

December 19–22, 2019 Grace Community Church

CONCERT

Christmas Joy Orchestral Overture; Stephen Sturz, organist	Traditional Carols arr. Mark Rice	
Festival of Christmas Hymns	Traditional Carols arr. Ronn Huff	
All Is Calm, All Is Bright Philip Webb, Worship Choir	Joseph Mohr, Franz Grüber arr. Bob Krogstad	
Alleluia, Christ Is Born	Twila Paris arr. Dave Williamson	
The Voices of Christmas Deborah Craig-Claar, David T. Clydesdale Children's Choir; Kellie Cunningham, director Worship Choir		
Bethlehem Morning		
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	Traditional Melody arr. Clayton Erb	
I Wonder as I WanderTrad Jubilant Sykes Mark Rice, piano; Paul Morin, acoustic bass Tom Drake, drums	itional Appalachian Carol, John Jacob Niles arr. Patrick Russ, Clayton Erb, Mark Rice	
The Little Drummer Boy Katheri Jubilant Sykes	ne K. Davis, Henry Onorati, Harry Simeone arr. Mark Rice	
Pat-a-Pan Worship Choir	Traditional Burgundian Carol arr. Howard Helvey	
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming		
And the Glory of the Lord	George Friedrich Handel arr. Bob Krogstad	
The First Noël John Martin, Worship Choir	Traditional English Carol arr. Robert Nugent	
Welcome and Offering		
Celebrate, Rejoice!	John P. Kee, Richard Smallwood orch. Mike Speck, Tim Parton, Cliff Duren	

We Call It Christmas Christian Ebner	Marty Funderburk arr. Daniel Semsen
O Come, All Ye Faithful	John Francis Wade arr. & orch. David T. Clydesdale
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and trip O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem Come and behold Him—born the K O come, let us adore Him! O come, l O come, let us adore Him, Christ, th	! ing of angels! let us adore Him!
Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation of sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above Glory to God, all glory in the highest O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the	! ! let us adore Him!
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this h Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh app O come, let us adore Him! O come, l O come, let us adore Him, Christ, th	pearing! let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him! O come, l O come, let us adore HIM, CHRIST	
It's About the Cross	Jamison Statema, Daniel Ball arr. Jason Webb, Cody McVey
O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Traditional Melody arr. Bob Krogstad
O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam arr. Bob Krogstad
The Christmas Story	
Hallelujah! Worship Choir	George Friedrich Handel
Benediction	
We'll Dress the House	Alfred Burt
Organ Postlude	arr. Stephen Sturz

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Gail Acosta Concertmistress Nadean Charonnat Michael Ferril Ron Clark Samantha DiGiovanni

Matthias Rykert Elijah Lee

Eric Lan

VIOLA

Carole Castillo Helen Crosby Robert Berg Debbie Birgean

CELLO

Cathy Biagini Jenna Ford Trina Hodgson Beryl Canale

STRING BASS

John Hester

HARP

Alison Bjorkedal

GUITAR

Nick Brown

ELECTRIC BASS

Paul Morin

DRUMS

Tom Drake

PIANO

Mark Rice

TRUMPET

Adrian Miller Jeffrey Bunnell Roger Mason

FRENCH HORN

Steve Becknell Martin Rhees Nathan Campbell

TROMBONE

Daniel Chandler Iohn Grab Craig Ware

TUBA

Les Benedict

PERCUSSION

Tom Drake Tyler Smith Manuel Calzada Andrea Cline

FLUTE

Paulie Davis Becky Birgean

OBOE

Victoria Sabonjohn

CLARINET

Eugene Kim

WORSHIP CHOIR

SOPRANO

Elisabeth Alcalay Deborah Allan Deborah Beebe Mirta Bondarczuk Victoria Chua Grace Chung Carol Clarke Carol Dalrymple Sara Di Salvo Traci Evans Margo Ewing Meagan Ford Harriet Furuya Erin Greene Vicki Griffin Esther Kim Monica Knudsen Priscilla Lan Alice Liang Anna Ohanian Gay McCurley Maran McLeod Margie Montell Celena McMahon Frances Pampeyan Helen Salonga Shirley Shaffer Andrea Smith Erica Stevens

Marie Elena Stulp Spring Sung

Tina Ugalde

Lisa Valdez Marva Washington

Lidia Wlasiuk

ALTO

Thalia Brandt Debra Cargo Rachel Chua Lorelei Cork Ann Crawford Kathy Crawford Sharon Devol Teri Florita Jenna Friesen Bonnie Grindley Jaz Hoffman Sara Heisler Deanne Hritz Georgie Hughes Margie Jesson Leslie LaMunyan-Elder Katherine Lee Kathleen Lehman Gigi Leviste Barbara Lowman Ida Mak Donna Miller Katie Moody Margaret Nackos Cheryl Norman Silva Ohanian Lyn Papa Cristina Pearson Nora Petersen Judy Pieper Michele Platt

Mikayla Platt Sharon Secor

Grace Shim

Donna Shin

Ludovica Tessitore Judy Thomsen Janet Waters Jeanne Wells Marilyn Wendler

Kimberly Whitman

TENOR

Ray Adams Pio Castillo James Chung John Eickemeyer John Ford Joseph Ghim Philip Haw Gamaliel Jacinto Doug Jesson Donald Lopez John Pearson Bruce Petersen Richard Raser Trevor Schneeberger Shane Schultz Elmer Serquina Kevin Stulp Carol Showalter

Jim Van Winkle

Joshua Wu

BARITONE/BASS

Steven Batesole Steve Bondarczuk William Brandenstein Cameron Casillas Ken Furuya Danny Godwin John Harris John Hritz Rudell Jacinto John Kim Peter Kim Ron Klint Edward Lan Jojo Leviste Toh-Bin Lim Eric Mak Dale Miller David Paucar Philip Tan Gilbert Tsao Andrew Valdez Mark Vischer

REHEARSAL **PIANISTS**

Chris Weaver

Margo Ewing Edward Lan Jan Sanborn

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Kellie Cunningham Director Josiah Alvarez Anthony Avery Claire Baugh Lucy Bohr Bryson Bohr Davide Burnett Sally Butler Eliana Butler Charlotte Calderon Abigail Canham Mikyla Casino Rumy Daugereau Allison DeSpain Ann DeSpain Trevor Dolden Margaret Florita Peyton Freeman Rose Garrett Hannah Gasca Alondra Gonzalez Silas Grauman Noah Grauman Abigail Grauman

Emily Guox Catherine Guox Adam Harr Amos Harr Kyree Hastings Nathan Ignacio Hayley Julian Wilson Kane Keren Kang Christine Kim Charlotte Kim Miley Knotts Genesis Larrama Jacob Lee Joshua Lee Audrey Lim Sarona Lin Elena Martinez Andrea Medrano Iveth Mendoza Samuel Ng Rebekah Ng Jude Nuesa Elequel Nuesa Samuel Nufio

David Petrosian Susan Petrosian Ashley Parada Abigail Perez David Perez Darvela Perez Abigail Primrose Victoria Rangel Keila Rangel Sarah Ricardo Matthew Rodriguez Briana Rueda Hope Salamanca **Emily Salibian** Abigail Salibian Luke Samson Jessica Samson Rebecca Sanchez Sophie Santana Katelynn Santana Anya Sidarov Michael Sidorov Eliza Silla Penny Song Scout Tagliere

Sailor Tagliere Johann Tan Amelia Tkachuck Leanne Togno Naomi Tolopilo Evanne Toqe Eva Torres Lydia Torres Micah Torres Darcey Twiss Isla Twiss Ruairi Twiss Arielle Tyler Maggie Verano Maritsa Verano Amelia Voiles Julia Voiles Savannah Voiles Iacob Yanez Ava Ybarra Sophie Yule Fiorella Zuniga

JOYFUL SOUND

Gay McCurley Celena McMahon Sara Di Salvo Erin Greene Jaz Hoffman Michele Platt Elmer Serquina Chris Burnett Michael Bohr William Brandenstein Andrew Valdez Edward Lan

HANDBELL CHOIR

Sharon Devol *Director* Paul Ackerman Elisabeth Alcalay William Brandenstein John Eickemeyer Sara Heisler Gay McCurley Frances Pampeyan Jarod Platt Michele Platt Mikayla Platt Sharon Secor Cassidy Simpson Marva Washington Jeanne Wells

INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

(Sunday only)

Julie Casaccia Tari Kelley Charles Logston Natalie Mouron Madison Page

STAGING

SOUND & AV Kevin Ford Peter LaCom Bill Brandenstein Narhan Bonsell LIGHTING Ted Lehman Peter Haverlation Felix Camarillo **DECORATIONS** Morgan Hughes Gary Van Treese

CHURCH STAFF

John MacArthur

Pastor-Teacher

Clayton Erb

Minister of Worship

Bill Brandenstein Assistant Minister of Worship

Mark Rice Assistant to the Minister of Worship Erin Greene
Administrative
Assistant
Stephen Styra

Stephen Sturz *Organist* Kevin Ford Director of Audio Visual Technologies

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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).

SinDemands 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.

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

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