

*Rejoice,
The Lord Has
Come*



Christmas Festival '91

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 1991

Presented by the
FESTIVAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
of
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Conductor

Gary Roseboom

Organist

Harold DeCou

Pianist

Trudy Deal

Commentator
Rev. Ron Klassen
General Director,
Rural Home Missionary Association

Sunday, December 15, 1991
3:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church
Forrest Hill at Knoxville
Peoria, Illinois

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Karla Worley & David Maddux
arr. Gary Rhodes

Prepare ye the Way of the Lord.
Make straight a path for Him!
For when He comes mighty things begin!

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain made low.
The crooked straight, the rough places plain,
And ev'ryone will know that the glory of the Lord has been revealed
by the lives that are redeemed and the hearts that are healed.

So lift up your hearts and look for the Lord, our praises draw Him near.
He is ready to come, prepare the way for Him here!

WELCOME & INVOCATION - Michael Austin (3:00); Tim Barnes (6:00)

PART I - Songs of the Christmas Season

"Carol of the Bells"

Ukrainian Carol
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Hark! how the bells: Sweet silver bells, All seem to say "Throw cares away."
Christmas is here Bringing good cheer To young and old, Meek and the bold.

Ding, dong, ding, dong, That is their song, With joyful ring, All caroling.
One seems to hear, Words of good cheer, From ev'rywhere Filling the air.

O how they pound, Raising the sound, O'er hill and dale, Telling their tale,
Gayly they ring, While people sing Songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!

Merry, merry, merry Christmas. On, on they send, On without end Their
joyful tone To every home.

"How Great Our Joy"

German Carol
arr. Harold DeCou

While by our sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright:
How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall be born, so He did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.

There shall a Child lie in a stall,
He is the Savior Lord of all.

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel.

"One Small Child"

David Meece
arr. Sheldon Curry

One small Child in a land of a thousand, one small dream of a Savior
tonight,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small city of life.

One king bringing his gold and riches, one king ruling an army of might.
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight, one King bringing us life.

See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him, see Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father, see His tiny eyelids fall.

One small light from the flame of a candle, one small light from a city of
might.

One small light from the stars in the endless night, one small light from
His face.

See the shepherds kneeling before Him, see the kings on bended knee.
See His mother praising His Father, see the blessed Infant sleep.

One small Child in a land of a thousand, one small dream in a people of
might.

One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small Savior of life.

"We've Got Good News to Tell!" (Men's Chorus) Don Besig
(Director - Bill Crull, Soloist - Jan Driessnack)

We've got good news to tell! Glory, glory hallelujah!
We've got good news to tell; ev'rybody listen well,
For this tiny Baby who's born today is gonna change the world!

Well, they saw a star shining high in the sky,
lighting up the heavens, what a glorious sight!
Then all at once there were angels all around,
and the night was filled with a joyous sound!

Oh, they came from the fields and hills far away
just to see the Baby asleep on the hay.
They were filled with joy when they saw the tiny King,
and they all went out with a song to sing!

"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" (Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55) Hank Beebe

My soul doth magnify the Lord. My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,
for He hath regarded the lowliness of me His servant,
Behold! From henceforth all generations shall call me blessed!

For He that is mighty hath done great things, And Holy is His Name.
His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.

He showed strength with His arm, He hath scattered the proud,
He hath put down the mighty And exalted the low.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, The rich He sent empty away,
He hath helped His servant, Israel, In remembrance of His mercy
As He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and His seed forever.

"Have You Heard?" (Speech Choir) Ben Ludlow

Have you heard the news? There's a Baby born over in Bethlehem!
We heard from a shepherd, just out of town,
That he learned from a voice in the sky (so high!),
And a bright star in the same sky!

Have you heard that Mary is the mother's name?
Have you heard that Jesus is the Baby's name?
We heard from a traveler, just rode by,
That he learned from a prophet of years gone by
That this is to be the new King!

The Baby Jesus is our King!

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine On His cradle till breaking of dawn,
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing: the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him,
Seraphim round Him the vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior,
But Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep.

Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger:
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation:
A Child with His mother that first Christmas Day.

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

French Carol
arr. Linda Williams

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we here noel.
Sing we now of Christmas, joyful tidings tell.
Gather and sing, sing praises to the King;
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we here noel.

Shepherds in the meadow saw the heav'nly light,
Heard the angel voices ringing in the night;
Come, come away, a King is born today,
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we here noel.

High above the manger shone a radiant star,
Soon there came the kings who followed from afar.
Blessed Child, behold our incense and gold!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we here noel.

"Child of the Manger, Child of the Cross"

Craig Courtney

Child of the manger, Child of the Cross,
All of our gain for all of Your loss,
Bethlehem looks to Golgotha's tree,
Born that You might die for me.

Lully, lully, lullay, my Baby.
Lully, lully, lullay, slumber my Child, my Savior.

He who created the stars and the sea
Now cannot lift up His head.
Look at His hands so tiny and soft,
One day they will be pierced at Calvary.

"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"

Dwight Liles & Niles Borop
arr. Jack Schrader

Proclaim the glory of the Lord,
Let every tongue confess He reigns; lift up His name in praises forever.
Proclaim the glory of the Lord,
Make known His mighty deeds to all; take up the call, let every nation know:

He is our Messiah! Our Savior and our King!
Let all our voices join as one to fill the earth with singing!
Glory to our God, His greatness we applaud.
Let every race on every shore proclaim the glory of the Lord!

Proclaim the glory of the Lord;
Give honor to the Prince of Peace; For if we cease the stones will start shouting.
Proclaim the glory of the Lord;
With hands uplifted let us raise immortal praise to Him who reigns on high!

"Come, All Ye Faithful, Sing!" (Congregation & Choir) Dale Peterson

Come, all ye faithful, O sing the news of Jesus' birth,
O come, all ye faithful, come spread the tidings o'er the earth.
Sing choirs of angels! Sing in joyful song!
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morn.
O come, all ye faithful, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Join us to sing praise to our King.
With hearts full of joy we sing to the Bethl'hem Boy,
Christ, The Lord! O come, sing praise to Christ.
Come all ye faithful, O sing the news o'er all the earth.
O come all ye faithful, and join in singing of Jesus' birth!

Congregation:

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING Rev Brackley (3:00); Dave Forbes (6:00)

PART II - Excerpts from "Messiah"

George Frederic Handel

(in celebration of the 250th anniversary of its writing, August, 1741)

1. Overture

4. Chorus - 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.

12. Chorus - 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, Counsellor,
The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

13. Pastoral Symphony

14. Recitative - Luke 2:8-9 (Dorothy Huang)

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

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.

15. Recitative - 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 Saviour, which is Christ the
Lord.

16. Recitative - Luke 2:13

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

17. Chorus - Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good-will towards
men.

20. Air - Isaiah 40:11 (Charmaine Freeze)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Air - Matthew 11:28-29

Come unto Him, all ye that labor,
Come unto Him, ye that 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 unto your souls.

21. Chorus - Matthew 11:30
His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

44. Chorus - Revelation 19:5; 11:15; 19:16

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 for ever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

Excerpts from Christmas Festival '91 will be aired at 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve on TV 25, WEEK.

THE CHOIR

SOPRANO

Jean Alexander
Julie Belcher
Jo Carlisle
Stephanie Carlisle
Helen Cox
Jan Driessnack
Vi Geyer
Loretta Greenwood
Lynn Hanchett
Dorothy Huang
Nancy Kinnick
Terry Krikke
Bernice Lakis
Carole Lee
Darlene Metz
Janice Metz
Patty Powers
Ann Rebholz
Dorothy Reich
Madalyn Rosecrans
Polly Sandall
Fran Shipp
Jenny Snow
Jennifer Spuler
Lorraine Turner
Karen Viemont
Sandy Wright
Holly Zimmerman

ALTO

Connie Aderman
Betty Anderson

Erin Bitner
Janice Branch
Miriam Brown
Bunny Brown
Bev Charles
Alison Corbin
Teddy Corbin
Carrie Coverstone
Linda Crull
Noelle Crull
Michelle Dawson
Holly Deal
Rose DeCou
Judie Dryden
Natalie Ekhoﬀ
Rose Ekhoﬀ
Frances Ford
Gloria Foster
Charmaine Freeze
Valerie Groves
Carrie Haluska
Emily Haluska
Farole Haluska
Jennie Haluska
Eileen Harmon
Debbie Hawkinson
Dorothy James
Carol D. Learned
Rose Lee
Elizabeth McDonald
Millie Moser
Donna Nelson
Tres Prince
Amy Park

Bonnie Ramshaw
Lou Randall
Elizabeth Roseboom
Judy Roseboom
Laura Rosecrans
Elsie Traenkenschuh
Sara Urban
Sherri Urban
Beth Weil
Karen Winkelman
Mardi Yeager
Angela Zimmerman
Ginny Zimmerman

TENOR

Dean Anderson
Philip Ausfahl
Eric Bitner
Ryan Carlisle
Marlowe Clauser
Tim Coverstone
Bill Crull
Todd Crull
Denver Elliott
Alvin Gage
John Hahn
Pat Harmon
Stephen Ommen
Harold Powers
Adam Roseboom
John Schellenberg
Gerry Traenkenschuh
Daniel Weil

BASS

Don Aderman
Bud Anderson
Joshua Ausfahl
Del Belcher
Scott Carlisle
Rich Driessnack
Bruce Ekhoﬀ
Luke Ekhoﬀ
Andy Forbes
John Forbes
Matt Franklin
Larry Frantz
Rick Freeze
Tom Giese
Gary Haluska
Bill Hawkinson
Matt Hrivnak
Dave Hunter
Marlin Korthals
Tom Kinnick
Dan Learned
Harold Metz
Art Moser
Jan Mueller
Ken Park
Gary Ramshaw
Gene Randall
Gene Rebholz
Bill Schwenk
Jon Stegmaier
David Strickler

THE ORCHESTRA

Violin I

Peggy Stuckey
Virginia Segale
Fran Macmillan
Kjersti Nostbakken

Violin II

Kathy Lashbrook
Ruth Hedstrom
Sue Allen
Betty Garman

Viola

Ruth Livingston
Dolores Tarkowski

Cello

Maria Cooper
Jane Harding
Kathy Lorimor
Staci Schrader

String Bass

Winifred Chilton

Oboe

Kathy Steck
Marlene List

Flute

Valerie Crull
Laura Roseboom

Clarinet

Sherrill Diepenbrock
Wayne Heinemann

Bassoon

Judy Earleson

Trumpet

Todd Stalter
John Deal
Mike Flinn

Horn

Dave Vroman
Dawn Eagle
Holly Deal

Trombone

Tom Ringelspaugh
Jeremy Heiple
Bill Crull

Tuba

Dave Lawson

Percussion

Jim Tallman
Don Roemersberger
Alison Corbin

*We wish to thank the Bradley Symphonic Winds (Dave Vroman, conductor)
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