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*Messiah*

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FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

DECEMBER 8, 2019 • 6:00 P.M.

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6

*The angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid;  
for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

LUKE 2:10-11

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## MESSIAH

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

DECEMBER 8, 2019 *at 6 p.m.*

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MICHAEL DENHAM, *Music Director and Conductor*

SHERI JACKSON, *Soprano*

MARY ELLEN CAIN, *Mezzo-Soprano*

MATTHEW RICHARDSON, *Tenor*

ETHAN GREENE, *Bass-Baritone*

TODD FICKLEY, *Harpsichord and Organ*

### SINFONY

#### COMFORT YE, MY PEOPLE

Isaiah 40:1-4

#### EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED

“Comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.”  
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.”

#### AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 40:5

“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.”

#### THUS SAITH THE LORD

Haggai 2:6-7 & Malachi 3:1

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, “Yet once a little while, and I will shake the heav’ns and the earth, the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the Desire of All Nations shall come.” The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, ev’n the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. “Behold, he shall come,” saith the Lord of Hosts.

## BUT WHO MAY ABIDE

Malachi 3:2

But who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appeareth?  
For he is like a refiner's fire, and who shall stand when he appeareth?

## AND HE SHALL PURIFY

Malachi 3:3

And he shall purify the sons of Levi that they may offer unto the Lord an offering  
in righteousness.

## BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE

Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel:  
God with us.

## O THOU THAT TELLEST GOOD TIDINGS

Isaiah 40:9

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain!  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength!  
Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

## FOR BEHOLD, DARKNESS

Isaiah 60:2-3

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.  
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee;  
and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

## THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS

Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell  
in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

## FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be  
upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God,  
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

## WELCOME AND EVENING PRAYER

Dr. David Renwick

## PASTORAL SYMPHONY *(Here an offering will be received.)*

## THERE WERE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

## AND LO, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

Luke 2:9

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

## AND THE ANGEL SAID

Luke 2:10-11

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

## AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL

Luke 2:13

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heav'nly host praising God, and saying:

## GLORY TO GOD

Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

## REJOICE GREATLY

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy king cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

## THEN SHALL THE EYES

Isaiah 35:5-6

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

## HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK

Isaiah 40:11

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto him, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him, for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

## HIS YOKE IS EASY

Matthew 11:30

His yoke is easy, and his burthen is light.

## HALLELUJAH

Revelation 19:6, 16 & 11:15

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL  
**JOY TO THE WORLD!**

*Text by Isaac Watts, the father of English hymnody  
Music adapted by Lowell Mason from two tunes of  
G. F. Handel here arranged by John Rutter*

**CONGREGATION**

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing...**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy...**

**CHOIR ONLY**

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...

**CONGREGATION**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love...**

# PROGRAM NOTES

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German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a great twentieth-century Christian leader who, near the end of World War II, went to the gallows at the hand of Hitler's Nazi regime. He was a brilliant theologian who recognized that Christian faith does not rest merely in the abstract realm of ideas, but is rooted in the physical, historical, and concrete world around us. He paid the ultimate price under the implications of this truth, following Jesus to the end.

The heart of Bonhoeffer's theology was the mystery of the Incarnation, the Christian doctrine that Jesus Christ—the eternal second person of the Trinity—in fact became truly, fully human, and walked this earth among us. Bonhoeffer wrote, “No priest, no theologian stood at the cradle in Bethlehem. And yet, all Christian theology has its origin in the wonder of all wonders that God became man.”

We move right to the heart of the matter when we insist on the radical reality of Emmanuel. “God with us” is the wonder of it all, the marvelous mystery wherein meet our hopes and fears of all the years.

*Dr. Michael Denham*

# FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

## VIOLIN

Nathan Wisniewski  
Paula McCarthy  
Saskia Florence  
Laura Frazelle  
Harriet Vorona  
Lisa Cridge  
Jeanne Su  
Ivan Hodge  
Pamela Lassell

## VIOLA

Bryce Brunner  
Heidi Remick  
Evelyn Harpman  
Ann Steck

## CELLO

Christine Lightner  
Matthew Harman

## BASS

Ira Gold

## OBOE

Elaine Baughman  
Alicia Maloney

## BASSOON

Erich Heckscher

## TRUMPET

Matthew Misener  
Karl Sweedy

## TYMPANI

Adam Green

## HARPSICHORD AND ORGAN

Todd Fickley

## REHEARSAL PIANIST

Todd Fickley

## PERSONNEL

Pamela Lassell

## CONCERT AND REHEARSAL LOGISTICS

Carolann Haley

## SOUND AND LIGHTING

Bill McNett

## PUBLICITY AND PROGRAM

Jessica Mullery

# FESTIVAL CHOIR

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## SOPRANO

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Aziza Alam	Cheryl Hatch	Jane Peterson
Hayley Ashbaugh	Helen Heggstad	Sarah Roller
Katherine Childs-Breach	Kristine Heine	Janice Sessing
Becky Cznadel	Jacqueline Issa	Martha-Rosalind Stainton
Mary Alice Davidson	Sheri Jackson	Eva Steege
Debbi Dillon	Kathleen Knepper	Reba Winstead
Mary Beth Evans	Joanna Lam	Joanna Zorack-Greene
Meimon Glick	Deborah MacKay	

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## ALTO

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Barbara Angier	Gerri Hall	Eve Moscicki
Anita Apted	Beverly Haller	Gudrun Opper
Gretchen Asmuth	Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe	Ursula Quao
Linda Botsford	Barbara Hildreth	Lydia Rice
Mary Ellen Cain	Cindy Holman	Dottie Seep
Fran Caterini	Andrea Ireland	Mitzi Sobash
Carol Cryer	Ndeye Jackson	Yang Wang
Joyce Emery	Jessica Kline	Margie Wright
Alison Frisch	Wendy Loewen	Katharine Wystrach
Carolyn Gasarch	Joyce Martin	

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## TENOR

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Robert Bruce	Paul Hildreth	Charles Roller
Robert Cryer	David K. Nickels	Leslie Whitlinger
Morgan Dodd	David Prentiss	
Chip Filson	Matthew Richardson	

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## BASS

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John Breckenridge	John Loewen	John Pierce
Serge Duss	James Martin	Ted Steege
Jerome Glick	David Miller	Robert Swartz
Ethan Greene	Mark Moverman	J. Mills Williams
John Heggstad	John Neely	Walter Zvikas
John Lawlah	Charles Petty	

# Celebrate Christmas

at NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Christmas Eve Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

**5:00 p.m.**

### Family Nativity Service

Kids, teens, and adults bring the Bible's nativity story to life in this music-filled narrated reenactment. Families of all ages are invited!

**8:00 p.m.**

### Candlelight and Communion Worship

This beautiful evening candlelight service reverently ushers in Jesus' birth.

**10:00 p.m.**

### Candlelight and Carols Worship

A carol-filled worship service joyfully celebrates the birth of our Lord.

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## Palm Sunday Concert

APRIL 5, 2020 | 5:00 p.m.

Presented by the National Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir & Orchestra

*works to include*

J. S. Bach

PSALM 51

Cantata, BWV 1083

“Tilge, Höchster, meine Sünden”

*A Setting of King David's Penitential Psalm arranged by Bach from G. B. Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater"*

G. F. Handel

TE DEUM

DETTINGEN, HWV 283

*No tickets required – a freewill offering will be received*

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