

A Christmas Carol

RING AND
SING-ALONG

7:00PM | DEC. 8

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A Christmas Carol Ring and Sing-Along

Presented by the Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club

And the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

✧ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Carol Rhapsody

arr. Richard Purvis

Alex Swanson, Organ

Welcome

Jill Post, President, FMAMC

✧ **Carol 133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Alex Swanson, Organ

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

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

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!

Refrain

Reading

Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney

Gift of Music

Canticle of the Turning

Traditional Irish Melody

BELLissimo

Arr. Karen Thompson

Carol 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Terri Diers, Organ

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,

From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Reading *Into This Silent Night* Ann Weems

Gift of Music *Night of Silence* Daniel Kantor/arr. John Ferguson

Noteables and *BELLissimo* Handbell arr. R.J. Ward

Carol 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Dylan Thiele, Organ

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Gift of Music *Noel Fantasy* Arr. Dan Forrest
Noteables

Carol 115 *Away in a Manger* Dr. Jean Hellner, Organ

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.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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.

Gift of Music	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> <i>BELLissimo</i>	Arr. Matthew Compton
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Carol 113	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Susan Clambey, Organ
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Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

Reading	<i>Sitting on the Hillsides</i>	Ann Weems
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Gift of Music	<i>Shepherd's Joy</i> <i>Noteables, Recorder & Violin</i>	John Parker & Mark Hayes
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Gift of Music	<i>Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow</i> <i>BELLissimo and Percussion</i>	Traditional Arr. Caleb J. Onstead
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Carols***Shepherd and Angel Medley***

Sally Harmon, Organ

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night 118

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around,
And glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind:
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind,
To you and humankind.”

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease,
Begin and never cease!”

Angels From the Realms of Glory 143

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
You, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

All creation, join in praising God the father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Reading*Not Celebrate?*

Ann Weems

Gift of Music***Sing We Now of Christmas***

Traditional

Noteables, Flute, Violin, & Percussion

Arr. John Leavitt

Carol 119***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Elliot Sander, Organ

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 newborn king!"

Reading

Christmas Comes

Ann Weems

Gift of Music

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Traditional/Prokofiev

(with *Troika* from *Lieutenant Kije Suite*) Arr. Valerie Stephanson

BELLissimo, Flute, and Sally Harmon, Organ

Carol 111

From Heaven Above

Tom Hanson, Organ

"From Heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing:

"To you this night is born a child of Mary chosen virgin mild;
This newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Christ has given."
With angels sing the Savior's birth, a glad new year to all the earth.

Gift of Music

Christmas Angels Jonas Myrin & Michael W. Smith

Noteables

Arr. John Leavitt

✧ **Carol 134**

Joy to the World

Bill Tweten, Organ

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let all our songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Reading

This Year

Ann Weems

Carol

Peace, Peace with Silent Night

Rick and Sylvia Powell

Noteables, BELLissimo, Flute, and Violin

Please join in singing the first verse of Silent Night when directed:

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, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Go in peace and Merry Christmas!

Our warmest thanks to the following!

Reader: Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

Live Streaming: Casey LeMier

Flute: Peggy Hammerling

Violin: Alex Rydell

Percussion: Kevin Thomas

First Presbyterian Church for hosting us this evening and for allowing both *BELLissimo*
and the *Noteables* to rehearse in this beautiful and welcoming facility.

Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo for generously printing our posters.

BELLissimo Handbell Choir

Jill Post – Director

Sally Harmon – Organ

Carrie Lawrence, Carla Hansen, Diane Rheault, Julie Kloster, Terri Follingstad, Lhonda Lewis,
Tammy Olson, Julie Huebner, Julia Walk, Tracy Stenhjem, Claudia Hansen,
Libby Sternhagen-Schwenk, RoseE Hadden

Noteables

Jill Post – Director

Sally Harmon – Accompanist

Cathi Chial, Susan Clambey, Ruth Discher, Mary Dickson, Sharon Fangsrud, Joan Fiechtner,
Eileen Lee, Nina Martin, Shirley Montgomery, Kathleen Nesvig, Alpha Roeszler, Carol Tschakert,
Deonne Varriano, Elizabeth Wagner, Joyce Westfall, Pat Witte

Monetary gifts will be donated to the **Food Pantry** and/or to the **Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club Scholarship Fund** which provides scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$1,200 every spring to 15 area middle school, high school, and college music students. Both baskets are next to the doors. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The mission of the **Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club** is to promote music education for students by providing scholarships to middle school, high school, and college music students. The Noteables, the official women's chorus of the F-M Area Music Club, presents programs at many area nursing and retirement homes each December and May as well as at *A Christmas Carol Ring and Sing-Along* and the Music Club's spring luncheon. Anyone is invited to join Music Club and attend the club's monthly musical programs. Dues are \$40 per year. You can find us on Facebook.

More information can be found at <https://ndfmc.org/fargomoorhead/>



Originally organized as the "Pipe Organ Group" of the Fargo Music Club in 1917, the organization was reorganized and independently chartered in 1945 as the **"Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists"** (RRVAGO). For over 100 years, it has been the mission of the RRVAGO to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. The RRVAGO fulfills this mission through its programming which includes various workshops, concerts, programs, and meetings of its members.

The RRVAGO is a 501(c)(3) organization and is comprised of organists, church musicians, clergy, organ enthusiasts, and all those whose aim is to support its mission. If you wish to further your passion for the organ, please consider joining the RRVAGO! Membership may be obtained through the national website of the American Guild of Organists, www.agohq.org

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