FORTIETH ANNUAL
Christmas Concert
DECEMBER 20-23, 2018
GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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 Shipps

**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  
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 Burr, 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
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.
ORCHESTRA

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

CELO
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 Rhes
Shirley Mollica
Nathan Campbell

TROMBONE
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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 Pampeyan
Helen Salonga
Shirley Shaffer
Andrea Smith
Erica Stevens
Marie Elena Stulp
Spring Sung
Tina Ugalde
Lisa Valdez
Marva Washington
Jane Weber
Lidia Wlasik

ALTO
Lou Ann Amodeo
Kathry Belden
Rachel Brandenstein
Thalia Brandt
Rachel Chua
Lorelei Cork
Ann Crawford
Kathy Crawford
Sharon Devol
Tori 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 Schneebberger
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
Tob-Bin Lim
Eric Mak
Dale Miller
David Paucaur
Philip Tan
Gilbert Tsao
Mark Vischer
Chris Weaver

REHEARSAL PIANISTS
Margo Ewing
Edward Lan
Jan Sanborn
CHILDREN’S CHOIR

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

JOYFUL SOUND

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

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

STAGING

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

CHURCH STAFF

John MacArthur  
*Pastor-Teacher*
Clayton Erb  
*Minister of Worship*
Bill Brandenstein  
*Assistant Minister of Worship*
Mark Rice  
*Assistant to the Minister of Worship*
Sharon Devol  
*Administrative Assistant*
Kevin Ford  
*Director of Audio Visual Technologies*

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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.

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

SERVICE TIMES
Sunday:  8:30 a.m.
         10:30 a.m.
         6:00 p.m.

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