

Governor's Carolighting Message
Nov. 30, 6 pm, Statehouse Steps

Logistics:

- Complete Logistical package attached. This is an annual tree lighting program **shown live** across the state on ETV. Several thousand are expected to be in attendance at the event.
- MS is expected to deliver a Christmas message, **as close to 6 minutes as possible**. The Sanford family will be seated on a platform on the steps for the duration of the program. Later in the program, the boys will be queued to step forward and light the state Christmas tree.

Suggested Script:

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
--Gospel of St. Luke

That's how the Gospel of St. Luke describes the birth of Christ, 2000 years ago, halfway around the world.

Two millennia later, Christmas means ^{many} a lot of different things to a ^{many} lot of different folks – a religious holiday to some, a time for opening presents to others. For me, Christmas is about remembering the timeless messages that Jesus came to impart on us, and renewing the focus on that message in our own lives.

Three things

1. Jesus led through service (Servant leadership)

Servant leadership model – When you look at a company structure, depicted as a pyramid – leader is on top, above everybody else.

What Jesus did was turn that concept of leadership, the old concept of leadership, upside down – he inverted the pyramid. Even though Jesus was the leader of his disciples, he served them.

But ~~for~~ I think
it's apt to say that for all
it is a time of
love and
peace
on
earth.

The best example of that in the Bible is found in John 13, when Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

John 13:16 – 17: "I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

What does that mean? In all of our lives, we have opportunities to serve everyday – whether it is in our families, our businesses or our communities.

That's a concept that Christmas obviously reminds us of, but it's a principle that we should all try to live by all year long – we are all always servants first

2. Message of hope

The birth of Jesus was all about bringing hope to the world – hope to us on an individual level, that there is someone willing to offer us unconditional love

That's the most amazing part of Jesus' message – no matter how bad things are, we've always got Him to stand by us

In South Carolina right now, there are a lot of folks out there with a real need for hope in their lives during this Christmas Season – There are a dozen SC families out there who have lost loved ones to war in Middle East; there are thousands looking for jobs

So, part of the holiday season is about doing what we can to spread hope – that no matter what trials we face in the coming year, those trials will ultimately make us stronger and produce spirits of brotherhood and solidarity among us.

3. Message of goodwill and unity

Jesus, when talking about God's commandments in the Gospel of Mark, says -- Mark 12:31: 'The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Jesus went so far as to call this the greatest of all commandments – the message of altruism; that we should literally care as much or more about those around than we do ourselves

It's something we all fall short of in our daily lives, but it's nonetheless something we should work toward.

37TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CAROLIGHTING

NOVEMBER 30, 2003 AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE

SPONSORED BY
THE BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA

BEGINNING UNIT

TIME

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6:00:00

0:30

The Opening Fanfare

USC Trumpet Choir

6:00:30

2:00

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Choirs and Spectators

6:02:30

1:00

[verbiage:]

Pastor Geoff Kunselman

Merry Christmas and welcome to the 37th Annual Governor's Carolighting sponsored by the Breakfast Optimist Club of Columbia. I am Geoff Kunselman, Pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Columbia, and I'll be serving as your presiding minister tonight.

The Opening Fanfare was played by the University of South Carolina Trumpet Choir, directed by Dr. Keith Amstutz.

We're glad you've joined us here this evening on the steps of the State House, and we're glad that thousands of others are joining us by way of television through our outstanding South Carolina Educational Television Network.

Now, the Governor's All-Star Band will welcome the Governor of the State of South Carolina, the Honorable Mark Sanford and his wife, Jenny, and their sons, Marshall, Landon, Bolton and Blake, with the playing of the Governor's Christmas Fanfare!

6:03:30

1:00

"Governor's Christmas Fanfare"

Governor's All-Star Band

[Governor and family enter as soon as the Fanfare begins, take their places on the platform and are seated. Time allotted one minute]

[Pause until Governor and Family are seated]

6:04:30	0:40	[verbiage:]	<i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		<p>The Governor's All-Star Band, assembled and directed by Jim Copenhaver, Director of Bands at the University of South Carolina, assisted by David O'Shields, is comprised of high school musicians from across our state. These All-Stars were selected in recognition of their musical excellence. Congratulations, All-Star Band members.</p> <p>[pause for applause]</p> <p>They will now play for us "Russian Christmas Music," arranged by Dale Hopper, then, please join us in singing, "O Come, O Come Immanuel" after which the Reverend Steve Phillips, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Columbia will offer our invocation.</p>	
6:05:10	2:30	"Russian Christmas Music"	<i>Governor's All-Star Band</i>
6:07:40	1:50	"O Come, O Come Immanuel"	<i>Choirs and Spectators</i>
6:09:30	1:30	INVOCATION	<i>Reverend Steve Phillips</i>
6:11:00	0:15	[verbiage:]	<i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		<p>The Governor's All-Star Chorus is organized and directed by Dr. Larry Wyatt, Choral Director for the USC School of Music. These high school voices have been nominated by their school choral directors and selected for this year's Governor's All-Star Chorus because of their outstanding musical ability. Congratulations All-Stars!</p> <p>[pause for applause]</p> <p>The All-Star Chorus will now sing for us, "Caroling, Caroling" from the Alfred Burt Carols.</p>	
6:11:15	1:30	"Caroling, Caroling"	<i>Governor's All-Star Chorus</i>
6:12:45	0:25	[verbiage:]	<i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		<p>Bells are a traditional part of Christmas. Our Handbell Choir, assembled and directed for the Governor's Carolighting for 31 years by R. D. Roberts, consists of 12 Handbell Choirs from churches in Columbia, Cayce, Charleston, Kingstree, Orangeburg, Rock Hill and White Rock. These choirs have traveled at their own expense to be a part of our celebration this evening. They will ring for us Arnold Sherman's arrangement of the French Carol, "He Is Born."</p>	

6:13:10	2:20	"He Is Born"	<i>Handbell Choir</i>
6:15:30	0:30	[verbiage:]	<i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		<p>As we celebrate the Birth of Christ, we are keenly aware that children are a special part of Christmas. Our children's choir consists of 200 joyful voices from Lexington School District One, Two and Five, Richland District One, the Greater Columbia Children's Choir and the Palmetto Young Singers of the Sumter Opera House. Directed by Dr. Susan Wyatt and accompanied by Lessie Polk and Tammy Lorick on piano, the children will sing, "Carol of the Children" by John Rutter, then the Governor's All-Star Chorus will sing, "We'll Dress the House," after which please join with us in singing, "Away in a Manger."</p>	
6:16:00	3:00	"Carol of the Children"	<i>Children's Choir</i>
6:19:00	1:05	"We'll Dress the House"	<i>Governor's All-Star Chorus</i>
6:20:05	1:30	"Away in a Manger"	<i>Choirs and Spectators</i>
6:21:35	:15	[verbiage:]	<i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		<p>The contemporary composer and arranged, Hal Hopson, has given us a lively arrangement of a traditional West Indian Carol which our children's choir will now present for us, "The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy."</p>	
6:21:50	3:00	"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"	<i>Children's Choir</i>
6:24:50	1:00	[verbiage:]	<i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		<p>Each year, hundreds of volunteers and several local companies work together with The Breakfast Optimist Club of Columbia to present this annual Carolighting. A list of major supporters appears inside your program. Our special thanks goes to these supporters for the funding that makes the Carolighting possible.</p> <p>[pause]</p> <p>Founded in 1981, The Palmetto Mastersingers have sung throughout the world, including services at St. Peter's Basilica and Notre Dame Cathedral, two appearances at the White House, and concerts in Hungary, Austria, Italy, France and Germany. This summer they will travel to Russia. They are truly South Carolina's Musical Ambassadors. Membership includes men of many ages and professions. Under the direction of Walter Cuttino they will sing, "Coventry Carol," and "Born, Born in Bethlehem."</p>	

6:25:50 2:10 "Coventry Carol" *Palmetto Mastersingers*

6:28:00 2:05 "Born, Born in Bethlehem"..... *Palmetto Mastersingers*

6:30:05 0:15 [verbiage:] *Pastor Kunselman*

Mary Lynn Bowles, President of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Columbia, which sponsors and directs the Carolighting, will now introduce our Governor.

6:30:20 1:50 Introduction of Governor Sanford *Mary Lynn Bowles*
President, Breakfast Optimist of Columbia

[verbiage:]
On behalf of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Columbia, I would like to welcome each of you to the year 2003 Governor's Carolighting. This is the 31st year that our Club has had the opportunity to sponsor this event. We are proud of our involvement in the Carolighting, and we are appreciative of the over 1500 volunteers who give their time and talents to make this event a success. To those individuals we say a heartfelt, "thank you."

[pause]

The motto of the Optimist Club is, "Friend of Youth." What better example of the talents of the youth of our State than the youth who are performing here tonight. We are proud of their accomplishments and we are thankful to them for being with us tonight to share their talents. The citizens of South Carolina are fortunate to have a governor who shares in the Optimist Club's concern for our youth. Thank you Governor Sanford and Mrs. Sanford, for your leadership and your service to the state.

[pause]

Ladies and Gentlemen, at this time, I am proud to introduce our Governor, the Honorable Mark Sanford.

6:32:10 6:00 Governor's Christmas Message *Governor Sanford*

6:38:10 0:25 [verbiage:] *Pastor Kunselman*

Thank you, Governor Sanford. We appreciate your being with us tonight and we appreciate your leadership.

[verbiage continued...]

**[if the program is running long stop here...
And pick up the next narration beginning
with "The Carolighting Choir, coordinated by...
If time is ok continue with the introduction
of Hark! The Herald]**

Please join in the singing of, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
accompanied by our organist, Heather Janney and the USC Trumpet Choir.

6:38:35	2:00	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" <i>Choirs and Spectators</i>
		<i>[If we are running long this carol is to be cut]</i>
6:40:35	0:20	[verbiage:] <i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		The Carolighting Choir , coordinated by Mr. Fred DeFoor of St. Andrews Baptist Church, is made up of church choir members from churches throughout the area as well as the Governor's All-Star Chorus, and the Palmetto Mastersingers. Under the direction of Dr. Larry Wyatt they will sing the beautiful Austrian Carol, "Still, Still, Still"
6:40:55	3:25	"Still, Still, Still" <i>Carolighting Choir, Organ</i>
6:44:20	0:30	[verbiage:] <i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright. Listen as the Handbells ring the first verse, we'll hum the second time, and on the third time through, join us in singing the first verse of Gruber's, "SILENT NIGHT." Then, Governor Sanford and his boys will light the State Christmas Tree.
6:44:50	2:45	"Silent Night" <i>Handbell Choir Plays First Time Choirs and Spectators HUM Second Time and SING Third time.</i>
6:47:35	1:00	[verbiage:] <i>Governor Sanford</i>
		Now, the Sanford Boys will light the Christmas Tree.
6:48:35	1:00	"Trumpet Fanfare" <i>USC Trumpet Choir</i>

6:49:35	0:35	[verbiage:]	<i>Pastor Kunselman</i>
		And now, for the climax of our program! The Carolighting Choir, the Governor's All-Star Chorus and the Palmetto Mastersingers present Handel's "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" directed by Larry Wyatt and accompanied by organist, Heather Janney, a graduate music major at USC. Then, the Reverend Christine Parham, Pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Columbia, South Carolina will pronounce the benediction.	
6:50:10	3:45	Hallelujah (Chorus)	<i>Choirs and Organ</i>
6:53:55	1:30	Benediction	<i>Reverend Christine Parham</i>
6:55:25	0:45	Closing Fanfare	<i>USC Trumpet</i>
6:56:10	1:30	"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"	<i>Governor's All-Star Band</i>
6:57:40		[filler music]	<i>Governor's All-Star Band</i>

The music is live and the times may vary.

We finish a little early, that is no real problem. ETV will continue to show shots of the Carolighting as they roll the credits. The main concern is just to get all the program on the air. Directors, please close the gaps and be ready to begin the music on que. All of us can work to keep the program moving and on schedule. Thanks.

R. D. Roberts, Program Chairman

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***EXIT ORDER**

- 1. Governor and Family EXIT RIGHT**
- 2. Governor's Guests EXIT RIGHT**
- 3. Optimists assist with Children/Parents**
- 4. Handbells pack bells and exit as soon as possible**
- 5. Band plays carols until Handbells depart**
- 6. Choirs Exit**
- 7. Band Exits**