

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 18–21, 2025 Grace Community Church

CONCERT

Heralds of Joy (A Christmas Overture) Orchestral Overture; Stephen Sturz, organist	Traditional Carols arr. & orch. Mark Rice
Joy to the World Worship Choir	
Sweet Little Jesus Boy	Robert MacGimsey arr. & orch. Bruce Greer
Alleluia, Christ Is Born	Twila Paris arr. & orch. Dave Williamson
In the Fullness of Time	
Sing Gloria	John Cowley, Katherine Davis orch. Mark Rice
O Little Town of Bethlehem Medley Michael Bohr	James Murray, Phillips Brooks, Louis Redner arr. Clayton Erb orch. Don Marsh
Go, Tell it on the Mountain	
Light of the World	Ed Cash, Martin Cash, Franni Cash, Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold arr. & orch. Cliff Duren
Adorar al Niño	Traditional Spanish Carol arr. Tom Fettke orch. Dave Williamson
A Babe Is Born in Bethlehem	Traditional Latin Lyrics, music by Justin Fields orch. Bill Brandenstein
Alleluia	Randall Thompson
O Come, All Ye Faithful Philip Webb, Worship Choir	
Welcome and Offering	
Fear Not Elmer Serquina, Michael Bohr, Chris Burnett, Will Brandenstein	

Jaz Hoffman, Worship Choir arr. & orch. Bradley Knight Joyful Sound arr. & orch. Cliff Duren Concgregation, Worship Choir arr. & orch. Clayton Erb Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright. Round you virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born! Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Worship Choir

King of Peace Claire Cloninger, Don Marsh
Diane Brown, Worship Choir arr. & orch. Don Marsh

The introductory narration by John MacArthur is from the original 1985 album release.

The Christmas Story

Benediction

Joy to the WorldGeorge Frederick HandelStephen Sturz, organistarr. John Ness Beck

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Ron Clark Concertmaster Nadean Charonnat Mila Antoniuk Mizuki Maeda Elijah Lee Eric Lan Kazuki Maeda Masaki Maeda

VIOLA

Helen Crosby Robert Berg Debbie Ignacio Cecille Asuncion

CELLO

Cathy Biagini Matthew Ignacio Natalia Martinez Beryl Canale

STRING BASS

John Hester

HARP

Jessica Brizuela

GUITAR

Tommy Ratliff

ELECTRIC BASS

Paul Morin

PIANO

Ed Lan

TRUMPET

Adrian Miller **Ieff Bunnell** Roger Mason

FRENCH HORN

Steve Becknell Nathan Jones Riley Olson

TROMBONE

Dave Beatty Daniel Chandler Craig Ware

TUBA

Beth Mitchell

PERCUSSION

Andrea Cline Tom Drake Tyler Smith Michael Westerband

Susan Winsberg Lauren Hoffman

OBOE

Victoria Sabonjohn

CLARINET

Shaniee Kennedy

ORCHESTRA MANAGER

Shirley Mollica

WORSHIP CHOIR

SOPRANO

Emily Aiken Deborah Allan Deborah Beebe Stephanie Blood Erma Burnett Casey Childs Susan Chu Victoria Chua Carol Clarke Carol Dalrymple Emily DiGiusto Maran DiGiusto Margo Ewing Harriet Furuya Holly Johnson Taleen Keldjian Anna Kicherman Esther S. Kim Monica Knudsen Esther Le Jeanie Lee Alice Liang Celena McMahon Margie Montell Anna Ohanian Frances Pampeyan Dominique Reay Lynette Rentie

Marie Elena Stulp Spring Sung Lidia Wlasiuk

ALTO

Lisbeth Alvarez Martha Amparan Kathy Belden Thalia Brandt Abigail Canham Lorelei Cork Ann Marie Crawford Kathy Crawford Sharon Devol Sue Elftman Marla Greene Melanie Grunwald Sara Heisler Jaz Hoffman Deanne Hritz Margie Jesson Elizabeth Knoester Mary Kohlmeier Leslie LaMunyan Linda Laubach Ienn Little Barbara Lowman Ida Mak Donna Miller Leah Ohannessian

Nora Petersen Judy Pieper Inna Reshetnikova Sharon Secor Christi Servera Grace Shim Donna Shin Tanya Spitsin Judy Thomsen

Jeanne Wells TENOR

Gary Ahlfeldt Pio Castillo James Chung John Eickemeyer John H. Ford Karl Geier Carlos Gomez Jim Greene Gamaliel Jacinto Doug Jesson Scott Morsch Trevor Schneeberger Shane Schultz Elmer Serquina Kevin Stulp Jeff Swingle Philip Watt Joel Wong

BARITONE/BASS

Israel Amador Steven Batesole Mike Bohlen Steven Bondarczuk Russell Callender Timothy Canham Mark Cox Ken Furuva John K. Harris John Hritz Rudell Gary Jacinto John Kim Peter Kim Youngsoo Lee Eric Mak Dale Miller Sebastian Morales Gabriel Mulder David Paucar Alan Seitz Cruz Strom Philip Tan Gilbert Tsao Mark Vischer Christopher Weaver Jerry Wolfe

REHEARSAL PIANIST Margo Ewing

JOYFUL SOUND

Erin Sastre Emily DiGiusto Sara DiSalvo

Helen Salonga

Maran DiGiusto Jaz Hoffman Frances Pampeyan

Cristina Pearson

Elmer Serquina Pio Castillo Scott Morsch

Stephen DiGiusto Will Brandenstein Jeff Swingle

HANDBELL CHOIR

Sharon Devol Director Sharon Secor Frances Pampeyan Sue Elftman Casey Childs Linda Laubach Sara Heisler

Shirley Mollica Mikyla Casino Kathy Crawford Corey Fleig

Paul Ackerman John Eickemeyer

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Susi Johnson Director Avery Anthony Gracie Ballenger Bryson Bohr Lucy Bohr Davide Burnett Ean Burnett Abby Busenitz Abigail Canham Mikyla Casino Keziah Castro Josiah Chua Kristen Chung Emily Crawford Abby-Grace DuBois Annabelle DuBois

Kristen Estrella James Galicia Alvlie Garcia Emma Gomez Abby Grauman Noah Grauman Silas Grauman Isabella Haro Genesis Hernandez Charlotte Kim Genesis Larrama Iennica Lee Janie Lee Celeste Macias Elena Martinez Enrique Mendoza Iveth Mendoza

Abigail Moberg Eliana Mollica Rebecca Ng Samuel Ng Elequel Nuesa Jude Nuesa Samuel Nufio Aaron Perez Abigail Perez Cooper Poladian Abigail Primrose Keila Rangel Victoria Rangel Hope Salamanca Jessica Samson Luke Samson Katelynn Santana Sophie Santana Calista Saunders Isaiah Schuette Anya Sidorov Desmond Spalding Torian Spalding Johann Tan Kadmiel Tan Trinity Thomsen Amelia Tkachuk Eva Torres Micah Torres Sydney Watson Jude Zeledon

JUNIOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Danielle Bohr Supervisor Allistair Acosta Daniela Aguilar Johnny Ahie Josef Ahie Coralie Almquist Santiago Alonso Blake Altre Noah Alvarez Riluke Appling Maximilian Avila Isabelle Bartholomae Abigail Bledea Luca Burnett Lester Calel Debby Callaway Mia Carulli Grace Chavarria Chandler Chavez Preston Choi Lydia Chung Santiago Chuvac

Luca Cifuentes Samuel Cook Kaily Correa Miriam Cruz Leanna Del Cid Chelsea Eich Leif Engelhardt Joshua Espinoza Camille Gantenbein Adelyn Garcia Elea Gomez Esme Gomez Emma Gonzalez Hanelei Gueye Charlie Huang Ava Jones Aykienne Kiledjian Lucienne Kiledjian Iordan Kim Ezra Ko Iaeani Krihkori Abby Ku Emme Ku Hannah Larrama

Keren Lawrence Claire Lee Isabella Lee Joshua Lee Hollis Lennington Abigail Liou Evelyn Little Graceyn Longmore Pennington Lucas Fletcher Maly Riggins Maly Rose Martin Daniela Mendoza Ella Moon Kevla Mora Amariah Muñoz Haydee Murphy Jordan Nicolas Mo Nkoana Eden Nuesa Iacob Parada Joshua Park Peyton Park Avshalom Paschalidis

Daniel Pittel Delaney Poladian Jane Prykhitko Kristian Riabov Avigail Ricardo Josiah Ricardo Emily Servera Sierra Sircar Troy Sircar Levi Spitsin Maximus Stavaris Annabel Tamariz Sophia Tan Linda Toledo Rosa Toledo Lizzy Torres Malaya Torres Ioshua Unruh Ioel Villalobos Joseph Villalobos Maia Vroman Jenna Wijaya Hudson Williams Reagan Williams

AUDIO/VISUAL

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Sebastian Chuvac

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THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

We hope you enjoy this concert of praise celebrating the marvelous birth of Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of mankind and the true meaning of Christmas. More importantly, we hope you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Being a Christian is more than identifying yourself with a particular religion or affirming a certain value system. Being a Christian means you have embraced what the Bible says about God, mankind, and salvation. Consider the following truths found in the Bible:

GOD IS SOVEREIGN CREATOR. Contemporary thinking says man is the product of evolution. But the Bible says we were created by a personal God to love, serve, and enjoy endless fellowship with Him. The New Testament reveals it was Jesus Himself who created everything (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Therefore, He also owns and rules everything (Psalm 103:19). That means He has authority over our lives and we owe Him absolute allegiance, obedience, and worship.

GOD IS HOLY. God is absolutely and perfectly holy (Isaiah 6:3); therefore He cannot commit or approve of evil (James 1:13). God requires holiness of us as well. First Peter 1:16 says, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

MANKIND IS SINFUL. According to Scripture, everyone is guilty of sin: "There is no man who does not sin" (1 Kings 8:46). That doesn't mean we're incapable of performing acts of human kindness. But we're utterly incapable of understanding, loving, or pleasing God on our own (Romans 3:10–12).

SIN DEMANDS A PENALTY. God's holiness and justice demand that all sin be punished by death (Ezekiel 18:4). That's why simply changing our patterns of behavior can't solve our sin problem or eliminate its consequences.

JESUS IS LORD AND SAVIOR. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Even though God's justice demands death for sin, His love has provided a Savior who paid the penalty and died for sinners (1 Peter 3:18). Christ's death satisfied the demands of God's justice, and Christ's perfect life satisfied the demands of God's holiness (2 Corinthians 5:21), thereby enabling Him to forgive and save those who place their faith in Him (Romans 3:26).

THE CHARACTER OF SAVING FAITH. True faith is always accompanied by repentance from sin. Repentance is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sins to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin (Luke 13:3, 5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9), and pursue Christ (Matthew 11: 28–30; John 17:3) and obedience to Him (1 John 2:3). It isn't enough to believe certain facts about Christ. Even Satan and his demons believe in the true God (James 2:19), but they don't love and obey Him. True saving faith always responds in obedience (Ephesians 2:10).

If you would like to speak to someone about becoming a Christian or would like to know more about the many ministries at Grace Community Church, it would be our great joy to speak with you.

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