



THE INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 13, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

DR. JEFF McLELLAND,
CONDUCTOR AND DIRECTOR

BETH MIDDLETON, *SOPRANO*
JANET ORT, *SOPRANO*
NICK MATHES, *TENOR*
RICHARD STUMP, *BARITONE*

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CHURCH CHOIR

DR. W. STEPHEN GOYER, *PASTOR*



A Christmas Feast.....arr. Matthew Naughtin
(b. 1947)

"Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

"Verbum caro factum est"

"Gaudete"

"Quanno nascete ninno" (*Carol of the Bagpipers*)

Coventry Carol

"This Is the Truth" from *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Richard Stump, *Baritone*

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love: Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor. The first thing which I will relate is that God did man create, The next thing
which to you I'll tell Woman was made with man to dwell. Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice To place
them both in Paradise, There to remain, from evil free, Except they ate of such a tree. And they did eat, which
was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin, Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity. Thus
we were heirs to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose, And so a promise soon did run, That he would
redeem us by his Son.

English folk carol

"Comfort Ye" from *Messiah*.....George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Nick Mathes, *Tenor*

Comfort ye, 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.

Isaiah 40:1-3

"And the Glory of the Lord" from *Messiah*.....George Frideric Handel
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.

Isaiah 40:5

O Magnum Mysterium.....Morten Lauridsen
(b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentum in praesepe! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that the animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Chant from the Matins of Christmas

O Holy Night.....arr. Jordan Grigg
(b. 1972)

Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and sorrow pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born; O night divine, O night, O night divine! Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of star so sweetly gleaming, Then came the wise men from the Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend. He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger. Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend. Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His Gospel is Peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother and in His name, all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we. Let all within us Praise his Holy name; Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His power and glory ever more proclaim!

O night divine, O night, O night divine!

Placide Cappeau, tran. John Sullivan Dwight

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.....arr. Jan Sandström
(b. 1954)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came a floweret bright amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Traditional German

Metamorphoses on Veni Emmanuel.....arr. James Bicigo

"He Shall Feed His Flock" from *Messiah*.....George Frideric Handel
Janet Ort, *Soprano*

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. Come unto him, all ye that labour, come unto him 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.

Isaiah 40:11

E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come..... Paul O. Manz
(1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22, adapted by P.O.M.

Still, Still, Still arr. by Norman Luboff
(1917-1987)

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

Marilyn Keith and Alan Bergman

Silent Night arr. by Edward David Zeliff

Silent Night STILLE NACHT

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. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia! Christ the Savior 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.

Joseph Mohr, trans. John Freeman Young

Joy to the World from *A Christmas Medley I*.....arr. Matthew Naughtin

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir



Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Conductor and Director

SOPRANO

Susan Clayton
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Beth Middleton*
Janet Ort*
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Kate Waters
Virginia Waters

ALTO

Debbie McCorquodale
Debbie Medenica
Sally Reilly
Karen Shadinger
Angelyn Simmons
Sally Speaker
Jane Stump

BASS

Foster Cook
Doc Feagin
Andrew Hicks
Jeff Johnson
George E. Keller III
Xavier Roberson
Richard Stump*
Katie Woodruff

TENOR

Rita Gibbon
Debbie Gray
Jon Kassaw
Nick Mathes*
Greg Roberson

** denotes soloist*

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Orchestra

VIOLIN I

Daniel Szasz
Mayumi Masri
Viktor Dulguerov

VIOLA

Zak Enikeev
Rene Reder

KEYBOARD

Amy McLelland

CELLO

Warren Samples
Lauren Peacock

ORGAN

Greg Roberson

VIOLIN II

Yuriko Yasuda
Tara Mueller
Serghei Tanas

BASS

Alex Horton

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS will be livestreamed on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. Please join us on YouTube or Facebook (search for "IPC Birmingham"). For the latest updates, please visit our website at ipc-usa.org/worship.

THE IPC CHOIR has CDs available for purchase such as *A Babe is Born*, a Christmas recording that includes many of the pieces from the annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (\$20.00 each). The choir also sells stained glass roundels such as the Nativity from various windows throughout the church. The complete set of five renderings is available. The cost is \$45.00 each or 3 for \$120.00. CDs and roundels are available for purchase at ipc-usa.org/connect or from the Music Office at the church. For questions, call the Music Office at 205-933-3700, or e-mail rfairless@ipc-usa.org.

THE 50TH ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL "COMFORT, CONNECTIONS, AND HEALING"

January 31 - February 7, 2021

This event will be primarily virtual with an option for some in-person attendance depending upon health and safety recommendations at that time. Events include:

Music

Service of Healing and Contemplation

Classical Duo Guitar Concert by Croatian musicians Miroslav Lončar and Nataša Klasinc

Closing Gala of original music by Amy McLelland with strings, voices, poetry, and multimedia

Film

Documentaries featuring Sacred Spaces of Birmingham

Theatre

A stirring video production of "Anne and Emmett" presented by the Theatre Department of William Carey University – an imaginary conversation between Anne Frank and Emmett Till, both victims of racial intolerance and hatred

Cuisine

A "Banquet-in-a-Box" of exquisite comfort food prepared by Kim Martin for a live Zoom-meal



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