



49TH ANNUAL  
*Governor's*  
CAROLIGHTING

7 PM · MONDAY · NOVEMBER 30TH · 2015

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE

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Sponsored by the Columbia Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau,  
The Columbia Garden Club & The Garden Club of South Carolina

**#GovernorsCarolighting2015**

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We hope you'll join us in singing the following Christmas carols!  
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JINGLE BELLS  
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Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bob tails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh and sing  
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh  
(Repeat chorus)

DECK THE HALLS  
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Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
While I tell of Yule tide treasure,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

JOY TO THE WORLD  
.....

Joy to the world! the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart, prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and  
nature sing.

He rules the world  
with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove,  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders, of His love.

WE WISH YOU A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
.....

We wish you a merry Christmas.  
We wish you a merry Christmas.  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
and a happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring,  
to you and your kin.  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
and a Happy New Year.  
(Repeat song)

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**Share your memories by using #GovernorsCarolighting2015**  
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**OPENING MUSIC**

Southern Bronze Handbell Ensemble  
Fort Jackson's Own 282nd Brass Band

**JINGLE BELLS  
(CHOIRS & AUDIENCE)**

**OPENING FANFARE**

Fort Jackson's Own 282nd Brass Band

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Nigel Robertson, Master of Ceremonies  
WYFF 4, Greenville, South Carolina

**GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS FANFARE**

Fort Jackson's Own 282nd Brass Band

**MUSIC**

**JOY TO THE WORLD  
(CHOIRS & AUDIENCE)**

*Fear Not Good Shepherds* by Gregg Smith  
Carolighting Children's Choir

*Wizards in Winter* by Trans-Siberian Orchestra  
Southern Bronze Handbell Ensemble

**INVOCATION**

Jeff Kersey, Senior Pastor, Mt. Horeb,  
United Methodist Church

**MUSIC**

*Noel* by Brad Smith  
Dreher High School Choir

*Mary Did You Know*  
Furman Bell Tower Boys

*Jesus What a Wonderful Child* by Mariah Carey  
Emanuel AME Choir

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin  
Mayor of the City of Columbia

**MUSIC**

*Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*  
by Traditional French Carol/Schultz  
Carolighting Children's Choir

*Sing We Now of Christmas* by Fred Prentice  
Dreher High School Choir

*Come See the Baby Born in Bethlehem*  
Hallelujah Singers

*Emmanuel* by Norman Hutchins  
Emanuel AME Choir

**INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bill Ellen, President & CEO, Midlands Authority  
for Conventions, Sports & Tourism

**GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of South Carolina

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**LIGHTING OF THE  
STATE CHRISTMAS TREE**  
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**MUSIC**

*Sleigh Ride*  
Southern Bronze Handbell Ensemble

*Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*  
Furman Bell Tower Boys

**DECK THE HALLS  
(CHOIRS & AUDIENCE)**

**BENEDICTION**

Jeff Kersey, Senior Pastor,  
Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church

**MUSIC**

*Sweet Little Jesus*  
Hallelujah Singers

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
(CHOIRS & AUDIENCE)**

**CLOSING FANFARE**

Fort Jackson's Own 282nd Brass Band

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS  
& SPECIAL THANKS**  
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Governor Nikki R. Haley  
Columbia Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Office of the Governor  
Columbia Garden Club  
The Garden Club of South Carolina

**STATE CHRISTMAS TREE**

With special gratitude, we thank the partners responsible for donating time, talent, service and resources to make it possible for our magnificent State Christmas Tree and Wreath to be enjoyed throughout the holiday season:

Columbia Garden Club  
The Garden Club of South Carolina  
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We also thank Marshall and Cindy Stacy, owners of Pinetum Christmas Trees in Maryland for graciously donating this year's tree as a gesture of hospitality and good will toward the state of South Carolina following the tragic flooding earlier this year.

**ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Carolighting Children's Choir**  
Directed by Susan Wyatt  
Accompanied by Sharon Watkins

**Dreher High School Choir**  
Directed by Walter Graham

**Emanuel AME Church**  
Directed by Mr. Wayne Singleton

**First Baptist of Columbia, Interpretation for the Deaf**  
Mrs. Lori Bates  
Mrs. Melinda Boyle  
Mrs. Jill DuPre - Interpreter Coordinator

**Fort Jackson's Own 282nd Band Brass Choir**  
Commander & Conductor, CW2 Thomas W. Jackson, Jr.

**Furman Bell Tower Boys**  
Directed by Drew Whitlow

**Hallelujah Singers**  
Dr. Marlana Smalls

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Nigel Robertson, WYFF 4, Greenville, South Carolina

**Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin**

**Minister**

Jeff Kersey, Senior Pastor,  
Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church

**Santa Claus**

**Southern Bronze Handbell Ensemble**  
Directed by Betty Myers

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**Refreshments provided by:**

Columbia Marriott Hotel  
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**South Carolina Educational Television  
Carolighting Broadcast Schedule**

11/30 7:00 PM (LIVE on ETV)  
12/14 8:00 PM (South Carolina Channel)  
12/19 4:00 PM (ETV World)  
12/20 3:00 PM (South Carolina Channel)  
12/20 6:00 PM (ETV)  
12/24 7:00 PM (ETV)

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*If you're in the giving spirit this holiday season,  
help families affected by the flood through*

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