

Dec 20  
Evening



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## CHRISTMAS

## PRAYER

**I**t is not strange a star should be His sign.  
A thing of exaltation and a light,  
Incomparable for beauty, set to shine  
Above the spangled fields that winter night.  
It is not strange a star should lead the way  
To where the Mother and the Christ Child lay

**I**t is not strange. No beauty shall we know  
More beautiful than this. the Christ, a star,  
The Christ a glory as the swift years go,  
A star still blazoned where the holy are;  
Steadfast, amazing! This shall be His sign:  
A star — a star, as long as stars shall shine.

**D**ear Lord, Creator of the Universe, Thou art altogether lovely The beauty of the stars reflects Thy face. Their serenity denotes Thy peace, their magnitude denotes Thy might.

Help us to see Thee back of all beauty, back of our lives, that we may live beautifully Help us to go forward impelled by Thy might, that we may be strong and steady in our upward course. We ask it in Thy Son's name. Amen.

Grace Noll Crowell

DUKE MEMORIAL

Durham, No

December

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PRELUDE	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"	Neale
	"What Child Is This"	Dix
	"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"	Cook
	"There's a Song in the Air"	Holland

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

"A STRANGER IN BETHLEHEM"

By Charles George

Setting: A house in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Time: Now

Cast of Characters

Mrs. Thomas	Patty Bradsher
Jane Thomas	Hoyle Mattox
Gracie Barry	Susan Clark
Adam Thomas	Mike Chewning
Jack Thomas	Jack Turner
A Stranger	Ray Cox
Voice off stage	Bill Howard

Production Staff

Directors	Tom Hargitt and Tom McCauley
Student Assistant	Margaret Walker
Stage Sets and Properties	Phil Anderson, Bill Howard
Lighting	Chuck Colver, Mike King, Horace Mansfield
Make-up	Linda Parks
Technical Assistants	Bill Howard, Demp Craig, Doug Perian, John Williams, Kenneth Ray
Credit to:	Buck Roberts, Durham High School

POSTLUDE	"There's a Light Upon the Mountain"	Wostenholm
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METHODIST CHURCH  
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INTERPRETATIVE NOTE

This contemporary play deals with relating the meaning of Christmas - Love came down - to a broken family. While it is timely in describing the current expressions of family problems, it is interesting to observe that God's appearance on the first Christmas met a similar human response.

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We are grateful to Mrs. S. J. Angier, organist, for assisting with the program tonight.

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AN OPEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE PASTOR'S AIDES ROOM FOLLOWING THE PLAY. ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR CONGREGATION ARE INVITED.

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on Thursday night, Christmas Eve, at 10 o'clock. We invite our members, their families and friends to join in this sacred service that can help prepare us spiritually for Christmas Day.

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"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14

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