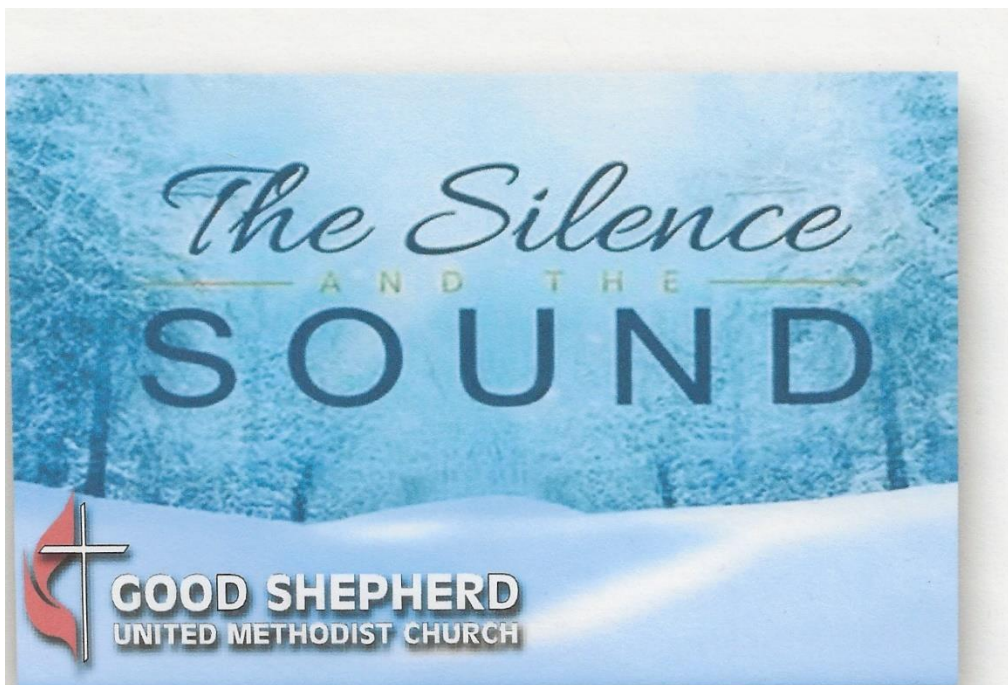




2024 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE SILENCE AND
THE SOUND

By Heather Sorenson

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

*Presented by the Good Shepherd Community Choir, the GSEC
Children & Guest Orchestra under the direction of Brian
Turnmire and accompanied by Sue Norris.*

Good Shepherd UMC - 305 E. Smallwood Drive, Waldorf, MD 20602 www.gsumc.com

THE SILENCE AND THE SOUND

A Cantata for Christmas

Written by Heather Sorenson

- ***Welcome***

Rev Laurie Gates-Ward

- ***Christmas Overture***

- ***Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer***

- ***Away in a Manger***

Good Shepherd Education Center Pre-K

- ***Let All Mortal Men Keep Silence***

- ***I Believe***

Soloist: Hannah Davis

- ***Come To Us***

- ***Luke 2***

- ***Sleeping Adonai****

Soloist: Kara Paulsen

- ***Angels Sing***

- ***Unto Us***

Duet: Linda Graham and Robert Burdick

- ***Shout! Sing Hallelujah!***

- ***Worship Christ the King***

- ***A Tribute of Carols***

The choir invites you to join us in the finale of this song.

**Adonai translates to "Lord" in Hebrew*

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHOIR

Sopranos

Carol Charnock
Becky Collier
Hannah Davis
Cheerie Dennis
Dottie DiPoli
Melissa Dominguez
Penny Hoelting
Kylee Kamikawa
Mina Kim
Nancy Maguire

Narrators

Linda Flanagan
Alan Ward

Altos

Dona Boice
Susan DeHetre
Kimberley Donnelly
Linda Graham
Debbie Haan
Kara Paulson
Laura Suban
Becca Warner

Tech Team

Erich Donnelly
Doug Casto

Tenors

Robert Burdick
Franci Hill
Neil Martin
Amey Peltzer
Rodney Peltzer

Basses

Richard Bennett
Michael Blizzard
Bud Campbell
Joshua Coleman
Will Derr
Darius Jackson
David Marjoram

GOOD SHEPHERD CANTATA ORCHESTRA

Josh Arvizu, **Oboe**

Lucy Snell, **Flute**

Takako Mato, **Clarinet**

Adina Vallandingham, **Violin**

Shuyi Wang, **Violin**

Bernard Vallandingham, **Viola**

John Warner, **Cello**

James McAloon, **Trumpet**

Brent Proseus, **Trumpet**

Shawn Zheng, **French Horn**

Russell Sharp, **Trombone**

Brandon Benson, **Tuba**

Glenn Paulson, **Percussion**

Liz Kan, **Timpani**

**Special thanks to the Good Shepherd Education Center Pre-K Class of
2024-25 and directors, Kimisha Merchant and Laurie Banky.**

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CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Tonight, you can be part of the choir. Brian will cue you when to join us in singing three of our favorite Christmas carols during the finale of our program,
A Tribute of Carols.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O Come ye, oh 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 exultations.
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n 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!*

Joy to the World

*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 all their songs employ.
While field and floods, rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Words and Music: Traditional French carol, 18th c.
tr. James Chadwick



GREETINGS FROM REV. LAURIE

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

-Luke 2:13-14

What a joy it is to gather together again for our Annual Cantata. Music ministry is so vital to our life here at Good Shepherd and we are blessed with so many gifted people who share their musical talents in a way that makes us want to sing like the angel choirs that night in Bethlehem.

As we gather on this night, I also pray that you will remember that night so long ago. It was a night that God stepped down to earth to show us that God's greatest desire was that we would know and love God. As you hear the choir sing tonight the beautiful melodies of *The Silence and the Sound* may your heart be moved in a new way to receive the gifts of love and grace that are yours in the Christ Child. They are truly the best gifts you will be offered in this Christmas season.

May God bless you and your families richly this holiday season and into the New Year.

Grace and Peace in Abundance,
Rev. Laurie Gates-Ward



BEHIND THE SCENES



Brian Turnmire, Director of Music

Brian received his degree in music at the University of Georgia in 2002 and soon after came to Washington, D.C. to pursue his career as a trumpeter in one of the nation's premier military bands. For the past eighteen years he has also been involved in music ministry in the Waldorf area and serving in the military. Brian began as Director of Music at Good Shepherd Church in January 2011. He lives in Washington DC with his wife Alexis and their dog Cooper.



Sue Norris, Accompanist

Sue Norris has been the organist and pianist for Good Shepherd UMC since 1985. She accompanies our Chancel Choir. Sue has been involved in church music since 1967 and has worked as a church organist for the last 58 years. In addition to being an active church musician, she has accompanied choruses and choirs in Prince Georges County, Charles County and King George County in Virginia for concerts, ensembles, festivals, and competitions. Sue and her husband Bill have been happily married since 1973. They share three sons and seven grandchildren.

DONATIONS

A special thank you goes out to our generous donors who sponsored orchestra chairs for tonight's performance:

Violin - United Methodist Men
Violin - Bud and Lee Campbell
Viola - Bill and Sue Norris
Cello - Rodney and Amey Peltzer
Oboe - Linda Flanagan
Flute - anonymous
Trumpet - Jim and Janie Slagle
French Horn - anonymous
Trombone - anonymous

Our deep gratitude goes out to our many donors who sponsored partial chairs for tonight's performance:

Judy Addison, Katie and Robert Burdick, Linda Crosby, Nancy Crouse, Laurie Gates-Ward, Nancy Maguire, Neil Martin, Ellie and Sabrina Ruiz, David Storm, Laura Suban, Freda and Robert Tetrault, and Alan Ward

IN MEMORIAM



Tonight's concert is dedicated to Sherri Dawson. Sherri was a soprano in our choir, but she did so much more. She never missed a chance to help the United Methodist Women host an event or inspire the congregation with her creative altar designs. Sherri was a rare flower, just like the gardens she cultivated. Her spirit inspired beauty, generosity, and love to everyone around her. She was a true woman of faith, and we miss her dearly.

CHRISTMAS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Blue Christmas

December 18 at 7:30PM

This service offers a quiet and reflective service geared to those who have suffered losses or need a quiet celebration.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service at 5pm

Candlelight Service at 7PM

Worship with us online with *Facebook* or *YouTube*.



*This holy evening of Christmas music is our gift to the community.
Supporting our music ministry with a Love Offering is always
greatly appreciated.*

