

**GRACE BIBLE CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT  
DECEMBER 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm**

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**ORGAN PRELUDES**

In Dulci Jubilo	Friedrich Zachau
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Gordon Young
Sussex Carol	Noel Rawsthorne
O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Noel Rawsthorne
What Child is This?	Dorothy Wells
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Paul Manz
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy	Noel Rawsthorne
Good Christian Folk, Rejoice!	Denis Bédard
	Pamela Martin/Jon Paige

**WELCOME**

<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Wilma Wiens
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**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** \*please remain seated until the final verse  
**O COME, O COME EMMANUEL** (VENI EMMANUEL)

**CHOIR**

Advent Promise	Pamela Martin/Jon Paige
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**WORDS OF PROPHECY**

**READING**

Isaiah 40:1-5	Matthew Murphy
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**CHOIR**

Every Valley	John Ness Beck
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**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** (please stand)

**COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS** (HYFRYDOL)

**WORDS OF PROMISE**

**READING**

Luke 1:26-33	Maggie Klassen
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**CHOIR**

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes	Hal Hopson
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## **WORDS OF FULFILLMENT**

### **READING**

Luke 2:1-7

Sawyer Klassen

### **CHOIR**

He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

William Averitt

### **POEM**

Is a Murmuring Dove Nearby?

*by K. Lee Scott*

Belinda Knopf

### **CHOIR**

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Eugene Butler

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** (please stand)

**AWAY IN A MANGER**

(CRADLE SONG)

### **CHOIR**

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

## **WORDS OF ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **READING**

Luke 2:8-14

Reena Kreindler

### **CHOIR**

Gloria (from "Gloria")

Antonio Vivaldi

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** (please stand)

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

(MENDELSSOHN)

### **CHOIR**

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Howard Helvey

## **WORDS OF ADORATION**

### **READING**

Luke 2:15-20

Matt Janzen

### **CHOIR**

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

**POEM**

Someone Will See the Star Tonight  
*by Mary Kay Beall*

Kate & Vivian Flemington

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (please stand)**

**SILENT NIGHT**

(STILLE NACHT)

**INVITATION AND PRAYER**

Wilma Wiens

**CHOIR**

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontovich

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**MINISTER OF PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE**

Wilma Wiens

**MINISTER OF MUSIC**

Margot Sim

**VOCAL SOLOISTS**

Kim Kakegamic

Krista Labossiere

David Watson

Lindsay Mackenzie

Pat Ireton

**PIANO DUET**

Kimberly Lapatha & Philip Lapatha

**OBOE**

Chelsey Hiebert

Thank you for coming to our celebration of Christ's birth through scripture and song. You are also warmly invited to attend our candlelight Christmas Eve communion service on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you would like to make a donation to Grace Bible Church, you can do so by using the baskets by the doors or via etransfer to [gbcfwpg@outlook.com](mailto:gbcfwpg@outlook.com)

## **Carols used through the service**

### **O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL** (12th century hymn)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny.  
From depths of hell thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave.

**Refrain**

### **LADIES:**

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here.  
And drive away the shades of night and pierce the clouds and bring us light!

**Refrain**

### **MEN:**

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.

**Refrain**

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,  
fill all the world with heaven's peace.

**Refrain**

### **COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS** (Charles Wesley)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus! Born to set Thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone,  
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**AWAY IN A MANGER** (Anon)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING** (Charles Wesley)

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
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, offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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 we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

**SILENT NIGHT** (Joseph Mohr)

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! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly host sing, Alleluia.  
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!

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.