

Christmas Concert



Grace Community Church
December 14-17, 2023

CONCERT

A Christmas Meditation Phillips Brooks, Bob Krogstad
Worship Choir

*O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Immanuel!*

Christmas Joy Traditional Carols
Orchestral Overture; Stephen Sturz, organist arr. David T. Clydesdale

Gloria David Hamilton
Worship Choir

A Caribbean Christmas Medley Jester Hairston, Traditional Spiritual
Philip Webb, Worship Choir arr. & orch. Bob Krogstad

Rejoice, Your Light Has Come Mary McDonald
Junior Choir; Kellie Cunningham, director orch. Ed Hogan

Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven Keith & Kristyn Getty
Lisa Martin, Junior Choir orch. J.A.C. Redford

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Felix Mendelssohn
Handbell Choir; Sharon Devol, director arr. Clayton Erb

More than Wonderful Lanny Wolfe
Diane Brown arr. & orch. Don Marsh

Christmas Bells Medley Andrew Culverwell; Henry Longfellow,
Elmer Serquina, Michael Bohr Jean Baptiste Calkin; Marve Fisher, Gus Levene
Chris Burnett, Will Brandenstein arr. Clayton Erb
orch. Mark Rice

The Little Drummer Boy Katherine K. Davis, Henry Onorati,
Jubilant Sykes Harry Simeone
Mark Rice, piano; Paul Morin, acoustic bass; arr. Mark Rice
Tom Drake, drums

Mary, Did You Know? Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene
Jubilant Sykes arr. & orch. Mark Rice

Rejoice Greatly George Frederick Handel
Grace Chung

For Unto Us a Child Is Born George Frederick Handel
Worship Choir

God with God Michael W. Smith, Tony Wood
John Martin, Worship Choir arr. & orch. David Hamilton

Welcome and Offering

Joy to the World Isaac Watts, Michael McElroy,
Worship Choir Joseph Joubert, Buryl Red
arr. Mike Speck and Cliff Duren
orch. Joseph Joubert

Let There Be Light Scott Krippayne, Marie Reynolds
Joyful Sound arr. & orch. Cliff Duren

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymn 231)..... John Francis Wade
Congregation, Worship Choir arr. & orch. David T. Clydesdale

All My Heart This Night Rejoices Paul Gerhardt, Catherine Winkworth,
Worship Choir Z. Randall Stroope

*All my heart, all this night rejoices,
As I hear far and near sweetest angel voices,
“Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!” [Glory to God in the highest!]
Come let us all both great and small sing “Gloria!”
Hail the star where hope is burning, “Gloria!”
Love Who with love is yearning, ever yearning, “Gloria!”*

*All my heart, all this night rejoices,
As I hear far and near sweetest angel voices,
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!” [Glory to God in the highest!]
All the air, and ev’rywhere, “Gloria!”
Come and dwell in glory forever and ever.
Far on high in joy that can alter never.
Dwell in the house of Love forever, ever and ever, “Gloria!”*

*All my heart, all this night rejoices,
As I hear far and near sweetest angel voices,
“Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!” [Glory to God in the highest!]
All my heart, all this night, All the air, and ev’rywhere, “Gloria!”*

Hallelujah (Light Has Come)..... Rebecca, Alyssa, & Lauren Barlow
Bekah Colson; with Jaz Hoffman, arr. & orch. David Das, Joel Mott, Lee Marcum
Anna Prykhitko, Worship Choir

O Holy Night John S. Dwight, Adolphe Adam
Philip Webb, Worship Choir arr. & orch. Bob Krogstad

The Christmas Story

Hallelujah! George Frederick Handel
Worship Choir

Benediction

Joy to the World! George Frederick Handel
Stephen Sturz, organist arr. John Ness Beck

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Michael Ferril
Concertmaster
Ron Clark
Nadean Charonnat
Mizuki Maeda
Elijah Lee
Eric Lan
Kazuki Maeda
Masaki Maeda

VIOLA

Carole Castillo
Helen Crosby
Debbie Ignacio-Birgean
Cecille Asuncion

CELLO

Cathy Biagini
Matthew Ignacio
John Brow
Beryl Canale

STRING BASS

John Hester

HARP

Jessica Brizuela

ELECTRIC BASS

Paul Morin

DRUMS

Andrea Cline

PIANO & SYNTHESIZER

Mark Rice

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
Michael Westerband

FLUTE

Susan Winsberg
Charlotte Wilkins

OBOE

Jason Kennedy

CLARINET

Lizzie Ramirez

ORCHESTRA MANAGER

Shirley Mollica

WORSHIP CHOIR

SOPRANO

Deborah Allan
Debbie Beebe
Erma Burnett
Casey Childs
Susan Chu
Victoria Chua
Grace Chung
Carol Clarke
Maran DiGiusto
Margo Ewing
HarrietFuruya
Denise Ganser
Vicki Griffin
Holly Johnson
Esther Kim
Monica Knudsen
Esther Le
Jeanie Lee
Alice Liang
Celena McMahon
Margie Montell
Anna Ohanian
Frances Pampeyan
Sharon Pope
Lynette Rentie
Helen Salonga
Marie Elena Stulp
Spring Sung
Angie Torres
Marva Washington
Lidia Wlasiuk

ALTO

Martha Amparan
Kathy Belden
Thalia Brandt
Rachel Caparula
Ann Marie Crawford
Kathy Crawford
Gail DeBurgh
Sharon Devol
Susan Elftman
Teri Florita
Mbabazi Guma
Sara Heisler
Deanne Hritz
Jaz Hoffman
Margie Jesson
Mary Kohlmeier
Leslie LaMunyan
Linda Laubach
Jenn Little
Barbara Lowman
Ida Mak
Donna Miller
Margaret Nackos
Cheryl Norman
Lyndraice Papa
Christina Parson
Nora Petersen
Judy Pieper
Dori Raser
Inna Reshetnikova
Sharon Secor

Grace Shim

Donna Shin
Tanya Spitsin
Judy Thomsen
Jeanne Wells
Kimberly Whitman

TENOR

Gary Ahlfeldt
Pio Castillo
James Chung
John Eickemeyer
John H. Ford
Scott Ganser
Carlos Gomez
Gamaliel Jacinto Jr.
Doug Jesson
John Pearson
Richard Raser
Trevor Schneeberger
Shane Schultz
Elmer Serquina
Kevin Stulp
Jeffrey Swingle
BARITONE
Russell Callender
Ed Lan
John Harris
Phil Tan
Christopher Weaver
Jerry Wolfe

BASS

Steven Batesole
Mike Bohlen
Steve Bondarczuk
Will Brandenstein
Mark Cox
Stephen DiGiusto
Ken Furuya
John Hritz
Rudell Jacinto
John Kim
Peter Kim
Youngsoo Lee
Eric Mak
Dale Miller
Gabriel Mulder
David Paucar
Gilbert Tsao
Mark Vischer

REHEARSAL

PIANISTS

Beth Busenitz
Margo Ewing
Edward Lan

JUNIOR CHOIR

Kellie Cunningham <i>Director</i>	Judith Del Cid	Eleanor Leon	Zoe Salas
Genesis Mendez	Liliana Delgado	Olina Leon	Timothy Santana
Aguilar	Noah Dumitru	Makenna Leon	Caleb John Santos
Deborah Aguilar	Brooklyn Eich	Noah Liou	Jasper Servera
Allison Alfaro	Andrew Eich	Selah Marquez	Mark Sidorov
Asher Almquist	Jacob Espinoza	Ella Martin	Jonah Spitsin
Sasha Atkinson	Alistair Florita	Rosie Martin	Emma Stapleton
Kaleb Bartholomae	Malia Foote	Felix Medina	Milania Sutton
Gabriel Bartholomae	Melany Garcia	Freddy Mendoza	Annabelle Tkachuk
Ziva Biddle	Estela Gierke	Matthew Mendoza	Jazlin Tonsil
Noah Brightup	Eden Gomez	Ana Isabel Morales	Janessa Tonsil
Priscilla Calderon	Emma Gomez	Levi Nuesa	Bella Torres
Abigail Callaway	Hillary Guox	James Park	Lily Van de Houten
Zyra Chiriboja	Samuel Hasserjian	Jonathan Park	Eva Vasquez
Noemi Chitamoor	Everly Hodge	Reagan Poladian	Sarah Vincent
Amy Choi	Adelia Huang	Gavin Potratz	David Youn
Cecilla Chung	Josiah Huang	Annabelle Primrose	
Anaiah Chung	Julia Johnson	Samuel Rodriguez	
Samantha Cifuentes	Aranda Kortcamp	Grace Salamanca	
	Madelyn Lee	Lucas Salamanca	

JOYFUL SOUND

Bekah Colson	Maran DiGiusto	Pio Castillo	Will Brandenstein
Sara di Salvo	Andie Henry	Elmer Serquina	Mark Cox
Angie Torres	Jaz Hoffman	Jeffrey Swingle	Ed Lan

HANDBELL CHOIR

Sharon Devol <i>Director</i>	Kathy Crawford	Corey Fleig	Frances Pampeyan
Paul Ackerman	Gail DeBurgh	Sara Heisler	Sharon Secor
Casey Childs	John Eickemeyer	Linda Laubach	Marva Washington
	Sue Elftman	Shirley Mollica	

ASL INTERPRETERS

(Saturday, 2:00 pm)

Michele Hirano	Tari Kelley	Charles Logston	Hannah Park
Natalie Jorgensen			

STAGING

AUDIO	VIDEO	LIGHTING	DECORATIONS
Alexander Yee	Jeff Caparula	Timothy Ng	Morgan Hughes
John Barnfather	John Mark Conaway		
Andrea Cline	Hannah Park		
Mark King	Jonathan Park		
Elizabeth Knoester			
Michael Müseler			

CHURCH STAFF

John MacArthur <i>Pastor-Teacher</i>	Stephen Sturz <i>Organist</i>	Meagan Carlson <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Alexander Yee <i>Audio/Visual Manager</i>
Bill Brandenstein <i>Minister of Music</i>	Becky Barnfather <i>Administrative Assistant</i>		Michael Wurtz <i>Ticketing</i>

This year's program cover is from an original painting by Grace Church choir member Frances Pampeyan.

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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