

CONCERT

Once in Royal David's City	Cecil Frances Alexander, Henry J. Gauntlett
O Come, All Ye Faithful Orchestral Overture; Stephen Sturz, organist	
Joy to the World! Worship Choir	Isaac Watts, George F. Handel adapt. Lowell Mason; arr. & orch. Mack Wilberg
What Child Is This?	Traditional Carol arr. & orch. Bradley Knight
Christmas Is Here	
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Children's Choir, Worship Choir	dTraditional French Carol arr. & orch. Bob Krogstad
No Eye Had Seen / All Is Well	Amy Grant, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Michael W. Smith arr. & orch. David Hamilton
Away in a Manger Handbell Choir; Sharon Devol, director	Traditional Carol arr. David & Suzanne Johns
Good Christian Men, Rejoice Elmer Serquina, Michael Bohr Pio Castillo, Will Brandenstein	Traditional Carol arr. & orch. David Hamilton, Mark Rice
God with God John Martin, Worship Choir	
Joy, Joy Diane Brown, Worship Choir	Wendy Wills, David Phelps, Matt Huesmann arr. & orch. Bradley Knight
All Praise to Thee (Luther's Lullaby) Martin Luther, William W. Brandenstein Worship Choir	
Angels We Have Heard on High Grace Chung, Worship Choir	Traditional French Carol arr. & orch. Mack Wilberg
Welcome and Offering	
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen Joyful Sound	Traditional Carol arr. & orch. & new refrain Bradley Knight
God Bless Us Everyone Philip Webb, Worship Choir	

Festival First Noël Traditional English Carol
Congregation, Worship Choir arr. by Dan Forrest
orch. Paul Thompson

ALL: The first Noël the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel.

WOMEN: They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the east, beyond them far;

MEN: And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!

ALL: Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!

Se oye un son en alta esfera (Hark! the Herald Angels Sing)

Worship Choir Charles Wesley, alt. George Whitefield, Felix Mendelssohn trans. Federico Fliedner

arr. & orch. Dan Forrest

The Christmas Story

Benediction

We'll Dress the House Alfred Burt
Stephen Sturz, organist arr. Stephen Sturz

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Michael Ferril Concertmaster

Ron Clark

Nadean Charonnat

Becky Bunnell

Gabrielle Gans

Eric Lan

Elijah Lee Matthias Rykert

Mizuki Maeda

Kazuki Maeda

David Ibarra

Julissa Bozman

VIOLA

Carole Castillo

Helen Crosby Debbie Birgean

Cecille Asuncion

CELLO

Cathy Biagini Matthew Ignacio

John Brow Beryl Canale

STRING BASS

John Hester

HARP

Jessica Brizuela

GUITARS

Corey Fleig

ELECTRIC BASS Tom Drake

DRUMS

Andrea Cline

PIANO & **SYNTHESIZER**

Mark Rice

Margo Ewing

TRUMPET

Adrian Miller Jeffrey Bunnell

Roger Mason

FRENCH HORN

Steve Becknell Martin Rhees

Riley Olson

TROMBONE

Dave Beatty Daniel Chandler

Craig Ware

TUBA Beth Mitchell

PERCUSSION

Tom Drake

Tyler Smith

Andrea Cline Darryl Ball

FLUTE

Charlotte Betry Jonathan Rodriguez

OBOE

Jason Kennedy

CLARINET

Shaniee Kennedy

WORSHIP CHOIR

SOPRANO

Erma Burnett Meagan Carlson

Susan Chu Victoria Chua

Grace Chung

Carol Clarke

Carol Dalrymple

Margo Ewing

Harriet Furuya

Denise Ganser

Erin Greene

Holly Johnson

Samantha Kaeding

Esther Kim Esther Le

Jeanne Lee Alice Liang

Maran McLeod Celena McMahon

Margie Montell

Anna Ohanian Frances Pampeyan

Lynette Rentie

Helen Salonga

Andrea Smith Marie Elena Stulp

Spring Sung Angie Torres

Marva Washington

Lydia Wlasiuk

ALTO

Lorelei Cork

Ann Crawford Kathy Crawford

Gail DeBurgh

Sharon Devol

Susan Elftman Teri Florita

Sara Heisler

Georgie Hovey

Deanne Hritz Margie Jesson

Mary Kohlmeier

Leslie LaMunyan-Elder

Linda Laubach Katherine Lee

Barbara Lowman Ida Mak

Donna Miller Margaret Nackos

Cheryl Norman Silva Ohanian

Judy Pieper

Dori Raser Sharon Secor

Grace Shim Donna Shin

Judy Thomsen

Janet Waters Jeanne Wells

Kimberly Whitman

TENOR

Pio Castillo

James Chung

John Eickemeyer John Ford

Scott Ganser

Carlos Gomez

Gamie Jacinto Doug Jesson

John Pearson

Richard Raser

Trevor Schneeberger Shane Schultz

Elmer Serquina Kevin Stulp

Joshua Wu

BARITONE/BASS

Steve Batesole

Mike Bohlen

Steve Bondarczuk

Will Brandenstein

Kenneth Furuya

John Hritz

Rudell Jacinto

John Kim

Peter Kim

Ron Klint

Edward Lan

Youngsoo Lee

Toh-Bin Lim

Eric Mak

Dale Miller

Gabriel Mulder

David Paucar

Steven Pierce

Philip Tan

Gilbert Tsao Chris Weaver

REHEARSAL

PIANISTS Margo Ewing Edward Lan

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Kellie Cunningham Director David Alaniz-Youn Allison Michelle Alfaro Asher Almquist Venice Altre Sasha Atkinson Gabriel Bartholomae Kaleb Bartholomae Ean Burnett Zuzu Cass Noemi Chitamoor Amy Choi **Emily Cisneros** Joey Cusenza Judith Del Cid Lilliana Delgado Ollie Jo Duncan Hannah Fisk Alylie Garcia

Hillary Guox Adelia Huang Josiah Huang Julia Johnson Aranda Kortcamp Joel Lawrence Nathan Lawrence Madelyn Lee Olina Leon Eleanor Leon Michael Little Graceyn Longmore Ella Martin Felix Medina Genesis Mendez Fredy Mendoza Matthew Mendoza Elena Mitchell Samuel Ng Elequel Nuesa

Iude Nuesa Levi Nuesa Aaron Nufio Samuel Nufio James Park Jonathan Park Aaron Perez Reagan Poladian Annabelle Primrose Victoria Rangel Samuel Rodriguez Grace Salamanca Hope Salamanca Lucas Salamanca **Emily Salibian** Luke Samson Caleb John Santos Calista Saunders Gunnar Schneeberger Jasper Servera

Mark Sidorov Torian Spalding Mackenzie Spilsbury Jonah Spitsin Milania Sutton Janessa Tonsil Jazlin Tonsil Bella Torres Eva Torres Arielle Tyler Eva Vasquez Sarah Vincent Maggie Verano Andrea Vereen Sydney Watson Ava Ybarra Judah Ybarra Micah Ybarra

JOYFUL SOUND

Erin Greene Celena McMahon Sara DiSalvo Andie Henry Jaz Hoffman Maran Mcleod Pio Castillo Carlos Gomez Elmer Serquina

Will Brandenstein Chris Burnett Edward Lan

HANDBELL CHOIR

Sharon Devol *Director* Paul Ackerman Kathy Crawford Gail DeBurgh John Eickemeyer Sara Heisler Linda Laubach Frances Pampeyan John Pearson Sharon Secor Cassidy Simpson

Marva Washington Jeanne Wells

ASL INTERPRETERS

(Saturday, 2:00 pm)

Michele Hirano Natalie Jorgensen Steven Kelley Tari Kelley Charles Logston Hannah Park

Jody Stevenson

STAGING

AUDIO Alexander Yee John Barnfather Mark King VIDEO John Mark Conaway Kevin Ford Ruth Hanthorn LIGHTING Timothy Ng DECORATIONS Morgan Hughes

Alexander Yee

Audio/Visual Manager

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of Music
Stephen Sturz

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Music Assistant

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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.

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday: 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm

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