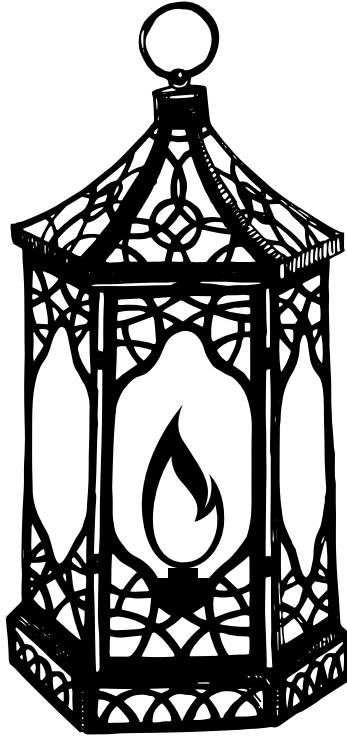


# CHRISTMAS AT MESSIAH



FEATURING:

Dr. Olivia Ellis, Associate Professor of Piano  
Daniel Umholtz, MM '15

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*Brass Quintets*  
*Chamber Singers*

*Concert Choir*  
*Handbell Choir*

*Men's Ensemble*  
*Women's Ensemble*

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.  
PARMER HALL

# Prelude

Seasonal Holiday Favorites ..... Brass Quintets



*Welcome to Messiah*

Alexsandor Böhm and Sierra Emery

I Saw Three Ships ..... English Carol  
Arr. Richard Elliott

Daniel Umholtz, organ

Brian Gambler, Noah Kitner and Yemliot Tirado Franceschini, percussion

Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night ..... Welsh Carol  
Arr. Andrew Meade

Greysen Kemper, tenor

Daniel Micsion, baritone

Andrew Meade, organ

*Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night, higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.  
Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!*



What Child? .....Greensleeves  
Arr. Ruth Gray

Yemliot Tirado Franceschini, percussion

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night ..... Winchester  
Arr. Craig Courtney

Anna Clement, piano

Pacem.....Lee Dengler

Abijah Zimmerman, violin  
Anna Clement, piano

*Grant us peace.*

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen ..... English Carol  
Arr. Heather Sorenson

Anna Clement, piano  
Yemliot Tirado Franceschini, percussion  
Messiah University Men's Ensemble  
Eric Dundore, conductor

**Audience Carol:** O Come All Ye Faithful ..... English Carol  
Arr. David Willcocks

*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!*

*God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten, not created:  
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, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God 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, Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;  
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!*



Deck the Halls.....Welsh Carol  
Arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

O Little Town of Bethlehem..... English Carol  
Arr. Sandra J. Eithun

Alleluia! A new work is come on hand..... Ghisalaine Reece-Trapp

*A new work is come on hand through might and grace of Goddes son,  
to save the lost of ev'ry land, for now is free that erst was bound.  
We may well sing Alleluia!*

*Now is fulfilled the Prophecy of David and of Jeremy, and also of Isaiah  
Sing we therefore both loud and high Alleluia!*

*This sweete song out of a green branch it sprung.  
God send the life that lasteth long, now joy and bliss be him among.  
That thus can sing Alleluia!*

In the Bleak Midwinter.....Gustav Holst  
Arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Hodie Christus Natus Est .....Jans Pieterszoon Sweelink

*Today Christ is born:  
Today the Savior appeared:  
Today on Earth the Angels sing,  
Archangels rejoice:  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Alleluia.*

Messiah University Handbells and Chamber Singers  
Shawn Gingrich and Joy Meade, conductors



Sing a New Noel..... French Carol  
Arr. Howard Cable

Sarah Topping, cello  
Abby Stewart, piano

The Snow .....Edward Elgar

Abijah Zimmerman and Evelyn White, violin  
Julia Laessig, piano

I Saw Three Ships ..... English Carol  
Arr. Ed Henderson

Abby Stewart, piano

Gaudeamus ..... Arnold B. Sherman

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing .....Felix Mendelssohn  
Arr. Dan Forrest

Abby Stewart and Daniel Umholtz, piano  
Andrew Meade, organ  
Messiah University Women's Ensemble  
Mathew Topping, conductor

**Audience Carol:** Go Tell It On the Mountain .... African-American Spiritual

*Chorus: Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*

*Chorus*

*The Shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*

*Chorus*

*Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

*Chorus*



It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year..... Eddie Pola and George Whyte  
Arr. Jerry Rubino

Dr. Oliva Ellis, Associate Professor of Piano

Ave Maria, Gratia Plena ..... Josu Elberdin

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and in the hour of our death. Amen*

Ain't That a Rockin' .....African-American Spiritual  
Arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

Let the Stable Still Astonish ..... Dan Forrest

Kristin Nolt, mezzo-soprano  
Alison Koch, cello  
Abby Stewart, piano

*Let the stable still astonish: Strawdirt floor. Dull eyes  
Dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen;  
Crumbling crooked walls; No bed to carry that pain,  
And then, the Child, Rag wrapped, laid to cry in a trough.*

*Who would have chosen this? Who would have said:  
"Yes, let the God of all the heavens and earth be born here, in this place."?*

*Who but the same God who stands in the darker, fouler rooms of our hearts  
And says "Yes, let the God of all the heavens and earth be born here in  
this place.*

*~ Leslie Leyland Fields*

Messiah University Concert Choir  
Joy Meade, conductor

**Audience Carol:** Silent Night.....German Carol

*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  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born*

*Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

Dr. Olivia Ellis, Associate Professor of Piano

A Christmas Blessing ..... Philip Stopford

Abby Stewart, piano  
Messiah University Chamber Singers

*May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,  
the worship of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas.  
And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.  
~ Church of Ireland Book of Common Prayer*



Postlude

Daniel Umholtz, organ

*Merry Christmas!*

*Poinsettias are available for purchase and pick-up in the lobby after the 7:30pm performance. All funds support the choir's touring outreach programs.*

*Want to sing in one of Messiah's fantastic choirs? We have choirs for students, faculty, staff and community members! Contact [jmeade@messiah.edu](mailto:jmeade@messiah.edu) with interest.*



## **Brass Quintets**

Michael Harcrow, Coordinator

James Beverly (trumpet) - Media, PA  
Jasmine Dickson (trumpet) - Sewell, NJ  
Nick Moglia (trumpet) - Milford, PA  
Andrew Morgan (trumpet) - Carlisle, PA  
Annie Rizzo (horn) - Royersford, PA  
Aiden Rizzo (trombone) - Royersford, PA  
Makayla Kriner (tuba) - Hornell, NY

## **Concert Choir and Chamber Singers**

Joy Meade, Conductor  
Andrew Meade, Piano and Organ

### **Soprano I**

Orphie Hartman - Hollidaysburg, PA  
Victoria Lang\* - Hershey, PA  
Eliana McFate\* - New Market, MD  
Maira Myers\* - Harrisburg, PA  
Katelynn Smith\* - Clearfield, PA  
Abigail Stewart - Leesburg, VA  
Kay Reyburn - Cochranville, PA  
Evelyn White - Holliston, MA

### **Soprano II**

Brielle Finkbeiner\* - Emmaus, PA  
Hannah Gilmore - Marlton, NJ  
Julie Knott\* - Harrisburg, PA  
Tiah Masood\* - Robertsdale, PA  
Kacie Watkins - Telford, PA  
Abigail Weller\* - Grove City, PA  
Macy Wright - Vienna, VA

### **Alto I**

Clara Bellot - Lakewood, CO  
Kaitlyn Carr - Imperial, PA  
Nadia Griffith - Newville, PA  
Elizabeth Hill - Chambersburg, PA  
Elizabeth Lebo\* - Lancaster, PA  
Anna Morton\* - Erie, PA  
Annie Rizzo - Royersford, PA  
Bethany Tome - Marysville, PA

## **Alto II**

Shelby Beadle – Harrisburg, PA  
Julia Hoffman – Springfield, VA  
Alison Koch – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Anne McIlvaine\* – Lancaster, PA  
Kristin Nolt\* – Ephrata, PA

## **Tenor I**

Quinn Cameron\* – Conneautville, PA  
Michael Casey\* – Plum, PA  
Caleb Childs – Harrisburg, PA  
Gabriel Nater Padro – Carlisle, PA

## **Tenor II**

Greysen Kemper\* – Harrisburg, PA  
Daniel Lin\* – Westwood, NJ  
Peyton Rohrbaugh – Spring, Grove, PA  
Bryant Rohrer\* – Duncannon, PA

## **Bass I**

Victor Adeyeim – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Alesandor Böhm – Tunkhannock, PA  
Micah Collins\* – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Daniel Micsion\* – Souderton, PA  
Clint Miller – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Rodney Snyder – York, PA  
Nathan White\* – Linesville, PA

## **Bass II**

Nicholas Epps – Trenton, NJ  
Benjamin Kennedy – Altoona, PA  
Isaac Neueschwander – Pasadena, MD  
Jeremiah Velez – Lancaster, PA  
Jacob Waddell – Walford, MD

\*Chamber Singers

# **Handbell Choir**

Shawn Gingrich, Conductor

Rachel Brooks – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Chelsea Fink – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Esther Hess – Airville, PA  
Maggie Hosler – Bloomsburg, PA

Ruth Leuamchampassak - Holland, MI  
Josh Oyler - Camp Hill, PA  
Kevin Redmond - Frederick, MD  
Hope Roberts - Harrisburg, PA  
Ana Sakore - Mechanicsburg, PA  
Natalie Taylor - Hershey, PA  
Emmy Varner - Lititz, PA  
Macy Wright - Vienna, VA

## **Men's Ensemble**

Eric Dundore, Conductor  
Anna Clement, Piano

### **Tenor I**

Ben Anspach - Frederick, MD  
Charles Jones - Drexel Hill, PA  
Gabriel Nater Padro - Carlisle, PA  
Derek Shockley - Sicklerville, NJ

### **Tenor II**

Jonathan Frank - Mechanicsburg, PA  
Robert Glogowski - Corinth, NY  
Joshua Oyler - Camp Hill, PA  
Peyton Rohrbaugh - Spring Grove, PA

### **Bass I**

Connor Appleman - Danville, PA  
Alexandor Bohm - Tunkhannock, PA  
Randall Fish - Dillsburg, PA  
Austin Grove - Dickerson, MD  
Micah Hess - Dillsburg, PA  
Micah Hubicki - Greenville, NY  
Jack Jones - Laurel, DE  
Daniel Micsion - Souderton, PA  
Aiden Morris - Middletown, DE  
Mark Norbury - West Chester, PA  
Aiden Rizzo - Royersford, PA  
Rodney Snyder - York, PA  
Tanner Stern - Cattaraugus, NY

### **Bass II**

Kyle Chu - Cincinnati, OH  
Larry Fausnight - Elizabethtown, PA  
Jace Graybill - Dillsburg, PA

Werner Jonas - Dillsburg, PA  
Franklin Kelly - Round Hill, VA  
Kwesi Kumi - Accra, Ghana  
Nick Moglia - Milford, PA  
Yemliot Tirado - Lebanon, PA

## **Women's Ensemble**

Matthew Topping, Conductor  
Abigail Stewart and Julia Laessig, Piano

### **Soprano I**

Amelia Beyer - Westwood, NJ  
Eleanore Beachy - Blandon, PA  
Cazen Cowfer - Altoona, PA  
Abby Crispin - Pitman, NJ  
Allison Focht - Danville, PA  
Alyssa Fortney - Fayetteville, PA  
Sadie Foster - Lexington Park, MD  
Jordan Good - Warwick, MD  
Orphie Hartman - Hollidaysburg, PA  
Julia Laessig - Newtown Square, PA  
Victoria Lang - Hershey, PA  
Eliana McFate - New Market, MD  
Maira Myers - Harrisburg, PA  
Abigail Underkoffler - Mechanicsburg, PA  
Macy Wright - Vienna, VA

### **Soprano II**

Allison Anema - Douglas, MA  
Victoria Burgos - Brookhaven, PA  
Grace Chang - Clarksburg, MD  
Grace Duncan - Springfield, VA  
Chelsea Fin - Mechanicsburg, PA  
Teresa Fink - York, PA  
Hannah Gilmore - Marlton, NJ  
Callie Hoffer - Mt. Joy, PA  
Cayly Jones - Quakertown, PA  
Olivia Martin - Chambersburg, PA  
Ella Murray - Lancaster, PA  
Yanira Perez - Lancaster, PA  
Katelyn Sacra - Boiling Springs, PA  
Aubrey Thomas - Butler, PA  
Bethany Tome - Marysville, PA  
Kylie Walker - Somerset, PA

**Alto I**

Kaitlyn Carr – Imperial, PA  
Jasmine Dickson – Sewell, NJ  
Lilianna Griffee – Walkersville, MD  
Nadia Griffith – Newville, PA  
Shannon Hennett – Northumberland, PA  
Julia Itson – Cleveland, TN  
Tiah Masood – Robertsdale, PA  
Maica Mesana – Bowmansville, PA  
Eleanor Mund – Manchester, CT  
Kaitlyn Murphy – Washington Township, NJ  
Katelynn Smith – Frenchville, PA  
Lucy Smucker – Lancaster, PA  
Maria Sudlow – Strasburg, VA  
Annalise Yeich – Danville, PA  
Rebecca Zheng – Wuhan, China

**Alto II**

Mila Acosta-Morales – Chalfont, PA  
Sierra Emery – Bernardsville, NJ  
Mariah Fortney – Waynesboro, PA  
Sarah Gilbert – Shoemakersville, PA  
Trista Glace – York, PA  
Emma Herrold – Winfield, PA  
Laura Kuehner – East Aurora, NY  
Lydia Matson – Fairfax, VA  
Anne McIlvaine – Lancaster, PA  
Julianna Osburn – Lindley, NY  
Tara Pitcher – Binghamton, NY  
Jordan Rodgers – Colchester, CT  
Abigail Stewart – Leesburg, VA  
Kiley Shirk – Broadway, VA  
Abby Weller – Grove City, PA

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## PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

### ***Christmas with the Annie Moses Band***

December 8 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### ***Reginald Mobley, countertenor***

January 20 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### ***Mendelssohn Piano Trio “The American Experience”***

February 18 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 4:00 p.m.

### ***“St. John Passion”***

March 1 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### ***Rhonda Sider Edgington, organist***

April 27 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### ***Susquehanna Chorale Spring Concert “1000 Beautiful Things”***

Linda Tedford, artistic director, founder and conductor, professor emeritus, Messiah University

May 19 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

## CONCERTS

### ***Messiah University Musica Nova: Student Compositions***

December 5 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### ***Messiah University Guitar Ensemble***

Gavin Horning, director

December 10 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### ***Messiah University Wind Ensemble***

James Colonna, conductor

### ***Messiah University Symphonic Winds***

Travis Weller, conductor

February 16 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### ***Messiah University Symphony Orchestra***

Timothy Dixon, conductor

February 23 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Kuhlman Competition**

February 25 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Concert Choir**

Joy Meade, conductor

March 24 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

**Messiah University Chamber Ensembles**

March 25 and April 8 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Jazz Combo**

Todd Goranson, director

March 26 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Symphonic Winds**

Travis Weller, conductor

**Messiah University Brass Choir**

William Stowman, director

April 9 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Opera Workshop “A Night of Opera: Opera Pops”**

Damian Savarino, director

**Messiah University Symphony Orchestra**

Timothy Dixon, conductor

April 26 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Handbell Choir**

Shawn Gingrich, director

April 27 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Wind Ensemble**

James Colonna, conductor

April 28 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 3:00 p.m.

**Messiah University Spring Choral Showcase**

Women’s Ensemble

Rachel Cornacchio, conductor

Men’s Ensemble

Eric Dundore, conductor

May 1 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Musica Nova: Student Compositions**

May 2 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Jazz Ensembles**

William Stowman and Mark Hunsberger, conductors

May 3 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Guitar Ensemble**

Gavin Horning, director

May 4 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.

**Messiah University Vocal Jazz**

William Stowman, director

May 4 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 4:00 p.m.

**Messiah University Percussion Ensemble**

Aaron Trumbore, conductor

May 4 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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