

# ILLUMINATION

*Revealing the Light of Christmas*

CHRISTMAS AT RESURRECTION  
2024



## Welcome

Welcome to Christmas at Resurrection, Illumination: Revealing the Light of Christ. This year's production marks the twenty-first anniversary of bringing Christmas at Resurrection to the Kansas City area. We are thrilled to have been a part of this glorious season for these past twenty-one years.

Tonight, we remember the birth of Jesus Christ as well as experience the joyous season of the year where gifts are given and received, Christmas cards are exchanged, and friends gather to continue years old Christmas traditions. In thinking of tonight's theme, I'm reminded of the most magical time of the season for me, when the lights on the Christmas tree are illuminated for the first time. There is something special about the glow of those small lights that spread joy, goodness and warmth to every corner of our homes. It's a gentle reminder of the light that came into the world when Christ entered it on that evening in Bethlehem as the Light of the World, that would spread joy, redemption and reconciliation to all humankind. Tonight's presentation begins with a holiday tradition that we all experience as we try to get home to celebrate with our family and friends and then moves into some of the most traditional songs of the season of light.

The second act takes our story back to the very first Christmas, when Jesus Christ became human flesh to redeem humankind from sin and shine his light throughout the darkened world.

Through the years, Christmas at Resurrection has grown into the must-see event of the season in Kansas City. Our prayer for you and your family is that you may enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas and then be deeply moved by the true Christmas story as it is depicted in Act II.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who have selflessly given countless hours to bring this message of hope, peace and joy to you. We thank you for taking time out of your busy holiday season to include us in your holiday traditions. May this performance bless you as you relive some of the happy moments spent together singing Christmas carols, listening to choirs sing and simply enjoying the music of Christmas.

**Merry Christmas!**

**KEVIN C. BOGAN**  
Traditional Worship Director



## You're Invited!

We invite you to join us for Candlelight on Christmas Eve at Resurrection. Experience the joy and hope of the season as we come together to sing carols, listen to the Christmas story, and share in the warmth of passing the candlelight as we sing Silent Night.

### RESURRECTION LEAWOOD | 5009 W. 137TH ST., LEAWOOD, KS

Dec. 22: 5 pm

Dec. 23: 5 and 7 pm

Dec. 24: 10 am (Children's Interactive Service), 3, 5, 7, 9\* and 11 pm\* – Leawood Sanctuary A

Dec. 24: 3 and 5 pm – Foundry, B

### RESURRECTION WEST | 24000 W. VALLEY PKWY., OLATHE, KS

Dec. 23: 5 pm

Dec. 24: 10 am (Children's Interactive Service), 3, 5 and 7 pm

### RESURRECTION DOWNTOWN | 1601 GRAND BLVD., KANSAS CITY, MO

Dec. 23: 5 pm

Dec. 24: 10 am (Children's Interactive Service), 3, 5 and 7 pm

### RESURRECTION BLUE SPRINGS | 601 NE JEFFERSON ST., BLUE SPRINGS, MO

Dec. 24: 10 am (Children's Interactive Service), 3 and 5 pm

### RESURRECTION OVERLAND PARK | 8412 W. 95TH ST., OVERLAND PARK, KS

Dec. 24: 10 am (Children's Interactive Service), 3, 5 and 7 pm

### RESURRECTION BROOKSIDE | 5144 OAK ST., KANSAS CITY, MO

Dec. 23: 5 pm

Dec. 24: 10 am (Children's Interactive Service), 3 and 5 pm

### RESURRECTION LIBERTY | Gano Chapel, William Jewell College | 510 E MISSISSIPPI ST., LIBERTY, MO

Dec. 24: 5 pm

### RESURRECTION SPRING HILL | 112 E. NICHOLS ST., SPRING HILL, KS

Dec. 24: 3 and 5 pm

To worship with us Online or on TV this Christmas Eve, and for more information on our Kansas City area Locations, visit [cor.org/Christmas](http://cor.org/Christmas).

\*Childcare for 4 and under available at all services except for 9 & 11 pm at the Leawood location.

## Welcome to Christmas at Resurrection!

We are grateful that you have chosen to celebrate the Christmas season with us. If you don't have a church home, we invite you to join us for Candlelight Christmas Eve services (times and locations above), as we celebrate the joy and hope that surrounds the miracle of Christmas.

I hope you enjoy Christmas at Resurrection, and from the Resurrection family to you and your family, Merry Christmas!

**ADAM HAMILTON**  
Senior Pastor



 **Resurrection**  
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## CHRISTMAS AT RESURRECTION 2024

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER/CONDUCTOR .....	Kevin C. Bogan
ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR.....	John Burgess
YOUTH & CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR .....	Lin Sanford
ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR .....	Chy Billings III
STAGE DIRECTORS .....	Korey Childs, Leah Swank-Miller
COSTUMER .....	Sarah Jeter
CHOREOGRAPHER.....	Kirstie Moot
LIGHTING DESIGNER.....	Sean Glass
PHOTOGRAPHY .....	Tom Bradley
PRODUCTION MANAGER .....	David Boss
PRODUCTION DIRECTOR/SET DESIGNER.....	Frank Gentile
VIDEO DIRECTOR.....	James Holt
DIRECTOR .....	James Felver
GRAPHICS .....	Sandy Thailing
DANCERS .....	Kansas City Dance Collective
	<i>Kirstie Moot, Mallory Gittemeier, Susan Williams, Kristin Sumter, Megan Robinson, Alyssa Gaede, Sonja Shulz, Virginia Smith, Kirsten Kauffmann</i>
DRUMMERS .....	Athan Tran, Eli Mitchum, Jonathan Duncan, Logan Yandura, Lucas Holtorf
SYMPHONY OF CHRISTMAS NARRATOR .....	Brian Larios
MARY .....	Ciana Albarelli
JOSEPH.....	Mishi Schueller
BABY JESUS .....	Amira Brown & Stevie Marie Morgan
	<i>Dec. 12 (Stevie)   Dec. 13 (Amira)   Dec. 14: 1:30 pm (Stevie), 7:30 pm (Amira)   Dec. 15 (Stevie)</i>
SOLDIER .....	Chuck Harper

### ILLUMINATION : REVEALING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

LET IT SHINE .....	Arranged by Troy Armstrong
DECK THE HALL .....	Arranged by Mack Wilberg
SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.....	Arranged by David Hamilton
I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS .....	Arranged by David Clydesdale
	<i>Rachel &amp; Zach Dennett, Soloists</i>
CAROL OF THE BELLS .....	Arranged by Barlow Bradford
	<i>Featuring Youth Choir</i>
SHINE ON US .....	Arranged by Lari Goss
	<i>Featuring Children &amp; Youth Choirs</i>
KANSAS CITY CHRISTMAS .....	Lance Winkler, Arranged by Mark Hayes
	<i>James Bourassa, Soloist</i>
JESUS LIGHT OF LIGHTS.....	Arranged by Rob Mathes & Phil Naish
	<i>Kevin Bogan, Soloist</i>
IN THE FIRST LIGHT.....	Arranged by Travis Cottrell & Carl Marsh
LIGHT OF THE STABLE .....	Arranged by Richard Kingsmore
	<i>BJ Huffman, Justin Huey, Les Lyne, Piper Myers, Zach Kujath, Soloists</i>
LOVES PURE LIGHT .....	Elaine Hagenberg
CHRIST IS BORN .....	Giacomo Puccini, Arranged by Cliff Duren
	<i>Matt Richardson, Brian Larios, Kevin Bogan, Brian Lowe, Soloists</i>
THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY .....	Arranged by Lari Goss
LET THERE BE JOY.....	Arranged by Joy Gardner & Bradley Knight
	<i>Stephanie O'Dear, Soloist</i>
DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR .....	Arranged by David Clydesdale
	<i>Cameron Smith, Cyndy Mangan, Brian Lowe, Soloists</i>

### INTERMISSION

#### ACT 2

##### THE WORD

Overture .....	Arranged by Bradley Knight & Troy Armstrong
In the Beginning .....	Joshua Spact
The Angel Song .....	Bradley Knight
	<i>Brian Lowe, Soloist</i>

##### THE JOURNEY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel .....	Traditional Latin Hymn
O Little Town of Bethlehem.....	Phillips Brooks & Lewis H. Redner
Son of God .....	Tony Wood, David Hamilton & Michael W. Smith, Arranged by Russel Mauldin
	<i>Mishi Schueller, Soloist</i>

##### THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Gloria.....	Bradley Knight
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##### THE BABY

What Child is This?.....	William Dix, Arranged by Bradley Knight
Hallelujah, Light Has Come.....	Alyssa, Lauren, & Rebecca Barlow, Arranged by Mark McClure
	<i>Ciana Albarelli, Soloist</i>
	<i>Julie Bickel, Cyndy Lank, Lin Sanford, Robyn Zaiser, Quartet</i>

##### THE KING

We Three Kings .....	Arranged by Bradley Knight
The March of the Kings.....	Joseph-Francois Domergue
O Come, All Ye Faithful .....	Arranged by Bradley Knight

##### THE FINALE

Rejoice, Emmanuel is With Us .....	Arranged by Joy Gardner & Bradley Knight
	<i>Cameron Smith, Soloist</i>

## Special ADDITIONS

### ENJOY THESE ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

*SONFLOWER RINGERS,*  
directed by Beverly Williamson,  
will perform in the Narthex during  
intermission at the Saturday and  
Sunday matinee performances.

*Cookies and water will be available  
at intermission. Donations support  
Resurrection's Youth Music Ministry.*

