

And the Glory

of the Lord shall be revealed

**Mennonite Children's Choir
OF LANCASTER**



Christmas 2022

**Rosemary Siegrist Blessing, Artistic Director
Chamber Choir**

**Sarah Wingard, Director
Carol Choir and Concert Choir**

**Galen Kauffman, Director
Men's Ensemble**



A Program of Lancaster Mennonite School

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**As you experience the retelling of the glorious birth of Jesus through scripture and song,
may you know God is with us . . . Immanuel . . . the Prince of Peace.**

Prelude.....guest artists

Isaiah 40:3–5.....reader Julianna Umble

Concert and Chamber choirs

And the Glory of Lord *from Messiah*.....George Frideric Händel

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.

Luke 1:26 – 35, 39 – 45.....readers Anna & Kate Stuart, Joelyn Blessing

My Soul Magnifies the Lord (A Bluegrass Magnificat) *from Angel Band*.....Tim Sharp
and Timothy Michael Powell

My soul magnifies the Lord, my Savior,
And my spirit rejoices in God!

Glory, glory to the Father, Glory to the Son,
And glory to the Holy Spirit, Magnify the Three In One!

God is mindful of my service, richly blessing, ever bless'd.
God is mighty. God is holy. Praise the Lord!

God will humble the proud hearted. God will raise the lowly up.
God will tend to the hungry. God will shoo the rich away.

God protects servant Israel, showing mercy, giving grace.
God remembers all the children. God has done great things for me!

Luke 2:1, 3 – 7.....readers Grace Thasu, Simon Herring

Men's Ensemble

Mary Had a Baby.....Victor C. Johnson

Mary had a baby, yes, Lord,	What did Mary name him? Yes, Lord,	Mary named him Jesus,
Mary had a baby, yes, my Lord.	What did Mary name him? Yes, my Lord.	Mary named him Jesus,
Mary had a baby, yes, Lord.	What did Mary name him? Yes, Lord.	Mary named him Jesus, yes, Lord.
The people keep a comin'	The people keep a comin'	The people keep a comin'
And the train has gone.	And the train has gone.	And the train has gone.

Isaiah 9:2, 6.....reader Christopher Jean

Carol Choir

For Unto Us A Child is Born *from Messiah*.....George Frideric Händel
arr. James Stevens and W. Daniel Landes

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.
The Everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace.

Dormi, Dormi (*Sweetly Slumber*).....Italian Carol
arr. Mary Goetze

Dormi, dormi, bel bambin	<i>Sleep, O sleep, my lovely child.</i>
Re divin, re divin.	<i>King divine, king divine.</i>
Fala nanna fantolino	<i>Close your eyes and sweetly slumber.</i>
Re divin, re divin	<i>King divine, king divine.</i>
Fala nanna fanto lino.	<i>Close your eyes and sweetly slumber.</i>
Fa la la la la la la la!	
Perche piangi, o mio tresor.	<i>O my treasure, do not weep.</i>
Dolce amor, dolce amor.	<i>Sweetly sleep, sweetly sleep.</i>
Fala nanna o caro figlio.	<i>Close your eyes my Son, my dear one.</i>
Fanto bel, fanto bel.	<i>Sweetly sleep, sweetly sleep.</i>
Fala nanna o caro figlio.	<i>Close your eyes my Son, my dear one.</i>
Fa la la la la la la la!	

Luke 2: 8 – 14, 15 – 20readers Caleb Nolt, Malloree Marshall

Hurry to the Stable.....Dori Erwin Collins

Hurry to the stable in Bethlehem, see the baby Jesus.
Run and tell the story in ev'ry land, rejoice and spread the news.
This baby is your brother, your Savior and your King.
He too will be a shepherd, salvation he will bring.
Alleluias ring!

Congregational Song

Silent Night (S'Gaw Karen, German, English)

နုစီဆုံ နုအိန်ဘိုဉ်	Stille Nacht, heilige nacht,	Silent night, holy night,
လာတခံးဖို တကပီ	Alles schläft, einsam wacht	All is calm, all is bright
ပုခိးတလံ ဖိသနံဆံး	Nur das traute hochheilige Paar,	Round yon virgin, mother and child,
လာအိန်ဆန်အ လီအိန်ဘုံး	Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar.	Holy infant so tender and mild.
မုန်မုန်မံသပုလီ	Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.	Sleep in heavenly peace.
မုန်မုန်မံသပုလီ	Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.	Sleep in heavenly peace.

Chamber Choir

Angels We Have Heard on High *from Angel Band*.....French Carol Melody

arr. Tim Sharp and Timothy Michael Powell

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains,

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo, Gloria!

See within a manger laid
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth.

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Mary, Joseph lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth.

People Everywhere Rejoice, Rejoice *from Four Ukrainian Carols*.....Ukrainian Carol

arr. Nikolai Kachanov

Радуйтеся, усі люди,
Радість всім нам з неба буде!
Весела нам днесь новина:
Породила Діва Сина, Марія.
Ступив до нас з високості,
щоби міг нас тут всіх спасти.
Вітають Гославні царі,
поклін дають, кладуть дари.
Святу Трійцю прославляймо,
Богу честь хвалу віддаймо!
Алилуя, алилуя!
Радуйся, Діво Марія!

People everywhere, rejoice!
Great joy for all is coming from heaven!
Joyful news for us today:
The Virgin Mary has borne a Son.
He came down to us from on high,
In order to save us all here.
The glorious Magi greet Him,
Bowing down, they offer gifts.
Let us praise the Holy Trinity,
Offering honor and glory to God!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice, Virgin Mary!

Chamber Choir

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child.....Traditional Spiritual
arr. Rollo Dillworth

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.
New life, new hope, to all He brings.
Listen to the angels sing:
"Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King!"

He was herald'd by the angels, yes, born in a lowly manger.
God chose the virgin Mary as His mother,
And Joseph as His earthly father.
Three wise men trav'lin' from afar,
They were guided by that shinin' star
To see King Jesus where He lay
In a manger full of hay.

Some traveled north, some traveled south to see this wonderful Child.
Some traveled east, some traveled west to see this wonderful Child.

Matthew 2:1 – 4, 7 – 11readers Collette Carlson, Mika Nissley, Arturo Veras

Congregational Song

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (page 12 of this program)

Concert and Chamber choirs

Brightest and Best.....Southern Harmony
arr. Shawn Kirchner

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in a manger,
Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Concert Choir

Entre le boeuf et l'âne gris18th century French Carol

Entre le boeuf et l'âne gris,	<i>Between the ox and the grey donkey,</i>
Dort, dort, dort le petit Fils.	<i>Sleeps, sleeps, sleeps the little son,</i>

Mille anges divins, mille séraphins	<i>A thousand divine angels, a thousand seraphim</i>
Volent a l'entour de ce grand Dieu d'amour.	<i>Fly around this great God of love.</i>
Dors, Enfant! Rois des anges, dors!	<i>Sleep, child! King of the angels, sleep!</i>

Entre les deux bras de Marie,	<i>Between the two arms of Mary</i>
Dort, dort, dort le fruit de vie.	<i>Sleeps, sleeps, sleeps the fruit of life.</i>

John 8:12readers Joelyn Blessing, Christopher Jean, Grace Thasu, Arturo Veras

Concert Choir

Yo Soy la Luz del Mundo (I am the World's True Light)Ascencio - Mexico

Yo soy la luz del mundo.	<i>I am the world's true light.</i>
El que me siga tendrá.	<i>If you will follow me,</i>
La luz que la da la vida	<i>Your life will reflect my brightness</i>
Y nunca andara en la oscuridad.	<i>And you'll never walk in the night.</i>

Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, alelu!
La, la, la, la, la, la.

Dios es la luz, Dios es la paz, Dios es amor	<i>God is our light, God is our peace, God is our love</i>
Dios es la luz, Dios es la paz, Dios es amor	<i>God is our light, God is our peace, God is our love</i>

Congregational Song

Hallelujah Chorus (page 14 in this program)

Carol, Concert, and Chamber choirs

Sing for Peace.....Jim Papoulis and Francisco J. Núñez

Hear the bells that are calling me, calling for peace.
We hear them calling for peace, call for peace.

Little tree, oh, little tree, how lovely are your branches.
The bells are ringing in our hearts and souls.
We hear them ringing in the air.

The bells are ringing in our hearts and souls as we sing.
The bells are ringing as we sing for peace.
Listen they're calling for peace.

Yes, it is peace that is calling, it is peace that you hear,
It is peace that will find you.

Peace, Canta paz (Spanish), Shalom (Hebrew), Amani (Swahili),
Heiwa (Japanese), Pacem (Latin), Dohiyi (Native American),
Chante Paiz (French), Peace.

Sing shalom. Hear the bells for peace.

Now we sing for peace. We sing for peace.
We sing for shalom. Let's all sing for peace.

Postlude.....guest artists

Offering

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If you'd like your gift to remain anonymous, please write "anonymous" in the memo line.
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Thank you for supporting each young singer in MCCL with your presence today.
You are making a difference in their lives!

Thank you to an MCCL alumni quartet, Olivia Imchen, Seth Hake, Josiah Heisey, and Becca Sauder, who joined us for the opening set. One of MCCL's joys is seeing alumni continue to sing in their churches, schools, careers, and community. In the upcoming year, we desire to provide more opportunities for MCCL alumni to participate in current MCCL music making. Look for details about a special alumni singing opportunity at our spring 2023 concerts.

Carol Choir

Eva Baer	Isaiah Ehst	Arie Lapp	Daniel Shoff
Olivia Bare	Chloe Friesen	Delaney Lewis	Michael Shoff
Bromna Baunee	Grace Gallinaugh	Jesse Livengood	Catherine Stetler
Immanuel Baunee	Moselle Hankee	Noah Livengood	Kate Stuart
Elyce Bert	Kaia Helmuth	Cherise Martin	Florence Thasu
Joelyn Blessing	Simon Herring	Angel May	Grace Thasu
Micah Blessing	Elyse Hershey	Elizabeth Miers	Ana Weaver
Alyssa Broker	Phoebe High	Rose Packard	David Weaver
Mallory Broker	Peyton Hopper	Benjamin Paw	Nathan Weaver
Abby Buckwalter	Ayasha Kauffman	Isabel Reinford	Toby Weaver
Adalyn Carlson	Carmelo Kauffman	Shaun Rhinier	
Naomi Dalen	Mae Koblyski	Peter Ruggiero	
Mila Denlinger	Nolan Kolbyski	Alyssa Rush	

Concert Choir

Simon Bird	Nate Hadfield	Mika Nissley	Anna Stuart
Collette Carlson	Willow Hankee	Max Peña	Miranda Veras
Micah Carlson	Christopher Jean	Elijah Pierce	Isaac Werner
Aaron Ehst	Elisabeth Jean	Bryan Rhinier	Ethan Weaver
Rachel Fisher	Nicholas Jean	Philippa Shea	Hosanna Weaver
Bryce Gascho	Seth Livengood	Rosalind Shea	Isaac Weaver
Lily Graybill	Maryellie Martin	Ywar Shee	Lily Weaver
Aaron Hadfield	Isabelle Metzler	Meredith Shoff	Rakela Zguri

Chamber Choir

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Ava Bird	Mallorie Marshall	Jared Bowman	Nathan Bowman
Mara Carlson	Abrianna Nissley	Caleb Kreider	Caleb Nolt
Kirsten Kauffman	Bria Nyveldt	Arturo Veras	Landon Nyveldt
Tirza Martin	Gavin Shenk	Noah Weaver	James Rothenberger
Pree Pree Paw	Juliana Umble		Jared Rothenberger
Anneka Siegrist			Micaiah Weaver
Deanna Smoker			
Maddalena Masciale-Walmer			
Abigail Weaver			
Elsa Weaver			
Sophia Wenger			

Artistic Staff



Rosemary Siegrist Blessing, Artistic Director, Chamber Choir

Rosemary holds degrees in piano performance and business administration from Eastern Mennonite University and has pursued graduate study in choral music. She has taught piano through Eastern Mennonite University's Preparatory Program, taught piano and theory at the former Pennsylvania Academy of Music, maintains a thriving private piano studio, and teaches piano at Franklin and Marshall College. Rosemary is an active pianist in the Lancaster area, having accompanied various choral groups, musical theater groups, and currently plays with the Allegro Orchestra.



Sarah Wingard, Director, Carol and Concert Choirs

Sarah earned her bachelor's degree in music education from Messiah College with a concentration in voice and extensive study in piano. Growing up in Virginia, Sarah gained early musical experience singing with the nationally acclaimed Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir. Sarah teaches elementary music at Lancaster Mennonite School. In addition to helping with local music camps and events, Sarah teaches private voice lessons. Sarah currently sings with the Wheatland Chorale and also sang and regularly soloed for nine years with the Susquehanna Chorale.



Galen Kauffman, Director, Men's Ensemble and Instructor, Concert Choir

Galen holds a bachelor's degree in Music (vocal concentration) from Malone University. For the past four years, he directed the middle and high school choirs at Grace International School in Thailand. Before that, he served as a school principal at a private school in Ohio, where he also directed musical performances. He sings locally with the Wheatland Chorale.



Monica Hochstedler Carlson, Director, Prelude Music

Monica holds a Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from Westminster Choir College and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Goshen College. She teaches third and fourth grade general elementary music, as well as PreK art, at Lancaster Mennonite School. In addition, Monica taught general music in public and private schools in VA, built a thriving private piano studio in VA and served as a private and group piano instructor at Goshen College (IN), Southern Methodist University (TX), Shenandoah Valley Preparatory Music (VA), and Woodberry Forest School (VA).



Sarah Smith, Director, Choristers and Assistant, Carol & Concert choirs

Sarah holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education (voice concentration) from Grove City College. During college, she was a member of the Grove City College Touring Choir for all four years and served as the student conductor for the group as well as received the Music Education award her senior year. Sarah teaches lower elementary music and is the sixth grade classroom assistant at Veritas Academy.



Carrie Warner, Accompanist, Carol and Concert Choirs

Carrie holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education (piano concentration) from West Chester University. She has taught general music and directed middle school and high school choirs at West-Mont Christian Academy, Berks Christian School, and Conestoga Christian School. For the past several years, she served as accompanist for school musicals at Berks Christian School and has accompanied productions for other organizations throughout her music career.



Lindsey Stauffer, Accompanist, Chamber Choir

Lindsey is a music educator living in East Petersburg, PA. She studied music education as a piano major at Millersville University and completed her master's degree in choral conducting from West Chester University. Currently, Lindsey teaches general music for grades three through twelve and directs middle and high school choirs at Veritas Academy. She also maintains a small private piano studio.

Artistic Staff continued



Elisa Chodan, Assistant, Music Program and Voice Lesson Instructor

Elisa is a full-time graduate student at Drexel University. Previously she served as music educator, teaching choir and general music at Veritas Academy and as the Choristers director for MCCL. She also leads the women's chorus at Lancaster Bible College. She holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education and a Master's degree in Voice Performance from Bob Jones University with additional graduate credits from Westminster Choir College. She was a 2019-20 VOCES8 US Scholar and two-times summer intern with VOCES8 in Europe.



Laura Metzler, Assistant, Choristers

Laura holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with a concentration in Spanish and significant coursework in music, from Houghton College. She has enjoyed teaching private piano, guitar, and violin lessons over the last 15 years and leads worship in her home congregation.

Administrative Staff



Maria Bowman, Managing Director / Choir Manager

Maria holds a bachelor's degree with concentrations in psychology, education, and English from Eastern Mennonite University. She is currently pursuing a graduate certificate in non-profit management and leadership through Eastern Mennonite University. Previously she worked in Human Resources at Eastern Mennonite Missions, served as a Family Life Educator at COBYS Family Services, and taught in a middle school Special Education classroom.



Kendra Guengerich, Bookkeeper

Kendra serves at the Office Administrator at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church in addition to her role with MCCL. She previously worked for the Hempfield School District and for Williams Apothecary and served as the treasurer for a school PTO.

Audrey Livengood, Editor (volunteer)

Chris Freeman, Music Librarian (volunteer)

Lu Dee, Assistant Music Librarian (volunteer)

Volunteers

Prelude Music Rehearsal Assistant

Sophia Wenger, Chamber Choir singer

Carol Choir Rehearsal Assistants

Rachel Fisher, Concert Choir singer

Julianna Umble, Chamber Choir singer

Abrianna Nissley, Chamber Choir singer

Carolyn Crissey, lead parent

Colette Stetler, lead parent

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Letitia Weaver, parent fundraiser coordinator

Ellyn Nolt, parent team member

Tammy Smoker, parent team member

Chamber Choir & Men's Ensemble Rehearsal Assistant

Kerry Kreider, lead parent

Concert Choir Rehearsal Assistants

Rachel Martin, lead parent

Mary Jane Peña, parent

Janet Shea, parent

Ori Zguri, parent

Uniform Coordinator

Anna Kauffman, parent

Guest Artists



Jansen Herr (string bass), born and raised in Lancaster County, has been playing electric guitar and double-bass since high school. He can be found with bass in hand at the front of churches, in the pit for stage shows, and providing backing for singer/songwriter Mackenzie Paige. He was a member of the band Jawbone Hill and is a founding member of the German-themed band Side of Kraut.



Durelle Leaman (guitar) has a degree in music education from Millersville University and taught music at the middle and high school levels. He has been playing electric and acoustic guitar since high school and regularly plays in churches, in the pit for stage shows, and provides backing for singer/songwriter Mackenzie Paige. He is a founding member of the German-themed band Side of Kraut.



Frances Crowhill Miller (violin) is multi-instrumentalist: fiddler/violinist, hang drum, vocalist, drummer, composer and improvisational artist and facilitator. Her musical background includes classical training in violin and piano through the Royal School of Music based in London, the Pennsylvania Academy of Music and Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Frances has taught violin lessons and facilitated improvisational community music and is trained as a facilitator through Music for People and Village Music circles. Facilitation experience includes: drum circle programs in a juvenile detention center and women's shelter, vocal workshops for people who are "tone deaf", a women's vocal improvisation group, and various student string groups. As a fiddler-violinist Frances spent time in Louisiana with Cajun and Creole fiddlers, in Cape Verde with Creole fiddlers, studied music from Northern India with Humayan Khan, and played in various bluegrass and singer-songwriter bands.



Drew Peris (violin) is a string teacher and Director of Orchestras at Lancaster Mennonite School. He has degrees in music education and violin performance from Millersville University and has performed with the Hershey Symphony and Millersville University Symphony Orchestra. He has done recording work as a studio musician at several radio stations. In his free time he loves to play his instruments and make music with family and friends.

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Jeff Rettew (percussion) actively performs in Lancaster and Berks counties. He is a member of several bands, including 3 Below, and performs in the pit for shows. Jeff has played for the American Music Theater and Ephrata Performing Arts Center and is a private percussion instructor. He works full time as a CAD draftsman.



Gideon Werner (banjo) grew up immersed in music. He is a member of the Ironwood Drive band which plays a mixture of traditional and gospel bluegrass music. Gideon performs in bluegrass concerts and church programs as well as plays at festivals and for retirement communities, senior groups, and private events. In addition, he enjoys entering solo banjo contests and has won awards for his playing.



Corrine Erb White (violin) is pleased to be back in Lancaster County after a two and a half year adventure with her family in Yorkshire, England. She is a violinist with the York Symphony Orchestra and Allegro Chamber Orchestra, and she enjoys playing with many other groups in the area. She completed degrees in Music and French at Lebanon Valley College and has a master's degree in violin performance and pedagogy from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

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