



FORTIETH ANNUAL

Christmas Concert

DECEMBER 20-23, 2018

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

CONCERT

This year marks Clayton Erb's fortieth consecutive Christmas Concert series at Grace Community Church. The program is a retrospective; the year each title first appeared in the concert is included parenthetically.

Christmas Joy (2014) Traditional Carols
Orchestral Overture; Stephen Sturz, organist arr. David T. Clydesdale

Rejoice (1992) Traditional Carols
Worship Choir arr. Tom Fettke, Dave Williamson

O Night of Miracles! (2003) Steve Amerson, David T. Clydesdale
Kory Welch, Worship Choir arr. David T. Clydesdale

See the Star (1993) Karen N. Gullickson
Children's Choir; Kellie Cunningham, director arr. Mark Rice

Christmas Angels (2008) Jonah Myrin, Michael W. Smith
Worship Choir, Joyful Sound, arr. David Hamilton, Carl Marsh,
Children's Choir; Kellie Cunningham, director David Shipp

Gesu Bambino (1987) Pietro Yon
Grace Chung arr. Bob Krogstad

He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child (2008) Traditional French Carol
Handbell Choir; Sharon Devol, director arr. Clayton Erb

I Wonder as I Wander (1985) Traditional Appalachian Carol, John Jacob Niles
Jubilant Sykes, Christopher Parkening arr. Patrick Russ

Bethlehem Morning (1983) Morris Chapman
Jubilant Sykes arr. David T. Clydesdale

Gloria (1993) Michael W. Smith
Joyful Sound, Worship Choir arr. Ronn Huff

Silent Night! Holy Night! (2013) Joseph Mohr & Franz Grüber
Christian Ebner arr. Matt McGuire

Caroling, Caroling (1979) Alfred Burt, Wihla Hutson
Worship Choir

End of the Beginning (2016) David Phelps
James Phillipps, Worship Choir arr. Cliff Duren

Welcome and Offering

Christmas Bells Medley (1984) Andrew Culverwell, Henry T. Longfellow,
Elmer Serquina, Christian Ebner, Jean Baptiste Calkin
Chris Burnett, William Brandenstein arr. Clayton Erb, Mark Rice

A Caribbean Christmas Medley (2010) Traditional Carols
Philip Webb, Worship Choir arr. Bob Krogstad

Pat-a-Pan (2006) Traditional Burgundian Carol
Worship Choir arr. Dan Goeller & Heidi Goeller

Joy to the World (1998)..... Isaac Watts, George F. Handel
Worship Choir, Congregation arr. Bob Krogstad, Mark Rice

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men 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.

Would It Still Be Christmas? (2015)..... Carol Cymbala, Onaje Jefferson,
Diane Brown Jason Michael Webb
arr. Carol Cymbala, Jason Michael Webb

O Holy Night (1998) John S. Dwight, Adolphe Adam
Philip Webb, Worship Choir arr. Don Marsh

The Christmas Story

Hallelujah! (1979)..... George F. Handel
Worship Choir

Benediction

How Great Our Joy! (2009)..... Traditional Carol
Organ Postlude arr. Stephen Sturz

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Gail Acosta
Concertmistress
Nadean Charonnat
Michael Ferril
Ron Clark
Matthias Rykert
Cosima Luther
Elijah Lee
Eric Lan

VIOLA

Carole Castillo
Helen Crosby
Laura Jesson
Robert Berg

CELLO

Cathy Biagini
Jenna Ford
Trina Hodgson
Beryl Canale

STRING BASS

John Hester

HARP

Gracie Sprout

GUITAR

Nick Brown

ELECTRIC BASS

Paul Morin

DRUMS

Tom Drake

PIANO

Mark Rice

TRUMPET

Adrian Miller
Mark Wamhoff
Roger Mason

FRENCH HORN

Martin Rhees
Shirley Mollica
Nathan Campbell

TROMBONE

Matthew Fleming
John Grab
Craig Ware

TUBA

Les Benedict

PERCUSSION

Tom Drake
Tyler Smith
Manuel Calzada
Darryl Ball

FLUTE

Paulie Davis
Rhondda Dayton

OBOE

Victoria Sabonjohn

CLARINET

Beth Garon

WORSHIP CHOIR

SOPRANO

Elisabeth Alcalay
Deborah Allan
Deborah Beebe
Mirta Bondarczuk
Victoria Chua
Grace Chung
Carol Clarke
Carol Dalrymple
Traci Evans
Margo Ewing
Harriet Furuya
Vicki Griffin
Esther Kim
Monica Knudsen
Priscilla Lan
Alice Liang
Gay McCurley
Margie Montell
Frances Pampayan
Helen Salonga
Shirley Shaffer
Andrea Smith
Erica Stevens
Marie Elena Stulp
Spring Sung
Tina Ugalde
Lisa Valdez
Marva Washington
Jane Weber
Lidia Wlasiuk

ALTO

Lou Ann Amodeo
Kathy Belden
Rachel Brandenstein
Thalia Brandt
Rachel Chua
Lorelei Cork
Ann Crawford
Kathy Crawford
Sharon Devol
Teri Florita
Bonnie Grindley
Sara Heisler
Deanne Hritz
Georgie Hughes
Margie Jesson
Leslie LaMunyan-Elder
Kathleen Lehman
Gigi Leviste
Ida Mak
Margaret Nackos
Cheryl Norman
Silva Ohanian
Cristina Pearson
Nora Petersen
Judy Pieper
Michele Platt
Sharon Secor
Grace Shim
Donna Shin
Ludovica Tessitore
Judy Thomsen
Marilyn Wendler
Kimberly Whitman

TENOR

Pio Castillo
James Chung
John Eickemeyer
Joseph Ghim
Philip Haw
Gamaliel Jacinto
Doug Jesson
Donald Lopez
Scott Morsch
John Pearson
Bruce Petersen
Richard Raser
Trevor Schneeberger
Shane Schultz
Elmer Serquina
Kevin Stulp
Carol Showalter
Jim Van Winkle
Joshua Wu
Bo Zhou

BARITONE/BASS

Steven Batesole
Mike Bohlen
Steve Bondarczuk
William Brandenstein
Tim Canham
Ken Furuya
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
Mark Vischer
Chris Weaver

REHEARSAL

PIANISTS

Margo Ewing
Edward Lan
Jan Sanborn

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Kellie Cunningham <i>Director</i>	Emilie Hernandez	Sofia-Bella Molinari	Michael Sidorov
Grace Aldaco	Elizabeth Hoffman	Rebekah Ng	Collin Tahmisian
Daive Burnett	Silas Hughes	Ashley Parada	Johann Tan
Charlotte Calderon	Tatum Hughes	David Perez	Micah Torres
Abigail Canham	Skyelin Johnson	Daryela Perez	Isla Twiss
Emily Canham	Isaiah Johnson	Sean Platt	Ruairi Twiss
Mikyla Casino	Hayley Julian	Jessica Prykhitko	Maritsa Verano
Daisy Castaneda	Karen Kang	Sarah Ricardo	Mahalia Verano
Allison DeSpain	Christine Kim	Hannah Ricardo	Amelia Voiles
Ann DeSpain	Charlotte Kim	Matthew Rodriguez	Julia Voiles
Margaret Florita	Sean Kim	Elizabeth Rodriguez	Savannah Voiles
Alondra Gonzalez	Miley Knotts	Hannah Ruhkala	Eloise Welch
Kate Gunning	Jacob Lee	Abigail Salibian	Abigail Yanez
Emily Guox	Joshua Lee	Jessica Samson	Jacob Yanez
Catherine Guox	Audrey Lim	Rebecca Sanchez	Sophie Yule
Adam Harr	Elena Martinez	Katelynn Santana	Ethan Yule
Samuel Havana	Andrea Medrano	Malachi Schuette	Fiorella Zuniga
Magdalena Havana	Santiago Medrano	Lydia Schuette	
Matthew Hernandez	Iveth Mendoza	Rinelle Serquina	
	Danny Merino	Anya Sidorov	

JOYFUL SOUND

Gay McCurley	Sharon Devol	James Phillipps	Chris Burnett
Celena McMahon	Jaz Hoffman	Elmer Serquina	Jojo Leviste
Sara Di Salvo	Michele Platt	Scott Morsch	William Brandenstein

HANDBELL CHOIR

Sharon Devol <i>Director</i>	Elisabeth Alcalay	Sara Heisler	William Brandenstein
Sharon Secor	Cassidy Simpson	Shirley Mollica	Jarod Platt
Mikayla Platt	Rachel Brandenstein	Frances Pampeyan	Paul Ackerman
	Marva Washington	Michele Platt	John Eickemeyer

STAGING

SOUND & AV	Connor Rhoden	LIGHTING	DECORATIONS
Kevin Ford	Nathan Bonsell	Ted Lehman	Morgan Hughes
Alex Yee	John Mark Conaway	Peter Haverlation	Gary Van Treese
Bill Brandenstein	Isaac Koo	Felix Camarillo	

CHURCH STAFF

John MacArthur <i>Pastor-Teacher</i>	Bill Brandenstein <i>Assistant Minister of Worship</i>	Sharon Devol <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Kevin Ford <i>Director of Audio Visual Technologies</i>
Clayton Erb <i>Minister of Worship</i>	Mark Rice <i>Assistant to the Minister of Worship</i>	Stephen Sturz <i>Organist</i>	

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

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