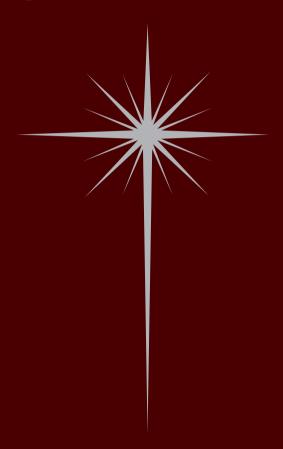


SEEK HIM



Messiah University Christmas Concert

Brass Choir Chamber Singers Concert Choir Handbell Choir

Men's Ensemble Women's Ensemble

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.
PARMER HALL

Prelude

Andrew Meade and Daniel Umholtz, Organists

Of the Father's Love Begottenarr. Brian Childers

Handbell Choir



Welcome to Messiah

Seek Him That Maketh the Seven StarsJonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. ~ Amos 5:8 Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me. ~ Psalm 139

Daniel Umholtz '15, organ

Julia Potter, Piano

Shepherd's Dance.....arr. Richard Elliott (b. 1960)

based on the traditional French carol, "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep!" and quoting "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," and "Sheep May Safely Graze"

Daniel Umholtz '15, organ

You are all beautiful, Mary, and the original stain of sin is not in you.

Your clothing is as white as snow, and your face is like the sun.

You are the glory of Jerusalem. You are the joy of Israel. You give honor to our people.

~4th Century Catholic Prayer, Song of Solomon 4:7

When Christmas Morn Is Dawning......Kyle Pederson (b.1971)

When Christmas morn is dawning, in faith help me to see
A Child there in the manger, a mirror, God, of Thee.
A gift of grace and mercy, of innocence and truth,
The child there in the manger is making all things new.
Oh, keep my gaze upon thee and may I ne'er forget
Though the world is trembling, Emmanuel lives yet.

So come this Christmas morning, when I first awake
Draw my heart to you, Lord, and with each breath I take
Fill my soul with wonder at the manger where you lay.
Oh, make my heart the manger, the manger where you lay.
~Kyle Pederson

Julia Potter, piano

> See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia, Alleluia

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies. He, who, throned in light sublime sits amid the cherubim. Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing throughout Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia, Alleluia

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine, Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this. Hail thou ever blessed morn, Hail, redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia, Alleluia

~ Edward Caswall (1814 - 1878)

Vera Solomin and Elise Kersten, violin Erin Weaver, viola Alison Koch and Sarah Topping, cello Brian Gamber, percussion Julia Potter, piano



> ALL: I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace of earth, good will to men.

> ALL: I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along the unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men.

MEN: And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."

WOMEN: Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men."

ALL: Till, ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men.

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Nutcracker Medley	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
	(1840 - 1893)
	arr. Jamey Ray
Deck the Halls	Traditional Welsh Carol arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
Abigail Weller, conductor	
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	(b. 1934)
	arr. Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path and show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Audience: I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus, When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

~Kathleen Thomerson (b.1934)

Allison Koch and Sarah Topping, cello Andrew Meade, piano

In the Bleak Midwinter......Gustav Holst
(1874 - 1934)

Julia Laessig, piano Tiah Masood, mezzo-soprano Victoria Lang, Eliana McFate, Abigail Weller, Kiley Shirk, sopranos
> Audience: Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing!

Choir only: No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ! While fields and floods,Rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness and wonders of his love! Sing joy!

Julia Laessig and Daniel Balsbaugh, piano
Vera Solomin, violin
Trista Glace, piccolo
Grace Duncan, guitar
Isaac Neuenschwander, bass
Brian Gambler, percussion

Glad Tidings of Joy.......Traditional Carols arr. Lloyd Larson

It's the day before Christmas, let's go to the store.

November til now has all been a blur;

Deadlines are ringing like loud jingle bells.

Filled up my schedule instead of the stockings,

Can't answer the door when carolers come knocking,

I'm working these long silent nights once again.

I've got no time for Christmas, no room in the schedule for laughter or cheer Got no time for Christmas. The family's together, but I'm nowhere near Got no time for Christmas, I guess there's always next year. Dishes are piling up like a tree, no sugarplum visions cus I never sleep,

Let's only decorate half of the house;

It's less to take down when the spring comes around.

Let's raise a glass to the ones that are just getting through, to the overworked, tired, single mother of two,

To the sleep deprived student who's ready to cave, and the ones who regret all the yesses they gave,

To the hustler, the juggler, and even the scrooge.

Please make some time for Christmas.

Make room for the memories to last through the years

Make some time for Christmas, your friends and your family won't always be here.

Make some time for Christmas. I'll try to do better next year...

I'm going to do better next year.

~ Diethrich brothers

Oversoon (the band)
Daniel Diethrich '20, keys and vocals
Jared Diethrich '23, bass
Jordan Diethrich '21, drums
Hannelore Rydquist, Jordan Rodgers, soloists
Orphie Hartman, Mandy Bevenour, descant



*Audience: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise! Join the triumph of the skies.

With the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!""

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord.

Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity.

Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.

Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Ave Maris Stella Edvard Grieg (1843 - 1907)

Hail star of the sea, loving mother of God and also always a virgin, happy gate of heaven. Break the chains of sinners: bring light to the blind, Drive away our evils, ask for all good.

Keep life pure, make the journey safe, So that, seeing Jesus, We may always rejoice together. Let there be praise to God the Father, glory to Christ in the highest. To the Holy Spirit, one honor to all three. Amen.

Go, Tell It On The Mountain......Traditional Spiritual arr. Karen Thompson

Jesus, What A Wonderful Child......Traditional Spiritual

Anna Clement, piano Jasmine Dickson and Annalise Yeich, trumpets Brian Gambler, percussion

To Thee My Heart I Offer......Elaine Hagenberg (b.1979)

To Thee my heart I offer, oh Christ- child sweet and dear;
Upon thy love relying, be Thou ever near.
Oh take my heart and give me Thine and my it be forever mine
Oh Jesus, holy, undefiled, my Savior, meek and mild.

What brought Thee to the manger, oh Christ-child sweet and dear?

Thy love for me a stranger, be Thou ever near.

Oh Lord how great thy perfect Love that reaches from the heav'ns above.

Thy love for us, by sin defiled, that made Thee, God, a child.

Let me be Thine forever, oh Christ-child sweet and dear;

Uphold me with Thy mercy, be Thou ever near.
Thy hand bestows Thy gifts to me and all I have I offer Thee!
My heart, my soul, and all I own; Let these be Thine alone.
~ Mein Herz will ich dir schenken, 1653

Vera Solomin and Elise Kersten, violins Erin Weaver, violas Sarah Topping and Alison Koch, cellos Anna Clement, piano

*Audience: Silent NightTraditional German Carol



Verse 1: Soloists only

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly 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!

Anna Cameron, Victoria Lang and Abigail Weller, sopranos Aiden Rizzo, guitar

Alleluia! Ring out, ye bells!
All Nature swells with gladness at the wondrous story.

Sing, children, sing! Tonight a King hath come from heav'n's high throne to bless us.

The outstretched hand o'er all the land is raised in pity to redeem us.

The world was lorn, but Christ is born to change our sadness into glory.

Come at his call; be joyful all; away with mourning and with sadness!

The heavenly choir, with holy fire, their voices raise in songs of gladness.

~ Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872–1906)

Anna Clement, piano Brian Gambler, percussion

Merry Christmas!

Poinsettias are available for purchase and pick-up in the lobby after the 7:30pm performance. All funds support the choir's touring outreach programs.

Want to sing in one of Messiah's fantastic choirs? We have choirs for students, faculty, staff and community members! Contact **jmeade@messiah.edu** with interest.

Messiah University Brass Choir

Michael Harcrow, Coordinator

Trumpet

Jasmine Dickson - Mantua, NJ Brayden Dudinyak - Hazleton, PA Chelsea Fink - Mechanicsburg, PA Elizabeth Lebo - Lancaster, PA Nicholas Moglia - Milford, PA Andew Morgan - Boiling Springs, PA Andrew Mulligan - Edensburg, PA Daniel Satariano - Pittsburgh, PA Deacon Shearer - Myerstown, PA Annalise Yeich - Danville, PA

Horn

Tiah Masood - Robertsdale, PA Oliver Paris - Mechanicsburg, PA Annie Rizzo - Spring City, PA Mimi Weller - Grove City, PA

Trombone

Caleb Childs - Harrisburg, PA Cassie Gehenio - Camp Hill, PA Aiden Rizzo - Spring City, PA

Euphonium

Abigail Weller - Grove City, PA

Tuba

Jace Graybill - Dillsburg, PA Ryan Klemick - Mechanicsburg, PA

Messiah University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers

Joy Meade, Conductor Anna Clement, Pianist

Sopranos

Hope Adedokun - Phoenixville, PA
Mandy Bevenour - Mechanicsburg, PA
Gloria Casey - Plum, PA
Orphie Hartman* - Hollidaysburg, PA
Julia Laessig - Newton Square, PA
Victoria Lang* - Hershey, PA
Eliana McFate* - New Market, MD
Kay Reyburn - Cochranville, PA
Kacie Watkins - Souderton, PA
Abigail Weller* - Grove City, PA
Amelia Weller - Grove City, PA
Macy Wright - Vienna, VA
Evelyn White - Holliston, MA

Altos

Shelby Beadle - Harrisburg, PA
Clara Bellot - Denver, CO
Anna Cameron - Erie, PA
Emily Evans - Duncannon, PA
Nadia Griffith* - Newville, PA
Elizabeth Lebo* - Lancaster, PA
Tiah Masood* - Robertsdale, PA
Anne McIlvaine* - Lancaster, PA
Ashley Murtoff - Mechanicsburg, PA
Kristin Nolt* - Ephrata, PA
Annie Rizzo - Spring City, PA
Jordan Rodgers - Colchester, CT
Hannelore Rydquist - Rochester County, NY

Tenors

Ben Anspach - Frederick, MD Quinn Cameron - Conneautville, PA Michael Casey* - Plum, PA Matthew Harris - Prospect Park, PA Greysen Kemper- Harrisburg, PA Daniel Lin* - Westwood, NJ Gabriel Nater Padro* - Newville, PA Elijah Palmer* - Mechanicsburg, PA Peyton Rohrbaugh - Spring Grove, PA Deacon Shearer* - LeGanon, PA Tim Tien* - Klang, Selangor, Malaysia

Basses

Alex Bohm - Turkhannock, PA
Nathan Bowman - Lancaster, PA
Ryan Cascarella - Lititz, PA
Nicholas Epps - Hamilton, NJ
Josiah Evans* - Elizabethtown, PA
Daniel Micsion* - Souderton, PA
Clint Miller - Mechanicsburg, PA
Isaac Neuenschwander - Pasadena, MD
Dekenon Pollock* - Mount Union, PA
Bryant Rohrer* - Duncannon, PA
Patrick Schussler - Lewisberry, PA
Benjamin Wenger - Mechanicsburg, PA

Messiah University Handbell Choir

Shawn Gingrich, Conductor

Alex Bohm - Tunkhannock, PA
Rachel Brooks - Mechanicsburg, PA
Joann Fan - Southampton, PA
Joseph Fan - Southampton, PA
Chelsea Fink - Mechanicsburg, PA
Nathan Grim - Harrisburg, PA
Esther Hess - Airville, PA
Sadie Heston - Cutchogue, NY
Liz Kielley - Littlestown, PA
Ruth Leuamchampassak - Holland, MI
Reagan Urbanavage - Highspire, PA
Emmy Varner - Lititz, PA
Macy Wright - Vienna, VA

^{*}Denotes Chamber Singer

Messiah University Men's Ensemble

Eric Dundore, Conductor Julia Potter, Pianist

Tenor 1

Ben Anspach - Frederick, MD Andrew Mulligan - Ebensburg, PA Gabriel Nater Padro - Newville, PA Oliver Paris - Mechanicsburg, PA

Tenor 2

Ryan Anderson - Londonderry, NH
Connor Duncan - Mechanicsburg, PA
Jonathan Frank - Mechanicsburg, PA
Robert Glogowski - Corinth, NY
Matthew Harris - Prospect Park, PA
Noah Hege - Agartha, PA
Evan Maserumule - Baltimore, MD
Elijah Palmer - Mechanicsburg, PA
Zach Roush - Harrisburg, PA
Deacon Shearer - LeGanon, PA

Bass I

Alexander Bohm - Tunkhannock, PA
Randall Fish - Dillsburg, PA
Austin Galbreath - Nottingham, PA
Micah Hess - Dillsburg, PA
Micah Hubicki - Greenville, NY
Corban Licitra - Honey Brook, PA
Daniel Micsion - Souderton, PA
Christopher Rivera - Staten Island, NY
Patrick Schussler - Lewisberry, PA
Noah Statler - Lancaster, PA
Tanner Stern - Cattaraugus, NY

Bass 2

Nathan Bowman - Lancaster, PA
Karl Dietz - Mechanicsburg, PA
Larry Fausnight - Elizabethtown, PA
Werner Jonas - Dillsburg, PA
Aiden Morris - Middletown, DE
Mark Norbury - West Chester, PA
Matt O'Donnell - Carlisle, PA
Noah O' Donnell - Carlisle, PA
Jonathan Seeburger - Rochester, NY
Jacob Waddell-Trimble - Waldorf, MD

Messiah University Women's Ensemble

Rachel Cornacchio, Conductor Julia Laessig and Daniel Balsbaugh,Pianist

Soprano I

Mandy Bevenour - Mechanicsburg, PA

Cazen Cowfer - Bellwood, PA

Jenny Davis - Dillsburg, PA

Nkechi Enyioma - Baltimore, MD

Allison Focht - Danville PA

Sadie Foster - Lexington Park, MD

Kenya Gegner - Philadelphia, PA

Shawn Goodyear - Mechanicsburg, PA

Orphie Hartman - Hollidaysburg, PA

Julia Laessig - Newtown Square, PA

Victoria Lang - Hershey, PA

Eliana McFate - New Market, MD

Grace Stover - York, PA

Hannah Taylor - Spencerport, NY

Rebecca Zhang - Wu Hun, China

Soprano II

Victoria Burgos - Brookhaven, PA

Grace Chang - Clarksburg, MD

Marissa Clark - Harrisonburg, VA

Abby Crispin - Glassboro, NJ

Emily Evans - Duncannon, PA

Solenna Mack - Johnstown, PA

Lillian Mbuu - Harrisburg, PA

Ashlyn Moore - Lincoln, DE

Ella Murray - Lancaster, PA

Yanira Perez - Lancaster, PA

Anika Peterson - Rochester, NY

Victoria Petrucci - Wilmington, DE

Kylie Walker - Somerset, PA

Abigail Weller - Grove City, PA

Macy Wright - Vienna, VA

Alto I

Anna Clement - Quakertown, PA

Grace Duncan - Springfield, VA

Jordan Good - Warwick, MD

Lilianna Griffee - Walkersville, MD

Esther Hess - Airville, PA

Camryn Horne - Hustontown, PA
Julia Itson - Cleveland, TN
Paige Kriel - Gettysburg, PA
Tiah Masood - Robertsdale, PA
Grace Michelsen - Etters, PA
Eleanor Mund - Manchester, CT
Asleigh Pinkstaff - Falls Church, VA
Hannah Rayner - Hellertown, PA
Jordan Rodgers - Colchester, CT
Hannelore Rydquist - Nanuet, NY
Lydia Zehr - Erie, PA

Alto II

Mila Acosta-Morales - Doylestown, PA
Emma David - Hockessin, DE
Sierra Emery - Bernardsville, NJ
Maria Fortney - Waynesboro, PA
Tian Jamieson - Harwich, MA
Laura Kuehner - East Aurora, NY
Micaela McEvers - Carlisle, PA
Rebecca Shedlock - Manor, PA
Kiley Shirk - Broadway, VA
Lucy Smucker - Lancaster, PA
Kathryn Stougard - Fort Belvoir, VA
Marissa White - Middleburg, PA

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PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Susquehanna Chorale Concert – A Candlelight Christmas December 14 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Third Coast Percussion "Metamorphosis"

January 16 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Mendelssohn Piano Trio and Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet "Fauré and Ravel: a Leap of Imagination in the Art of Belle Époque" February 9 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Cantus

March 28 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sahoko Sato Timpone, mezzo-soprano

April 4 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Haydn's Creation

Featuring Symphony Orchestra, Choral Arts, Concert Choir, Men's and Women's Ensemble April 25 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Susquehanna Chorale Spring Concert

Linda Tedford, artistic director, founder and conductor, professor emeritus, Messiah University May 18 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

CONCERTS

Messiah University Guitar Ensemble

Gavin Horning, director

December 15 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

February 14 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra

Timothy Dixon, conductor

February 21 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Kuhlman Competition

February 23 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Concert Choir

Joy Meade, conductor

March 23 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Combo

Todd Goranson, director

March 25 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Opera Workshop - A Night of Opera: Opera Scenes Program

Damian Savarino, director

March 27 • Climenhaga Building, Poorman Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Piano Ensemble Concert "Silent Film"

Olivia Ellis, director

April 1 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

April 7 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Travis Weller, conductor

Messiah University Brass Choir

William Stowman, director

April 8 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

James Colonna, conductor

April 9 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

April 14 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Handbell Choir

Shawn Gingrich, director

April 26 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Ensembles

William Stowman and Todd Goranson, conductors

April 26 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Spring Choral Showcase

Women's Ensemble

Rachel Cornacchio, conductor

Men's Ensemble

Eric Dundore, conductor

April 30 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Musica Nova: Student Compositions

May I • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Guitar Ensemble

Gavin Horning, director

May 3 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Messiah University Vocal Jazz

William Stowman, director

May 3 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Messiah University Percussion Ensemble

Erik Forst, conductor

May 3 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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