

December 14, 2008

To The Christmas Eve Festival Choir and Mighty Stones!

I am Andrew (Andy) Lewis and as the new Chancel Choir director, I just survived my first Pageant!! Wow, what a wonderful tradition you have going here at GCC. I actually brought two of my sons to the Pageant last year and they loved it, as did I. My favorite part was the White Angels' dance; my sons' was the marching soldiers. Being a part of it this year was even better. What a great start for the holiday season!

Today, Sunday, Dec. 14th, the Chancel Choir led worship services in a morning of Advent Lessons and Carols at both services. I truly marvel at what this choir is capable of and am grateful for such dedication!

Very shortly we will be getting ready for our Christmas Eve "reunion" choir on December 24 at 4:30 p.m. Another wonderful tradition, I have been told. I look forward to experiencing this with you and meeting you all, making it part of my own holiday tradition as well. Plan on bringing your kids to sing with us (high school or older, please). We want the next generation to continue with the "Christmas Eve" tradition. We don't yet know whether Ron will be able to join us, but he surprised all of us – no one more than me – by singing in the pageant choir (a little intimidating for the new kid on the block, don't you think?!). But, of course, Ron was wonderful and gracious and one of the best tenors I've ever heard. I sincerely hope that this year's Christmas Eve Choir will be as "mighty" as it has in the past!

Come and join us. You know the music! It will be a service of old favorites, old friends and wonderful old traditions!

Blessings to you all during this holiday season,

Andy

PS. Please help us update our records and keep in touch with you by sending your current e-mail address and home address to gccsingingstones@aol.com. And if you can find the time, please jot a note in a Christmas card to Ron and Sally (2014 W. Burr Oak, Glenview, IL 60025). They'd love to hear what's going on in your life!!