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Mill Mountain Theatre's play "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" starts showing next Wednesday.

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A Christmas play has a few special guest stars. Mill Mountain Theatre has asked three local pastors to play roles in their new production.

Thursday night was the final regular rehearsal. The play has a cast of 30 people mostly children.

The play is set in 1945. It's about a church putting together an annual Christmas pageant. But tempers flare when a group of children with a bad reputation nab starring roles.

Rev. George Anderson from Second Presbyterian Church is one of the three pastors acting on stage.

"It brings back a lot of memories," says Rev. Anderson, "I haven't done any acting in 28 years. Did a lot in high school, college, and seminary. But it's fun to be back on stage at least in rehearsal. We'll see how it goes when I'm in front of an audience again."

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The other two pastors are Rev. Barkley Thompson from St. John's Episcopal Church and Dr. Nathaniel Bishop, President of Jefferson College of Health Sciences and lay pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Christiansburg.

The play starts next Wednesday December 7 at the Waldron Stage at Mill Mountain Theatre in Roanoke. Three of the 12 shows are already sold out.

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