

A Season of Music



Chancel Choir Christmas Concert
December 5, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Program

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*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; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest"; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

And the Glory of the Lord (Messiah)

G. F. HANDEL

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

In Dulci Jubilo (Now Sing We, Now Rejoice)

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

Now sing we, now rejoice. Now raise to heaven our voice; He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies; not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies. Thou my Savior art! Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee. Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child; Through Thy grace and merit, blest Jesus, Lord most mild, draw me unto Thee! Now through His Son doth shine the Father's grace divine. Death over us had reigned through sin and vanity; He for us obtained eternal joy on high. May we praise Him there! Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heavenly ground? Where the angels singing with all His saints unite, sweetest praises bringing in heavenly joy and light. Oh, that we were there!

Domine Fili Unigenite (Gloria)

ANTONIO VIVALDI

Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe.
O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Hodie, Christus natus est

HEALEY WILLAN

*Hodie, Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit: hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
laetantur Archangeli: hodie exultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluya.*

Today Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

ELIZABETH POSTON

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil - here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Ave Maria

PHILIP STOPFORD

Ave Maria gratia plena; Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus. Ave Maria gratia plena, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary full of grace; the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say

THE FIRST NOEL

*The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. Refrain*

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought. Refrain*

Offering
Suggested donation \$10

Fantasia on "Greensleeves"

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Nativity Carol

JOHN RUTTER

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.
*Far away silent lay, born today, your homage pay, for Christ is born for aye, born on
Christmas Day.* Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby; over her son so dear angel
hosts fill the sky. Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills worship this
babe so rare, hearts with his warmth he fills. Love in that stable was born into our hearts
to flow; innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know.

Star Carol

RUTTER

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;
Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of
Mary! *See his star shining bright In the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully;
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!* Angels bright, come from heaven's highest
glory, Bear the news with its message of good cheer: 'Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to
save us. See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving arms
asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, Offer their humble gifts before
the son of Mary. Let us all pay our homage at the manger, Sing his praise on this joyful
Christmas Night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; Hurry to Bethlehem and
see the son of Mary!

Mary, Did You Know?

MARK LOWRY AND BUDDY GREENE

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary, did you
know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your
baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you delivered will soon deliver you.
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you
know that your baby boy would calm the storm with his hand? Did you know that your
baby boy has walked where angels trod? When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the
face of God? The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again. The lame will
leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb. Mary, did you know that your baby
boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the
nations? Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb? This sleeping child
you're holding is the great I am.

Carol of the Bells

UKRAINIAN CAROL
LEONTOVICH/WILHOUSKY

Hark! How the bells; sweet silver bells, all seem to say "Throw cares away" Christmas is
here bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold. Ding, dong, ding, dong,
that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling. One seems to hear, words of good cheer,
from ev'rywhere filling the air. O, how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale
telling their tale, hear how they ring while people sing songs of good cheer Christmas is
here! Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas! On, on they send, on without end their joyful
tone to every home. Ding, dong ding, dong.

Silent Night

ARR. DAN FORREST

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace. 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. Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King, "Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Refrain: *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, off-spring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Refrain.*

*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 we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Refrain.*

All are welcome to attend a reception
in Spencer Hall following today's concert.



First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Dr. Brice Gerlach, Director of Music

*Lisa Acevado
Mary Armstrong
*Drazen Balarin
Ellen Bourne
Michele Byrd
Chris Calyore
*Valeria Estrada
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*Section Leader/Soloist

Orchestra

Violin 1

Patrick Neal
Janie Spangler
Marlena Chow

Violin 2

Sania Derevianko
Jennifer George
Anne-Marie Terranova

Viola

Glenn Loontjens
Katrina Rozmus

Cello

Tom May
Joy Yanai

Bass

Juan Carlos Pena

Organ and Piano

James Cochran

Voices of Naples

Sunday, January 23, 2022

4:00 p.m.



Voices of Naples was formed in 2002 to provide an opportunity for singers in Naples and Collier County to study and perform a variety of choral music. They also have the mission of providing scholarships to deserving high school seniors in Collier and Lee Counties who wish to study vocal music and related studies in college.

The 75 member ensemble will be presenting *Ubi Caritas*. Translated as: "Where charity and love are, God is there." This concert will feature different compositions based on the Gregorian Chant, *Ubi Caritas*, including a work by Paul Halley.

To enhance the power of the music presented, brass, strings, and percussion will be added to the accompanying piano and the magnificent Ruffatti pipe organ. The Voices of Naples is conducted by Douglas Renfroe.

This will be an afternoon of choral music to enhance the season. Please consider attending this event and know that you are helping young musicians while enjoying a beautiful concert.

Spirit of the Gulf Chorus

Sunday, February 6, 2022

4:00 p.m.



Spirit of the Gulf Chorus is a very active and visible local chapter of Sweet Adelines International. The group is a 100+ member a cappella women's chorus, based in Fort Myers, performing both original and popular music in the unique and exciting genre of Barbershop singing. The ensemble performs throughout Southwest Florida and competes in regular regional and international competitions, consistently winning 1st Place in the Coastal Harmony Region and placing among the top 10 international finalists. Sweet Adelines International is a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, performance and competition.

On this concert, the Spirit Of The Gulf Chorus will perform songs from many styles of music, all in rich, four part harmony, a cappella. Their repertoire includes gospel music like "When I Lift Up My Head He Lifts Up My Heart," show tunes like "Tonight" from West Side Story, and old favorites like "It's A Great Day." This year their repertoire also includes Carole King classics like "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and "So Far Away."

You will find yourself smiling, tapping your toes, feeling nostalgic, and happy. This concert will lift your spirits and warm your hearts.

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Join us for
Christmas Eve Worship

5 p.m.
Family Service

7 p.m.
Traditional Candlelight Service

Special music begins at 6:30 p.m.