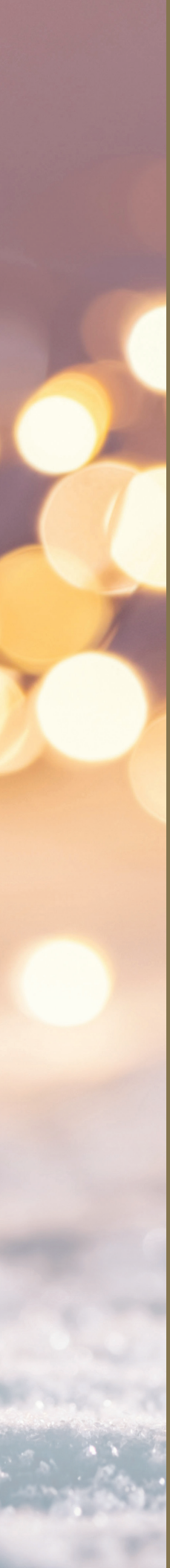


CHRIST CHURCH 

CAROL FEST

Featuring
Handel's *Messiah* and
Songs of Christmas

December 11, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.



PROGRAM NOTES

If you need to leave during the concert, please do so between musical selections.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Overflow spaces are available for anyone unable to remain seated for the duration of the program.

CAROL FEST

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the Worship and Music Ministry of Christ Church of Oak Brook 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 CarolFest. Please receive our warmest invitation to join us again 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 one of us to 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 His most precious gift to us 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.

Welcome & Prayer | Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer, Lead Pastor

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)

Chorus

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

Recitative & Air

Erika Morrison, Mezzo-Soprano

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

Chorus

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)

Air

Brad Jungwirth, Bass-Baritone

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

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)

Accompagnato & Air

Kayla Hilliker, Soprano

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

Chorus

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will toward men." (Luke 2)

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

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)

10-minute Intermission

Songs of Christmas

Introductory Remarks | Dan Meyer

Carols, Rejoice

arr. Purifoy

Please remain seated to join in singing the words on the screen when directed.

O Holy Night

A. Adam

Olga Bojovic & Marianne Kim

Brightest and Best

Text: R. Heber—1811, arr. Kirchner

A Christmas Blessing

Text: Church of Ireland Book of Common Prayer

Kate Niemiec, Soloist

Music: Stopford

Throw the Yulelog On, Uncle John

P.D.Q. Bach/Schickele

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Pelz

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Don't Save It All for Christmas Day

Celine Dion

Erika Morrison & Marianne Kim

What Shall We Sing for the Child?

Traditional Catalan Carol Melody

Rebecca Boisse, Guest Pianist

arr. Helvey

The Offering

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Marianne Kim

Marianne Kim, Organist

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

arr. Diana Krall

Dana Campbell & Margo Misiaszek

Noel, Noel

arr. Goemmanne

Closing Remarks | Noelle Combs

Fanfare for Christmas Day

arr. Harlan

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THE ORCHESTRA

Oboe

Emily Fagan
Samantha Tranchida

Bassoon

Jon Schuler

Trumpet

Chris O'Hara
Amy Nelson

Percussion

Chris Crisanti
John Battaglia

Harpichord & Piano

Margo Misiaszek

Organ & Piano

Marianne Kim

Violin

Gail Salvatori
Lee Joiner
Kang-In Han
Callan Downing
Samantha May
Steven Sjobring
Michael McGuan
Daniel Ziesemer

Viola

Kelly Sjobring
Cheryl Wilson

Cello

Ann Griffin
Patti Garvey

String Bass

Adam Attard

CHANCEL CHOIR

Joan Allen
Martha Barry
Candice Blank
Maureen Bocker
Carol Boehmer
Rod Boehmer
*Deb Boisse
*Rebecca Boisse
*Steve Boisse
*Olga Bojovic
Nancy Brinkman
Judy Brouwers
*Dana Campbell
*Tom Coburn
*William Combs
Linda Copp
Patty Davis
*Britt Dudgeon
*Tom Dudgeon
Dave Dunwell

Russ Evans
*Karl Frantz
Janet Hill
*Kayla Hilliker
*Bobbi Husemann
Diane Johnson
*Brad Jungwirth
Karl Jurkonis
Dee Kitch
Lorin Kitch
Betsy Kluck
Ulrike Konchan
David Kresl
Joan Kresl
*Kara Kummerow
Diana Larson
*Robyn Leslie
Carol Malik
Natasha Mason
Gloria Micek

John Miklos
*Erika Morrison
*Ernest Neely
Kurt Nelson
*Kate Niemiec
Susan Nolan
*Mike Norkus
*Patti Nyien
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MaryAnn Parks
Jill Pena
Fadge Pincham
Chung Ja Ree
Phil Riegle
Linda Roach
Karyl Royster
Paul Ruffolo
Al Salkowski
Kristen Sands
Stephanie Schueler

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Patricia Simms
Mark Sjostrom
Jim Smith
Linda Smith
*Ben Stammis
Kelly Stokes
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Kae You
Joyce Yun
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Upcoming Classic Worship & Music Events

Sunday, December 18 | 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

CLASSIC SERVICES: Music led by Chamber Choir, piano & organ with message from Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer

Christmas Eve | Saturday, December 24 | 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES: Music led by Chancel Choir, Chamber Choir, Soloists, Chamber Orchestra and Organ with message from Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer

We also offer a number of wonderful contemporary worship experiences throughout December and every Sunday in our Oak Brook Auditorium and at our Butterfield campus. Please visit the website for details.

Sunday, December 25 | No in-person worship services

We will provide a special on demand Christmas experience for you and your family to enjoy at your convenience. Visit the media library at media.ChristChurch.us or use the Christ Church Connect App to watch.

New Year's Day | Sunday, January 1 | 9:00 a.m. only

CLASSIC SERVICES: Music led by Bill Combs (voice) Marianne Kim (organ) & Daniel Ziesemer (violin) with message from Rev. Rob Kastens

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 19 | 3:00 p.m.

Free choral concert featuring Cor Cantiamo professional chamber choir & the Christ Church Chamber Choir. No reservations required.

Scan to see all the ways Christ Church is celebrating the holiday season.

