

CHRIST CHURCH 

CAROL FEST

Featuring
Handel's *Messiah* and
Songs of Christmas

December 12, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

Thank you for wearing your mask for the duration of the program.

PROGRAM NOTES

There will be no formal intermission; if you need to leave during the concert, please do so between musical selections.

Please silence all electronic devices.

An offering will be received during the Songs of Christmas portion of the program.

CHILD CARE

Child care is available for children age 4 and under. Overflow spaces are available for anyone unable to remain seated for the duration of the program.

CAROLFEST

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the Worship and Music Ministry of Christ Church and Lead Pastor Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer, it is my joy to welcome you to this presentation! I hope you are blessed as you hear excerpts from the Christmas portion of Handel's beloved *Messiah* and the familiar songs of Christmas. Please receive our warmest invitation to join us on Christmas Eve for our Candlelight services at 7:00, 9:00 or 11:00 p.m., a future concert presentation or one of our weekly worship services.

We pray that this evening will help each of us prepare for Christ to live in and through us this Christmas season and throughout the coming new year. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us be reminded to thank God for sending us His most precious gift so very long ago.

In God's Wondrous Love,

Noelle A. Combs
Senior Director of Worship & Music

A Christmas Prayer

Jesus Christ, O Gift of God,
Save me from judging my joy by the number
of pretty packages
found under a pretty tree.
I pray for the gift of song so that I can sing and
make melody in my heart to You.
Let earth receive her King!
Let Him rule the world with truth and grace.
Let every heart prepare Him room.
Let the nations prove the glories of His
righteousness and the wonders of His love.
Amen.

Handel's *Messiah*

Excerpts from Georg Friedrich Handel's *Messiah* — Part One

A Sacred Oratorio composed in 1742; Libretto by Charles Jennens

Please hold applause until after the final movement, *Hallelujah*.

Accompagnato & Air

William Combs, Tenor

Comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:1–3)

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain. (Isaiah 40:4)

Recitative, Air & Chorus

Erika Morrison, Mezzo-Soprano

Chancel Choir

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (Isaiah 40:9; 60:1)

Accompagnato & Air

Brad Jungwirth, Bass–Baritone

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy rising. (Isaiah 60:2–3)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

Chorus

Chamber Choir

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Air

Olga Bojovic, Soprano

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Savior, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen. (Zechariah 9:9–10)

Air

Dana Campbell, Soprano

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

Come unto Him, all ye that labor, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:28–29)

Chorus

Chancel Choir

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah! (Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16)

Songs of Christmas

Introduction | Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer

Please hold applause until after *The First Noel*.

The Nutcracker March

arr. Funk

Kayla Hilliker, Rebecca Boisse, Bill Combs, Dave Van Der Laan

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Forrest

Chancel Choir

Breath of Heaven

arr. Hart

Kayla Hilliker

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Bandy

Chancel Choir

The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth arr. David Bowie & Bing Crosby

Bill Combs & Dave Van Der Laan

An Invitation to Give | Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer

O Holy Night

A. Adam

Olga Bojovic

Brightest and Best

arr. Kirchner

Chamber Choir

Hail the blessed morn, see the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend! Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger, lo, for His guard the bright angels attend. Brightest and best of the stars in the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all. Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, odours of Edom and offerings divine, Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Mary Had a Baby

Spiritual, arr. Dawson

Dana Campbell

Chamber Choir

The First Noel

arr. Forrest

Chancel Choir

Recognition & Invitations | Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer

Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Martin

Erika Morrison

Chancel Choir

THE ORCHESTRA

Piano & Harpsichord
Margo Misiaszek

Organ & Piano
Marianne Kim

Flute
Laurel Tempas

Oboe
Samantha Didier
Emily Fagan

Bassoon
Jon Schuler

Trumpet
Amy Nelson
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Cheryl Wilson
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Cello
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String Bass
Michael Johannesen

CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANO
Joan Allen
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Olga Bojovic*
Judy Brouwers
Dana Campbell*
Dorothy Danielson
Ashley Gray*
Jeanne Hayman
Kayla Hilliker*
Mary Howes
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Bob Tempas
Ryan Thoryk

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Dave Van Der Laan*
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2021-2022 Classic Worship & Music

Sunday | December 19

9:00 a.m. &
10:45 a.m. Classic Worship

Friday | December 24

7:00 p.m. &
9:00 p.m. &
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Services
Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer preaching
Chancel Choir, Chamber Choir, Chamber Orchestra,
Organ & Soloists

Sunday | December 26

9:00 a.m. Classic Worship

Sunday | January 2

9:00 a.m. Epiphany Sunday

Classic Worship

Sunday | January 9

9:00 a.m. &
10:45 a.m. Communion Sunday
Classic Worship

Sunday | February 20

3:00 p.m. Concert
Professional Guest Choir Cor Cantiamo &
the Christ Church Chamber Choir

Palm Sunday | April 10

9:00 a.m. &
10:45 a.m. Easter Cantata: Greg Nelson's *The Passion*

Good Friday | April 15

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service
Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer preaching

Easter Sunday | April 17

times TBA Traditional Easter Services

Sunday | June 5

3:00 p.m. Pops Concert presented by
Chamber Choir & Soloists