

ANNUAL LESSONS AND CAROLS HELD DEC. 17



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at 5:00 p.m. in the Hicks Memorial Chapel, 616 N. Highland Ave.

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Carols and anthems will be sung and played by the congregation, singers and musicians from within our community, and, once again, **The Boar's Head Wassail Quire** directed by Dr. Christopher Ruth. Our own chapel worship coordinator Kendra Smith '12, S.T.M. candidate, is a member of the Quire. Faculty, staff, and students will do the readings. The service will be led Professors Angela Hancock and Edwin Chr. van Driel. A reception will follow. A free-will offering will be taken for famine relief at Zomba Theological College in Malawi.

For more information on the Lessons and Carols service, contact the Seminary at 412-362-5610.

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