



Virtual
Candlelight
Christmas Concert

A tradition here at First Presbyterian Church, Candlelight Christmas is a seasonal concert that features all of the great music First Presbyterian Church has to offer.

December 6, 2020

I am overjoyed that you choose to spend this evening with us. It is truly a blessing that in this ever-changing world in which we live, we are able to keep the tradition alive by presenting a virtual Candlelight Christmas Concert. Music is a powerful medium which connects us even though we cannot all be together in one place.

Sándor Kádár
Director of Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Miner Street Brass and organ

arr. by Joel Raney

Words of Welcome

Rev. Bob Sheldon
Interim Pastor

PROGRAM

An English Carol Medley
Miner Street Brass

Todd Marchand

Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus
Miner Street Brass

Todd Marchand

Carols of the Nativity
The Chancel Ringers

arr. by Mary Kay Parrish

While By My Sheep
The JuBellation Ringers

arr. by Kevin McChesney

Gesu Bambino
Lyndsay Varsaci - soprano

Piero Yon

Sure on This Shining Night
Michael Spaziani - baritone

Samuel Barber

Carol of the Bells
Miner Street Brass

arr. by David Marlatt

We invite you to join us in singing two Christmas carols during our program: Joy to the World and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. Even from a distance, we can join our voices together and worship the Christ child!

Joy to the World

George Frideric Handel

Miner Street Brass and organ

V1 - Joy to the world, the Lord has 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.

V2 - Joy to the world! the Saviour 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.

V3 - 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.

V4 - 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.

At this time an offering will be taken to support the Column Classics concert series at First Presbyterian. Please consider a \$10 donation per person; a gift of any amount would be deeply appreciated.

Sing We Now of Christmas

Gordon Young

Reid Simmons - organ

Silent Night

Franz Gruber

Celebration Singers
Cherub Choir

Stille Nacht

arr. by Betty Garee

The Chancel Ringers

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Traditional Spiritual

Kiana Rivera - alto

Christmas Fantasy

The JuBellation Ringers

arr. by Kiyu Wantanabe

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

The Chancel Ringers

arr. by Cathy Moglebust

O, Holy Night

Lyndsay Varsaci - soprano

Adolphe Adam

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Miner Street Brass and organ

Felix Mendelssohn

V1 - Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild. God an sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem".
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King"

V2 - 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 men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

V3 - Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace. Hail the son 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 new born King".

Performers

Miner Street Brass
The Chancel Ringers
The JuBellation Ringers
The Celebration Singers
The Cherub Choir

Lyndsay Varsaci - soprano
Michael Spaziani - baritone
Kiana Rivera - alto
Reid Simmons - organ scholar
Sándor Kádár-Director of Music

**This year, our Music Ministry would like to extend a special thank you to
Eric Hankins, Creative Art Director, for taping all of the audio and visual
recordings and helping to make this virtual Christmas concert a reality in
the midst of our current circumstances.**

this night, we are
**THOSE WHO
DREAM**
christmas eve

5:00 p.m. Contemporary

7:00 p.m. Traditional

10:00 p.m. Communion

Service for Families

*This 30 minute service will be available to
stream any time on Christmas Eve.*

Details at firstpreswc.com/ChristmasEve