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Holiday Tradition Continues at Gardner-Webb University

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. –For over 20 years, Gardner-Webb University has ushered in the Christmas season with the community-wide celebration of the birth of Christ known as the "Festival of Lights." This year's festival takes place in the Dover Theatre, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center, on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The concert event features a variety of music devoted to the Advent season performed by the GWU concert choir and chorale, as well as the string quintet, flute ensemble, brass choir and brass quintet. GWU President Dr. Frank Bonner will offer the traditional reading of the Christmas story.

Later, the Gardner-Webb family and greater Boiling Springs community will walk along illumined campus pathways to light the GWU Campus Christmas tree, a representation of the University's Christian identity. Afterward, everyone is invited to a refreshment reception at the Tucker Student Center, where the handbell ensemble will perform.

"This is one of the most special times at the University," said Dr. Paul Etter, event coordinator and director of choral activities at Gardner-Webb. "The Festival of Lights brings not only the Gardner-Webb community together, but also the surrounding community, as we kick off the Christmas season."

Seating is limited for this event, so seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 working days before the event. Please call 704-406-3549 to make a request.

More information about this event is available through the GWU Office of Communications at 704-406-3221.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for career success and for engaged, responsible citizenship in their professional, civic, and spiritual communities.

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