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**Nyack, NY** –First Reformed Church will present its 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant at 18 S. Broadway in Nyack on December 15 at 5pm. The historic pageant includes the traditional Nativity story performed by an all-ages cast, with a holiday carol sing-along. An informal reception will follow.

All are welcome to gather in the historic sanctuary of First Reformed Church, which will be decorated for the season, to enjoy the classic story of the birth of Jesus. Performed in front of scenery painted by Lucy Flood and in continuous use since the 1970s, the pageant includes children of all ages in the roles of angels, shepherds, and the holy family, as it has since 1924.

Jill Lydecker-Lavelle, an Elder and lifelong member of First Reformed, said of the pageant “It doesn’t get old. We know the story, can recite the narrative, but we come back every year to hear it again. The littlest angels with their halos are just so cute! The emotional magic which took place so many years ago can still bring me to tears when I watch the reenactment. I can’t imagine Christmas without it.”

This year, several cast members are third generation participants: from the Cameron, Williams and Biavati families. Over the years, the role of Mary was played by many young women with strong connections to the community, including mayors’ daughters and the daughter of actress Helen Hayes.

Admission to the pageant is free. Donations of non-perishables and hats, gloves, and scarves are gratefully accepted for Soup Angels, the food program housed at First Reformed for the past seventeen years.

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