A Derry Christmas



ARTS ALIVE, THE CULTURAL SERIES OF DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

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Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 3 pm

Pre-Concert Recital

Marilla Clay, Harp

I. PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

*Processional Carol: Once in Royal David's City

arr. David Willcocks

Congregational Carol

CHOIR ONLY Verses 1 & 2

ALL

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay: Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew, He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in Heaven above. And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high, Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Mack Wilberg

My Spirit Be Joyful from Cantata No. 146

Derry Ringers

Johann Sebastian Bach arr. Douglas E. Wagner

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Sanctuary Choir

Paul O. Manz

The Wexford Carol

Janice Click Holl, Mezzo-Soprano • Julie Miller, Soprano

Traditional Irish Carol arr. Stephen DeCesare

The Angel Gabriel

Traditional Basque Carol, arr. Edgar Pettman

Allie Lytle, Mezzo-Soprano • John Messmer, Tenor • Marilla Clay, Harp

II. SURROUNDING THE CHRIST CHILD

How Great Our Joy

Mary Lemons, Piano

Traditional German Carol, arr. Craig Courtney

The First Mercy

Linda Trescher, Soprano

Bruce Blunt, Peter Warlock

*We Three Kings

Congregational Carol

arr. Daniel Dorty

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

REFRAIN

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. REFRAIN

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh, Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship Him, God Most High. REFRAIN

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom, Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. REFRAIN

Glorious now behold Him arise, King, and God, and Sacrifice: Allelujah! Allelujah! Sounds through the earth and skies. REFRAIN

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Charley Miller, Bass

What Child is This?

Traditional English Folk Carol, arr. Kevin McChesney

Handbell Quartet

Claire Folts, Deborah Kees-Folts, Natalie Taylor, Rebecca Fioravanti

Sussex Carol

Traditional English Carol, arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Kurestin Miller, Piano

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Robert MacGimsey

III. THE HOLY FAMILY

*O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. David Willcocks

Congregational Carol

Fanfare

Introductory solo by John Messmer, baritone (sung in Latin)

ALL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels:

REFRAIN

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CHOIR ONLY

Verse 2

ALL

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest: REFRAIN

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be glory given, Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: REFRAIN

Fum, Fum, Fum

Traditional Catalan Carol, arr. Howard Helvey

Mary Lemons, Piano • Kurestin Miller, Piano

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Daryl Christopher, Baritone • Mark O'Hearn, Organ

15th Century German Carol Michael Praetorius, arr. Richard Nan

Away in a Manger

Mark O'Hearn, Organ

Jonathan E. Spilman, Seth Bingham

Tune: GLORIA

Mary, Did You Know?

Loren Geeting, Tenor

Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene, arr. Jack Schrader

IV. THE HOLY TRIUMPH

*Angels We Have Heard on High

Congregational Carol

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

REFRAIN

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? REFRAIN

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing, Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. REFRAIN

See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise, Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. REFRAIN

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam, arr. Sandra Eithun

Derry Ringers • Natalie Taylor, Wind Chimes

How Great Our Joy

Traditional German Carol, arr. Mark Grizzard

Mary Lemons, Piano • Kurestin Miller, Piano • Bob Nowak, Djembe

Good King Wenceslas

Sanctuary Choir

Medieval Tune from Piae Cantiones arr . Richard Runciman Terry Congregational Carol

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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

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, Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove, The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 • Sanctuary

2:30 pm

Lessons & Carols | Communion | Derry Brass | Organ

5:00 pm

Lessons & Carols | Children's choirs & music for the entire family to enjoy

7:30 pm

Traditional service of Lessons & Carols | Sanctuary Choir | Derry Ringers

Live streaming at 5 & 7:30 pm on derrypres.org, YouTube & Facebook Nursery care available at 2:30 & 5 pm

CHRISTMAS Day Worship

10:30 am in the Chapel | Birthday cake for Jesus follows the service

^{*} Denotes where the congregation is invited to stand.

DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY CHOIR

Daniel L. Dorty, Director of Music and Organist

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Pennie Cavanaugh
Janice Click Holl
Cindy DeMuth
Ann Geist
Patti Jo Hibshman
Mary Loiselle
Kathy Luciotti
Linda Mentzer
Julie Miller
Kurestin Miller
Linda Trescher
Kate Valenziano

Anna Verghese Rebecca Voler Sally Wallace Cindy Warnock

ALTO

Bonnie Bowman Cyndi Camp Ginny Champion Mary Day Jessie Giampetro Kathy Hetrick Susan Hubbell
Sarah Dorty
Susan Kastelic
Debbi Kees-Folts
Naomi Lemmon
Mary Lemons
Allie Lytle
Lucy Micsky
Colleen Mullikin
Nancy Reinert
Cindy Royer
Cara Schengrund

Ruth Uffelman Marcy Wagoner Pam Whitenack

TENOR

Kenneth Bateman Skip Becker Richard Carty Loren Geeting Ron Hetrick Robert Laird John Messmer Cathy Olson Joan Theal BASS
David Brewin
Daryl Christopher
Matthew Haas
Greg Harris
Kenneth Horst
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Alan Olson
Kenneth Platt
Scott Ramirez
Jim Royer
Dean Sensenig
Scott Siciliano

DERRY RINGERS

Marly Amstutz Katie Chu

Rebecca Fioravanti

Claire Folts Matt Haas

Patti Jo Hibshman

Janice Click Holl

Jeff Hosenfeld

Debbi Kees-Folts

Lauren June

Gail Matters

Kelsey Parsons

Susan Platt

Michael Reed

Natalie Taylor

ACCOMPANISTS

Mary Lemons, Piano Kurestin Miller, Piano Mark O'Hearn, Organ

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Violin

Tracy Ensley, Concertmaster Joseph McAnulty Caleb Stelle

Viola

Donnamarie Dietz Claire Folts Michael Gamon

Cello

Ai-Lin Hsieh James Nackley

Bass

Lyla Bowser VanScoyoc

Flute/Piccolo

Jocelyn Goranson Victoria Visceglia

Oboe

Tom Rowe

Clarinet

Daniel Hoover

Bassoon

Marinda Herring

Trumpet

James Beverly Vanessa Shank Tracee Zygmunt

French Horn

David Whitenack

Katrina Neyman Marty Schlenker

Trombone

Shaine Lepley Timothy Miller

Tuba

Mike Milnarik

Percussion

Robert Nowak

Upcoming Arts Alive Events

The Knotwork Band

CELTIC FOLK MUSIC TRIO 4 pm Sunday, February 16, 2025

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

4 pm Sunday, April 6, 2025

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