



The Glad Season, The Peace of Christmas

University of Mount Union Christmas Festival | Brush Performance Hall, Giese Center

Thursday, December 7, 11:15 a.m. | Friday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. | Saturday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.



"Peace is always beautiful."

—Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*

We kindly ask that you hold your applause until after the singing of "Sisi ni moja."

Prelude: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come..... Johann Pachelbel

Prayer of Invocation.....Maya Angelou

Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope
And singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor,
Come the way of friendship. It is the Glad Season.

Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance,
We ask you to give to all the world that which we need most — Peace.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

O Holy Night.....Adolph Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul 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.

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 evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

CAROL FOR THE AUDIENCE

O, Come All Ye Faithful

(the audience is invited to stand)

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.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven 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.

Reading from "Star Witness" Beth Merton

How could we be anything but true
believers—
We shepherds who heard the news
first-hand from Heaven!

There stood that angel on the
grazing ground
Like a white fan,
Like a white blaze,
lighting the air all around;
Telling us the Promised One had come,
And where He was,
And what His destiny.

And then that great arc of angels
Singing a Gloria.

We left our sheep that night
And found the Lamb.

Do You Know the Song the Angels Sang? Allen Pote

Do you know the song that the angels sang
On that night in the long ago,
When the heavens above with their music rang
Till it echoed in the earth below?

*All glory in the highest. Peace on earth, goodwill to all.
Glory in the highest. Peace and goodwill to all.*

Do you know the song that the shepherds heard
As they watched o'er their flocks by night,
When the skies bent down, and their hearts were stirred
By the voices of the angels bright?

Hodie..... Nancy Hill Cobb

Today Christ is born:
Today the Savior has appeared:
Today on earth Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice:
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest, alleluia!

The Lamb..... Leonard Enns

Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee,
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
 Little Lamb who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?

 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;
 Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild,
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.
 Little Lamb, God bless thee!
 Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Reading "O Sapientia" Madeleine L'Engle

It was from Joseph first I learned
of love. Like me he was dismayed.
How easily he could have turned
me from his house; but, unafraid,
he put me not away from him
(O God-sent angel, pray for him).
Thus through his love was Love obeyed.

The Child's first cry came like a bell:
God's Word aloud, God's Word in deed.
The angel spoke: so it befell,
and Joseph with me in my need.
O Child whose father came from heaven,
to you another gift was given,
your earthly father chosen well.

With Joseph I was always warmed
and cherished. Even in the stable
I knew that I would not be harmed.
And, though above the angels swarmed,
man's love it was that made me able
to bear God's love, wild, formidable,
to bear God's will, through me performed.

Josef lieber, Josef mein Traditional German Carol, arr. Cary Ratclif

"Joseph, Dearest Joseph mine, help me cradle the Child divine.
God reward thee and all that's thine, in paradise,"
So prays the mother Mary.

*He came among us at Christmas time
At Christmas time in Bethlehem;
Let us bring Him from far and near,
Love's diadem: Eja! Eja! (Joy! Joy!)
Lo, He comes and loves and saves and frees us!*

"Gladly dear one, Lady mine, help I cradle this Child of thine."
"God's own light on us both shall shine, in paradise,"
As prays the mother Mary.

Now is born Emmanuel, prophesied once by Ezekiel,
Promised Mary by Gabriel, Ah, who can tell
Thy praises, Son of Mary!

The Hand that First Held Mary's Child Dan Forrest

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood,
From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.
This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,
But cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,
And gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name,
The angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height,
And like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.

"This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,
But God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone."
The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard,
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.

The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift
And use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift.
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today,
But charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

Sweet, Little Jesus Boy Robert MacGimsey, arr. Ken Berg

Sweet little Jesus Boy —
They made you be born in a manger.
Sweet little Holy Child —
Didn't know who you was.
Didn't know you'd come to save us, Lord;
To take our sins away.
Our eyes was blind, we couldn't see,
We didn't know who You was.

Long time ago, you was born,
Born in a manger low,
Sweet little Jesus Boy.
The world treat You mean, Lord,
Treat me mean too,
But that's how things is down here —
We don't know who You is.

You done told us how, we is a tryin'!
Master, you done show'd us how,
Even when you was dyin'.
Just seem like we can't do right,
Look how we treated you.
But please, sir, forgive us, Lord —
We didn't know 'twas You.

Sweet little Jesus Boy, born long time ago.
Sweet little Holy Child,
And we didn't know who You was.

CAROL FOR THE AUDIENCE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(The audience is invited to stand)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

All Praise to TheeElaine Hagenberg

All praise to Thee, eternal God,
Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia!

Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light,
To make us in the realms divine,
Like Thine own angels, round Thee shine. Alleluia!

A little Child, Thou art our Guest
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth
That we may rise to heaven from earth. Alleluia!

Reading from "The Nativity" (1656).....Henry Vaughan

Thou cam'st from Heav'n to earth, that we
Might go from Earth to Heav'n with thee.
And though thou found'st no welcom here.
Thou did'st provide us mansions there.
A stable was thy Court, and when
Men turn'd to beasts; Beasts would be Men.
They were thy Courtiers, others none;
And their poor Manger was thy Throne.

O magnum mysterium.....Richard Burchard

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

AlleluiaJacob Naverud

Here's a Pretty Little Baby.....A Christmas Spiritual, arr. André Thomas

*Here's a pretty little Baby! Look in the manger!
Behold, believe, and be baptized!*

Wise men riding (behold, believe, and be baptized!)
Bright star shining (behold, believe, and be baptized!)
Name is Jesus (behold, believe, and be baptized!)

Jesus Loves the Little ChildrenGeorge F. Root, arr. Brian A. Schmidt

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black and white they are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Hymn for the Audience

Let There be Peace on Earth

(The audience is invited to stand)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator children all are we,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Benediction: from “Amazing Peace”Maya Angelou

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas.
We beckon this good season to wait awhile with us.
We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come.
Peace.
Come and fill us and our world with your majesty.
We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian,
Implore you, to stay a while with us.
So we might learn by your shimmering light
How to look beyond complexion and see community.

It is Christmas time, a halting time of hate.

On this platform of peace, we can create a language
To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.

At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ
Into the great religions of the world.
We jubilate the precious advent of trust.
We shout with glorious tongues the coming of hope.
All the earth’s tribes loosen their voices
To celebrate the promise of Peace.

We, Angels and Mortals, Believers and Nonbelievers,
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.
Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud.
Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves,
And say without shyness or apology or hesitation:

Peace, My Brother.
Peace, My Sister.
Peace, My Soul.

Sisi ni mojaJacob Narverud

We all laugh, we all cry, we all feel hunger, we all feel pain.
We all love, we all hate, we all hope, and we all dream.
We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.
A tribe of many languages, a group of many heartaches,
Fighting for peace among the land.
Heja, heja sisi ni moja. Heja, Heja, we are one.

We all want, we all need, we all seek passion, we all seek joy.
We all bruise, we all scar, we all fail, but learn to thrive.
We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.
In the darkness of the night and in the glory of the morning,
We walk along the path and find our way.

Now we stand here together and lift our hearts in song
To the rhythm of this moment in our lives:
Heja, heja sisi ni moja. Heja, Heja, we are one.

Postlude: Joy to the Worldsetting by Michael Burkhardt

Officiants

Dr. Grant William Cook III, Artistic Director, Professor of Music
*Barbara Lyons, soprano and reader
Elizabeth-Galloway Purcell ('18), conductor
*Glenn Martin, Physical Plant
Dwight ('71) and Patricia Jordan
Kevin, Cathy, and Connor ('18) Funk

Collaborative Artists

*Nancy Howenstine, organ
*Jennifer Linville, piano
Kate Gonczy, cello
Lena Shelton, flute
Breana Tompulis, flute
*David Duro, trumpet
Ben Pickard, trumpet
Kristina Hass, trumpet
Chris Tucker, trombone

*Dr. Otis French, euphonium
*Jeff Neitze, tenor steel drum and djembe
Connor Funk, timpani and percussion
Rachel Powley, percussion
Ali Caldwell, reader
Kayla Lehman, reader
Sarah Slagle, reader
Travis Harding, Fine Arts Facilities Manager
*UMU faculty/staff

Concert Choir

Soprano

Sarai Bodine	English	Sophomore
Ali Caldwell	Nursing	Senior
Ashton Carr	English: Literature	Freshman
Taylor Castle	Nursing	Senior
Reilly Davidson	Theatre and Music (voice)	Sophomore
Elizabeth Domer	Theatre and Music (voice)	Sophomore
Sarah Donkin	English: Writing	Junior
Gabrielle Patterson	Biology	Junior
Brianna Potts	Music Education (flute)	Freshman
Elizabeth Galloway-Purcell	Music Education (voice and piano)	Senior
Rebecca Haley	Intervention Specialist	Sophomore
Kayla Lehman	Theatre and Public Relations	Senior
Sarah Slagle	Theatre and Music (voice)	Senior
Nichole Will	Nursing	Sophomore
Megan Zwart	Biology and Spanish	Senior

Alto

Angelica Bartholomew	Nursing	Senior
Naimah Coleman	Theatre and Music (voice)	Freshman
Emily Cooney	Public Relations	Freshman
Rebecca Cooper	Mathematics and Accounting	Senior
Victoria Ginty	Japanese and Music (voice)	Senior
Raelene Jones	Music Education (trumpet)	Junior
Abigail Lantz	Music Education (voice)	Junior
Katie Letts	Religious Studies	Senior
Rachel Powley	Spanish and Marketing	Senior
Olivia Ricciutti	Political Science	Sophomore
Abbigail Robertson	Early Childhood Education	Junior
Kaitlyn Slezak	Music Education (voice)	Sophomore
Rachael Thorn	Theatre and Early Childhood Education	Freshman
Eva Wagner	Undeclared	Freshman
Maddy Wolfe	Early Childhood Education	Sophomore

Tenor

Anthony Bucci	Psychology	Senior
George Carr	Theatre and Music	Junior
Caisey Hardy-Fowler	Music Education (voice)	Freshman
Ben Hayes	Music Performance (voice)	Senior
Kyle Herman	Mechanical Engineering	Junior
Patrick McKittrick	Music Performance (piano)	Junior
David Passer	Computer Science	Sophomore
Gian Steele	Music Education (voice)	Freshman
Chris Tucker	Theatre (technical)	Junior
Alexander Murdoch	Theatre and English: Writing	Sophomore

Bass/Baritone

Samuel Atkinson	Mechanical Engineering and Music (piano)	Freshman
Jeff Centrello	Theatre (technical)	Sophomore
Ian Donaldson	Accounting	Junior
Jesse Edwards	Business Administration	Freshman
Connor Funk	Mathematics	Senior
Zach Henkels	Interactive Media	Senior
Kenan Irish	Music (piano)	Senior
Joel Jennings	Biochemistry	Sophomore
Marcus Morrison	Music (voice) and Biology	Junior
Ben Pickard	Music Education (trumpet and piano)	Junior
Andrew Reeve	Music Education (voice)	Freshman
Robert Suffron	Marketing	Junior
Jeff Williams	Music (piano)	Senior
Tommy Wines	Biology	Junior
Martin Zapata	Psychology and Management	Senior

Cantus Femina**Soprano**

Sarai Bodine	English	Sophomore
Danielle Bradfield	Early Childhood Education	Sophomore
Anna Brown	Music Education (clarinet)	Freshman
Ashton Carr	English: Literature	Freshman
Taylor Castle	Nursing	Senior
Naimah Coleman	Theatre and Music (voice)	Freshman
Reilly Davidson	Theatre and Music (voice)	Sophomore
Elizabeth Domer	Theatre and Music (voice)	Sophomore
Sarah Donkin	English: Writing	Junior
Rachel Ferraiuolo	French and Music (flute)	Senior
Elizabeth Galloway-Purcell	Music Education (voice and piano)	Senior
Alexa Goffos	Early Childhood Education	Senior
Rebecca Haley	Intervention Specialist	Sophomore
Paige Knoch	Art	Freshman
Abigail Lantz	Music Education (voice)	Junior
Katie Letts	Religious Studies	Senior
Libby Medvin	Athletic Training	Senior
Amanda Panfil	Communication Studies	Sophomore
Gabrielle Patterson	Biology	Junior
Olivia Ricciutti	Political Science	Sophomore
Halle Robinson	Music Education (flute)	Freshman
Lena Shelton	Psychology	Junior
Rachael Thorn	Theatre and Education	Freshman
Breana Tompulis	Music Education (flute)	Junior
Brooke Zucco	Theatre and Communication Studies	Freshman
Morgan Leach	Marketing and Management	Senior

Alto

Jocelyn Bowling	Music Education (bassoon)	Sophomore
Samantha Caldwell	Music Education (flute)	Sophomore
Lexi Marie Chisholm	Marketing	Senior
Emily Cooney	Public Relations	Freshman
Bethany Cox	Neuroscience	Junior
Samantha deAnda	Psychology and Spanish	Sophomore
Olivia DeMartino	International Affairs and Diplomacy, German, and Music (piano)	Senior
Kathryn Dhayer	Intervention Specialist	Sophomore
Hannah Edwards	Biology	Senior
Carly Federico	Japanese	Junior
Amanda Finkenthal	Early Childhood Education	Freshman
Joy Hoile	Music (tuba)	Senior
Starr Klenotic	Marketing	Junior
Abbey Molnar	Marketing	Senior
Savannah Morris	Communication Studies	Senior
Rachel Powley	Spanish and Marketing	Senior
Madison Priestap	Theatre and Exercise Science	Freshman
Abigail Robertson	Early Childhood Education	Junior
Hannah Saling	Biology	Freshman
Kaitlyn Slezak	Music Education (voice)	Sophomore
Allison Staggers	Theatre and Spanish	Sophomore
McKaylie Thomas	Biochemistry	Freshman
Eva Wagner	Undeclared	Freshman
Lilly Williams	Theatre and Human Development and Family Science	Sophomore
Madison Wolfe	Early Childhood Education	Sophomore

American Sign Language Class**Susan K. McConnell, Instructor**

(December 7 performance only)

Rebecca M. Cooper
Emily M. Dunkler
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Alexa M. Goffos
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