

MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR

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Soprano

Amy Baumbach
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Louise Kurz
Katrina Relyea

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Beth Blaufuss
Mary Martin
Holly Warren

Judy Bermudez
Greta Crowell
Kathryn Pridey

Brenda Bixby
Andrea Grabert
Carol Shuherk

Tenor

Joanne Bater
Cherie Harrington
Sue Striegel
Sue Weber

Craig Burns
Sam Pfund
Steve Triola

Rob Grau
Andrew Soucier
Gary Warren

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Ed Caskey
Bill Wagoner

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Kevin Gordon

Jay Blaufuss
Paul Howes

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NARRATOR

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and for hosting the Sunday reception.

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THINGS OF JOY

A Celtic Christmas Celebration

Choral, Organ, & Handbell Music
for Advent & Christmas

December 14 at 7pm
December 15 at 3pm

Fairport United Methodist Church
31 West Church Street
Fairport, NY 14450

All are welcome | Freewill offering | Livestream at fairportumc.org

Music by Joseph M. Martin
2024

WELCOME TO THE FAIRPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Thank you for being here!

All are welcome to worship with us!

- Please make sure that cell phones are turned off.
- The nursery is available and open to parents and children. The cantata is livestreamed on a tv in the nursery room, so you won't miss a beat!
- Large print programs are available. Please ask an usher.
- Please join us for a reception in the parlor following the Sunday afternoon program!
- There will be a freewill offering to help support our music ministry. We appreciate your generosity! If you choose, you may give by cash or check in the baskets as you leave the sanctuary.
- Alternatively, you can visit our website (fairportumc.org) or scan this QR code. Be sure to choose "Give to Free Will Offering for Christmas Cantata" from the drop-down menu.
- We also have Text2Give capability. Text "Give \$ __ Cantata" to (585) 575-1202 (e.g. "Give \$20 Cantata"). You will be prompted to set up your payment source.
- If you would like to be involved in our music ministry, please contact Nicole Camilleri (nicole@fairportumc.org).
- Musicians of all ages are always welcome!



SING OF A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Golden bells are sounding merrily, and cheerful choirs are gaily caroling,
And we can say, with all sincerity, and sing of a merry Christmas!

Every steeple chime is ringing. In the city square, the crowds are singing
With a joyful song of glad thanksgiving. Sing of a merry Christmas!

Come make a joyful, happy noise! Come to the music, lift your voice!

Now let the world, as one, rejoice! Sing of a merry Christmas!

Let the stars break forth with jubilation, shouting out the news to every nation,
Calling all to join the celebration. Sing of a merry Christmas!

All creation shares the story of the Child of light who came in glory
To restore the hope for peace and joy! Sing of a merry Christmas!

Come make a joyful, happy noise! Come to the music, lift your voice!

Now let the world, as one, rejoice! Sing of a merry Christmas!

Ring the bells, let hearts be jolly. Let the house be filled with boughs of holly.
Put away your tears and melancholy. Sing of a merry Christmas!

Shout for joy with friends and family with all the pomp and yuletide pageantry,
And make your heart a sanctuary. Sing of a merry Christmas!

Come make a joyful, happy noise! Come to the music, lift your voice!

Now let the world, as one, rejoice! Sing of a merry Christmas!

GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

Let us sing tidings of great joy! Great joy!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns. Let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy!

The first Noel, the angel did say,

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

People, now, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!

All the world before Him bows, and He is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Arise and sing a song of joy on Christmas day in the morning!

Rejoice! Rejoice, for Christ is born on Christmas day in the morning!

Glad tidings of great joy! Great joy!

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

Nicole Camilleri, organ

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To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy.
O God rest you merry, merry, men.
From God our heavenly Father, the blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that, in Bethlehem, was born the Son of God by name,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

On this day, the world rejoices! Love has come to set us free.
Lift your songs and joyful noises! This, the day of jubilee!
Alleluia! Glory in the highest!

Leap with the shepherds, dance for joy!
Shout with the angels, greet the boy!
Shine with the stars and share God's glory!

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace.
The holy tide of Christmas is heaven's gift of grace.

O tidings of comfort and joy.
Merry, merry Christmas day! Sing merry, merry Christmas day!
Sing out you merry, merry gentlemen. Rejoice this Christmas day!

LOOK TO THE SILVER SKY

Follow the star that leads to the Light! Look to the silver sky!
Follow the star that beams in the night! Look to the silver sky!
Seekers of truth, this is your proof. See how it shows the way!
This is the sign, the promise divine, dazzling with hope and grace!
Follow the star, the miracle sign. Look to the silver sky!
Follow the star, such glory divine! Look to the silver sky!
I saw three kings upon the way to Bethlehem.
They marched along, in fine array, to Bethlehem to see Jesus.
A silver star before them shone to Bethlehem.
Noel, nouvelet! Singing! Dancing! Onward to Bethlehem!
With gifts of praise, they traveled on to Bethlehem to see Jesus!
Noel, nouvelet! Praising! Shouting!
Rise and shine, your Light has come! Look to the silver sky!
Go and see what God has done! Look to the silver sky!
Follow in faith! Trust and obey! Reach for the guiding light!
Bethlehem waits, shining with grace! Come, see the Lord of life!
Follow the star that leads to the Light! Look to the silver sky!
O come, let us adore Him. Come, let us adore Christ, the Lord.
Follow the star! Follow.

I SAW THREE SHIPS

arr. Eithun

Bell Choir

A CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Paul Howes and Amy Baumbach, soloists

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son.
With all our hearts and souls and minds, to God we pray this Christmas time.
In Bethlehem, upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.
Christ, the Lord, is born!

*O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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**all stand and sing*

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;
O 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.

A FESTIVAL GATHERING OF CAROLS

Arise and shine, your Light will come on Christmas day!
Arise and shine, your Light will come on Christmas day in the morning!
Rejoice, rejoice prepare the way for Christmas day.
Rejoice, rejoice prepare the way for Christmas day in the morning!
On Christmas day, the people sing to share the news the angels bring!
Arise and shine, your Light will come on Christmas day!
On Christmas day, the people sing to hear the news the angels bring!
News of great joy and of great mirth, news of our blessed Savior's birth!
All people now rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Share with all the joyful news: Jesus Christ is coming soon.
Let the world prepare the way! Joy will come on Christmas day!
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day! Tomorrow will be my dancing day!
Let the heavens ring! Rise and greet the King! All creation rejoice and sing!

UPON THE WIND, THERE COMES A SONG

Dan Adams and Steve Triola, soloists

Upon the wind, there comes a song, a theme that will set the world to singing,
A long expected hymn of hope, a dream that, from long ago, was ringing!
From ancient times, great prayers would rise, the silent stars imploring.
But now the music of a thousand harps, above our doubt, is soaring.

Upon the wind, there comes a song, from heaven's heart is flowing.

Like sacred snow, it falls on all, God's gentle peace bestowing.

And every scar becomes a star, and every wound finds healing.

Each flawless phrase is rich with grace, God's perfect love revealing.

Awake, awake, your song has come. Arise and tune your heart for service.

For with the rising of the sun, your life at last will find its purpose.

The night is done, the day begun, the dawn is gold with glory!

For God is singing to the world His love, and calls us all to share the story.

Upon the wind, there comes a song, a theme that will set the world to singing!

FROM THE PROPHET COMES A PROMISE

From the prophet shines a promise, glorious stars of truth and right;
Gleaming from the heart of heaven, leading through the gloom of night.
Sparkling from the realms of glory, beams a beacon for the soul.
Living lamp of golden graces, come with fire and take control!
Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Emmanuel!

From the prophet shines a promise, blazing boldly, burning bright;
Reaching, teaching, always leading, showing us the path of Light!

Thy Word is like a starry host, a thousand rays of light;
Bright stars to guide the traveler and make their pathway bright.
O may we love Your precious Word, Your promises divine,
and pray the light of glory will on your journey shine.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Your people free.
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.
Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Emmanuel!

From the prophets shines a promise, blazing boldly, burning bright;
Reaching, teaching, always leading, showing us the path of Light!

Everlasting path of Light! The path of Light!

A SONG OF JOY

Paul Howes and Julie Locke, soloists

My soul now magnifies the Lord and sings His praise!
For His mercy reaches out to me with hope and grace.

O the Glory of His light. O the power of His might.

My soul now magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God!

Let us magnify the Lord and all His praises sing!

For He gives to us a Son who will be born a King.

He will bring from heaven above a new covenant of love.

Our souls now magnify the Lord. Our spirits rejoice in God!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let the dance begin!

For the music of the stars is sounding clear again!

Let us join our hearts as one; ponder all that God has done!

Our souls now magnify the Lord. Our spirits rejoice in God!

My soul now magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God.

THE SILENT STARS GO BY

Steve Triola, Amy Baumbach, and Andrew Soucier, soloists

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.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given.

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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 grateful tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel!

Our Lord God, Emmanuel. Noel, noel, noel.

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

arr. Dobrinski

Bell Choir

COMFORT AND JOY

O God rest you merry, merry, men.

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,

For Jesus Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas day,