

a CHRISTMAS
EXCLAMATION



**An evening for
Christmas carols and songs!**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024
6pm**



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
December 8, 2024 – Six O'clock

“Sing we joyous all together . . . While I tell of Yuletide treasure”

A VIDEO SHORT

“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”

The Muppet Cast

WELCOME

Rebecca Prater, Director of Music Ministries

CELEBRATION! (*2nd-5th grades*) “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

Pam Smith Kelly, director

CHIMES

Traditional English Folk Song

Katie Hearn, assistant director

Angela Krug, accompanist & Keith Langabee, assistant

Eloise Armbrecht, Eloise Dixon, Abel Frye, Kamden Frye, Charlotte Hearn, Mallory Hearn,

Aidan Hussey, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, Evie Schmidt, James Schmidt,

Magnolia Sellers, Max Soule, Lucas Wright, & Sarah Wright

CAROL

“Caroling, Caroling”

Congregation

Words by Wihla Hutson & Music by Alfred Burt

Caroling, caroling, now we go, Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
Caroling, caroling, thru the snow; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
Joy-ous voi-ces sweet and clear; Sing the sad of heart to cheer.
Ding, dong, ding, dong, Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!

Caroling, caroling, thru the town; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
Caroling, caroling, up and down; Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!
Mark you well the song we sing, Glad-some tid-ings now we bring.
Ding, dong, ding, dong, Christ-mas bells are ring-ing!

JOY! (*4s-1st*)

“Jesus, the Savior is Born”

Emily Hussey &

Words by Milton LeDoux & Music by Joanne LeDoux

Hilary Schmidt, co-directors

Margo Armbrecht, Drake Cabe, Rowan Cabe, Gilbert Dixon, Brody Frye,
Henry Frye, Wyatt Schendel, Abigail Schmidt, Bristol Sellers, & Zoey Wetzig

“What Can I Give Him”

Words by Christina Rossetti (*Quoting “In the Bleak Midwinter”*)

Music by Nan Grantham

CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

Congregation

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

CELEBRATION! CHOIR

“Come, Lord Jesus”

Pam Smith Kelly, director

(Sing Noel)

Katie Hearn, assistant director & flute

Words and Arrangement by Jim Ailor

Angela Krug, accompanist

Music by Rowland H. Prichard ~ HYFRYDOL

Keith Langabee, assistant

(Incorporating “The First Noel”)

A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

“You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch”

Kent Ensign, bass

Words by & Music by Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel & Albert Hague

Mary Bertoldie, piano

EncoreKC!’s UKELELES

“Jingle Bells”

Christopher Callender, director

by James Pierpont

Lindsay Callender, sleigh bells & Miles McDonald, bass

Ji Hyun Chung, Jim Crist, Al Ferrell, Karen Ferrell, Deborah Hall,

Myrena Hawn, Jan Horosz, Jane Knoche, Peg Krieshok, Nancy LaJoie,

Nancy Langhofer-Floerke, Mary Fran Row, Linda Robertson, & Kristina Shaw

CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

EncoreKC!’s WOODWINDS

“Sleigh Ride”

Amy Schwartz, coordinator

by Leroy Anderson ~ arr. Kenneth Abelung

Linda Robertson & Jani Scheppers, flute ~ Amy Schwartz, oboe ~ Bob Dover & Mary Burnett, clarinet

Deborah Hall, bass clarinet ~ Lisa England, bassoon ~ Jim Kelly, horn ~ Keith Langabee, percussion

JUBILATION! RINGERS

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Kathy Bures, director

arr. Sandra Eithun

Trey Bures, assistant director

Sandy Adams, Linda Bruns, Elizabeth Bures, Jesse Bures, Christine Caseres,

Edwin Fukunaga, Jane Knoche, Angela Krug, Morgan Krug, Ellin Schoenfeld, & Cal Sweeten

A VIDEO OF RINGERS

“Ringing of the Bells”

A Trio of Muppets

JUBILATION! RINGERS

“Christmas Don’t Be Late”
(The Chipmunk Song)
arr. Mitchell Eithun

Kathy Bures, director

CAROL

“Deck the Hall”

Congregation

**Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
‘Tis the sea-son to be jol-ly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay ap-par-el, Fa la la la la la la la la.
Troll the an-cient Yule-tide carol. Fa la la la la, la la la la.**

EncoreKC!’s WOODWINDS & BRASS

Jim Kelly, brass coordinator

“Rudolph’s Holly Jolly Rockin’ Christmas March”
by Johnny Marks ~ arr. John Edmondson

Amy Schwartz, woodwinds

*Linda Robertson & Jani Scheppers, flute ~ Amy Schwartz, oboe ~ Bob Dover & Mary Burnett, clarinet
Deborah Hall, bass clarinet ~ Lisa England, bassoon ~ Jim Kelly, horn
Charlie Graves, Kevin Schwartz, and Beth Bohon, trumpet ~ David England, trombone
Mike Hockley, baritone ~ Brent Herdman, tuba ~ Keith Langabee, percussion*

A CLUCKIN’ GOOD VIDEO

“Joy to the World”

A Muppet Chorus

EncoreKC!’s ACT II

“Jingle Bells”

Pam Smith Kelly, director

by James Pierpont

Mary Bertoldie, accompanist

arr. Jack Gold & Marty Paich ~ choral adaptation by Mark Hayes

*Nona Boyd, Nancy Catron, Jim Crist, Barbara Douglas, Bob Dover, Kent Ensign,
Karen Ferrell, Cindy Fieser, Deborah Hall, Jim Kelly, Nancy LaJoie, Bill Langley,
Jim Mathison, Laura Mathison, Kathleen Miller, Doug Puckett, Connie Richards,
Linda Robertson, Sandy Runyon, Ellen Simon, & Vickie Trott*

VIDEO OF THE NATIVITY

“Christmas According to Kids”

by Southland Christian Church

CHARTER RINGERS

*“A Christmas Festival”

Chris Krug &

by Leroy Anderson ~ arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Celia Nicholas, co-directors

*Linda Bruns, Elizabeth Bures, Kathy Bures, Lindsay Callender, Edwin Fukunaga,
Katie Hearn, Cheryl Johnson, Angela Krug, Lynn Long, Lara Schesser, Jason Walker, & Mikki Walker
Keith Langabee, percussion & handbells ~ Linda Dover, organ*

**This handbell piece was donated in honor of Charter Ringers
for their talent and commitment to handbells by Celia & Mike Nicholas.*

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Congregation

Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, “Glo-ry to the new-born king.
Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!”
Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
with th’an-gel-ic host pro-claim, “Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!”
Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, “Glo-ry to the new-born king.”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal-ing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.
Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, “Glo-ry to the new-born king.”

CHARTER RINGERS

*“The 12 Days of Christmas”

Chris Krug &

arr. Arnold Sherman

Celia Nicholas, co-directors

**This handbell piece was donated by Celia Nicholas in memory of her father, Luther Smith, Sr., who would play this tune on the piano as the children would sing along.*

THANK YOU & INTRO OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Rebecca Prater

TAKE THE JOY OF THE
SEASON WITH YOU

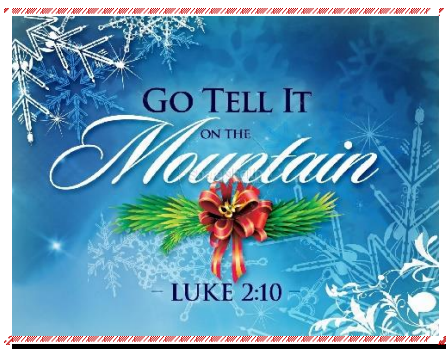
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Congregation

(Refrain)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

(Verse) While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *(Refrain)*



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