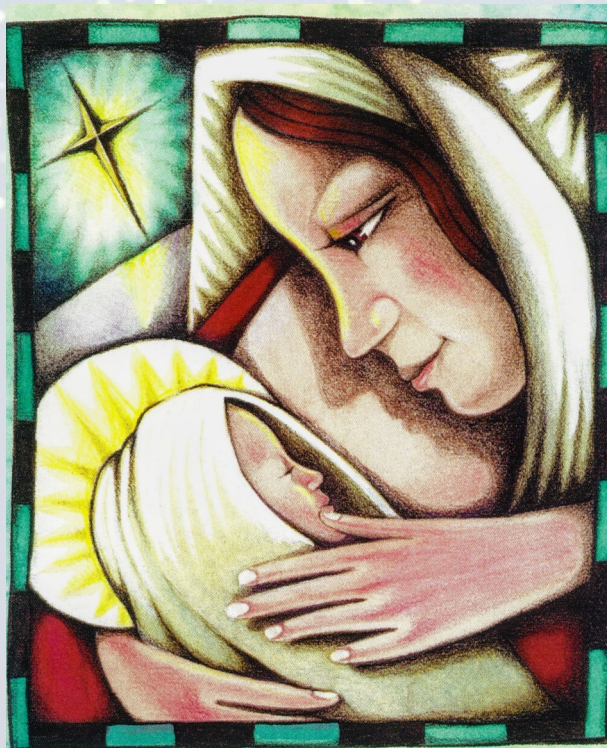


*The Music Ministries of  
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present*



# *Once Upon a Night*

by Pepper Choplin

*December 15, 2024 7 p.m.*

First United Methodist Church of Port Orange  
305 Dunlawton Avenue  
Port Orange FL 32127

**Music Directors**

**Kim Scaccia     Mike Williams**

## Foreword

*What is it that draws us to the Christmas story? We are touched by its power. We want to experience the excitement of the angel's prophecies. We want to touch the baby's cheek and feel the warmth of the mother's love for her child. The account of angels in the sky captures our imagination. We are intrigued by the thought that there could possibly be "peace on earth, goodwill to men."*

*The Christmas narrative is more than a story. We see God in the baby's eyes. We hear heaven's glory in the angels' voices. And when we consider how God reached down to earth in this holy visitation, we are inspired to worship with gratitude and praise.*

*The world chases after the warmth, the joy and love that is known as the Christmas spirit. However, it is the Holy Spirit that brings hope in the depth of despair; strength in the trough of exhaustion; and life in the midst of death.*

*Let us join now together with Luke to hear his account of this ultimate story of love. I pray that the Holy Spirit of Christmas will be upon you. May you rediscover the story's power and embody the miracle that happened...*

ONCE UPON A NIGHT

Pepper Choplin

***Once Upon a Night***

*Words and Music by Pepper Choplin*

*Orchestration by Brant Adams*

***Narrator***

*Tony Sorrell*

***“Prologue”***

***“Once Upon a Night”***

***“Zechariah”***

Soloist: Bob MacKendree

Angel: Linda Lee

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”***

Choir & Congregation

***“Mary and Gabriel”***

Soloist: Michelle DuCharme

***“Mary and Elizabeth” (My Soul Magnifies the Lord)***

Soloists: Michelle DuCharme and Sally Wilson

***“Birth Song”***

***“Joy to the World”***

Arr. by Anita Wimbish

Choir & Congregation

***Offering Prayer***

Rev. Tom Nelson

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”***

Arr. by Kevin McChesney

Handbell Choir

***“Heaven Remembered Us Today”***

(Shepherds’ Song)

***“Angels We Have Heard on High”***

Arr. by Anita Wimbish

Choir & Congregation

***“Listen to the Silence of Night”***

***“Silent Night, Holy Night”***

Choir & Congregation

***“Once Upon a Tree”***

***“Raise the Christmas Hallelujah”***

Choir & Congregation

***Benediction***

Rev. Tom Nelson

***Postlude***

***“Joy to the World” & “Listen to the Silence of Night”***

# ***Cantata Choir***

## ***Soprano***

Virginia Baker  
Patti Blair  
Michelle Conti  
Michelle  
DuCharme  
Debbie Kight  
Linda Lee  
Paula Lobnitz  
Karen MacKendree  
Elaine Mulder  
Sheryl Paul  
Sally Wilson

## ***Alto***

Kay Akins  
Laura Branan  
Mary Ciccarello  
Linda Cooper  
Marie Downey  
Barbara Gillham  
Janeen Kinney  
Terri Leonard  
Judy Ogden  
Glenna Redden  
Burdett Schaefer  
Diane Sutton  
Barbara Willis

## ***Tenor***

Karen Beattie  
Marge Evans  
Ann Gillis  
Bob Hahn  
Mark Hall  
Kelly Kisch  
Bob Martin

## ***Bass***

Jack Carter  
Tom Conti  
John Gill  
Bob MacKendree  
Mike Ramsey  
Glenn Wilson

*Upcoming Events*  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
December 24, 2024  
4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

*Orchestra Members*

*Handbell Choir*

Carol Beebe	Judy Ogden	Dianne Sutton
Patti Blais	Denise Ray	Barbara Willis
Suzanne Eichler	Glenna Redden	Rachel Wright
	Pam Ridilla	

*Orchestra*

<b>Violin I</b>	<b>Flute</b>	<b>Trumpet</b>
Kathy Finn	Leanne Polhill	Tracey Hooker
<b>Violin II</b>	<b>Oboe/English Horn</b>	<b>French Horn</b>
Frank Leese	Chris Leese	Heather Johnson
<b>Viola</b>	<b>Clarinet</b>	<b>Trombone</b>
Deborah Dansby	Kim Scaccia	Sam Scaccia
<b>Cello</b>	<b>Piano</b>	<b>Euphonium</b>
Paul Fleury	Alice Nieburger	Evan Dirlam
<b>String Bass</b>	<b>Percussion</b>	<b>Tuba</b>
Denise Ray	Drew Flickema	Ben Scaccia
	Anna Ariani	

*Audio-Visual Techs*

Amberlee Meeker

## First Church Announcements

**CAMPFIRE CAROLING ON DEC 22ND:** We would like to invite you to bring a chair and join us around the fire pit for some singing, cookies, cocoa and fellowship. We will be in the parking lot where the Pumpkin Patch was. If you play an instrument and would like to play please bring it. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. All are welcome to join us. We are excited to see you there at 6p.

**CHRISTMAS EVENT:** Calling all cookie bakers. Our Hospitality Team would appreciate your donations of cookies for upcoming holiday events and Cafe' in the Hall. Prefer types that can be frozen. Call...Bev McGregor 386-295-9471

**BLUE CHRISTMAS - DEC 21st:** A western tradition, known as The Longest Night on December 21st, the winter solstice, is known as Blue Christmas. This recognizes that some are feeling grief and loss and are not as joy-filled during the holidays. Whether the loss of a loved one, an illness, stressful job situations, family dynamics, or any other reason; people may be experiencing grief. While it represents the longest night, the very next day begins the transition to gradual increase in length of daylight. We are reminded that daylight, the dawn, brings hope even if it is incremental and gradual. The church sanctuary will be open for individual and personal worship in hopes it brings you comfort and healing during this time. The 30 minute worship time will start at the top and bottom of each hour from 9a-3p. Come and go as you please.

**TURN IN YOUR 2025 PLEDGE CARD:** In case you haven't submitted your 2025 pledge cards, please place them in the "front door slot" of the wooden church in the sanctuary. Also if you would like to submit any "End of the Year or Giving Tuesday" gifts, you can use the slot in the roof. We still have some blank cards in the lobby if needed. You may also pledge online at [here](#).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025:** Confirmands (graduating 5-12 graders) will learn about the meaning of their Christian faith; history of Methodism; and the vows they'll profess. Class starts on Feb 7-8 at our Confirmation Retreat to Warren Willis Camp. The class is offered weekly for 10 weeks. For more info and to register, visit [firstchurchpo.org/confirmation](http://firstchurchpo.org/confirmation)

**EXERCISE CLASS COMING TO FIRST CHURCH:** Low impact instructor-led exercise coming to First Church January 9, 2025. Focus on strengthening, stretching and improving balance. Open to all. KidMin building 10a-10:30a.

**4E LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:** Bishop Tom Berlin will be our keynote speaker. Special breakout sessions will be offered for those wanting to learn more about church council/finance/lay leader/sprc/trustees. This will be our first in-person leadership event since redistricting in July 2024. We hope that you will [register here](#) to attend and connect with other leaders in the North East District.

### SAVE THE DATES:

**NORTHEAST LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** January 25th, 2025

**APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT MISSIONS TRIP:** June 7-14, 2025

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** June 16-20, 2025

**WARREN WILLIS SUMMER CAMP 2025:** June 23-28, 2025

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## Here for a Visit? We'd love to meet you!

We're excited to have you in worship with us today, and we hope you feel the friendly warmth of our church family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider First Church Port Orange. Our Pastor would be happy to talk with you on any questions you may have.

For more information or for a staff directory, visit us online at:

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