

*Music at the Red Door presents a*  
**Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
The St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir  
**Sunday, December 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

Presented by Music at the Red Door

# CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF



## Nine Lessons and Carols

- Free admission
- In-person and livestreamed
- Donations welcome  
(suggested donation: \$20)
- Reception to follow

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## VOLUNTARIES FOR ORGAN

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Come thou, Jesu, from heaven to earth, BWV 650	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Minuet de Noël	Edwin H. Lemare (1865-1934)
Lord Christ, the only son of God, BWV 601	Johann Sebastian Bach
In quiet joy, let us our homage show	Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

## OPENING HYMN IN PROCESSION 102 *All stand and sing*

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Once in royal David's city	IRBY
Stanza 1 - sung by Mason Donnelly, chorister	Descant: Paul Halley (b. 1952)
Stanza 2 - sung by the choir	
Stanzas 3 - 6 sung by all	

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**GREETING** *Be seated* The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

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## THE BIDDING PRAYER *All stand*

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**B**eloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

**INVITATORY CAROL**    *Be seated*

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Hodie Christus natus est

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)  
Text: Antiphon for 21 December

Hodie Christus natus est  
hodie Salvator apparuit:  
hodie in terra canunt Angeli,  
laetantur Archangeli:  
hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja.

*Today Christ is born;  
Today the Savior appeared;  
Today on Earth the Angels sing, Archangels rejoice;  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia*

**FIRST LESSON**

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read by Susan Fay

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*  
Genesis 3: 8-15; 17-19

**A**nd they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all



the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

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I wonder as I wander

Appalachian folksong, arr. John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing.  
Or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

## SECOND LESSON

read by Michael Wells

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*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*

Genesis 22: 15-18

**A**nd the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

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My eyes for beauty pine

Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987), Thomas Coxhead (b. 1993)  
Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace,  
No other care or hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above;  
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every heart that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

## THIRD LESSON

read by Eden Baker

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*The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.*

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

**T**he people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 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 Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

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As the pauper waits for plenty

Rosalie Bonighton (1946-2011)  
Text: Dolores Dufner, OSB

As the pauper waits for plenty, as the weeping wait for mirth,  
as a farmer waits for harvest, as a woman waits for birth, so do I wait for you.  
As the blossom waits for springtime and the seed a fertile place,  
as an orphan waits for family and a child his mother's face, so do I long for you.  
As a songbird waits for morning and an eaglet waits for flight,  
as a flutist waits for music and an artist waits for light, so do I wait for you.  
As the homeless long for shelter and the weary for a bed,  
as the thirsty long for water and the hungry long for bread, so do I long for you,  
so do you long for me.

Who would think that what was needed

SCARLET RIBBONS



1. Who would think that what was need - ed To trans -  
 2. Shep - herds watch and wise men won - der, Mon - archs  
 3. Cen - tu - ries of skill and sci - ence Span the



form and save the earth Might not be a  
 scorn and an - gels sing; Such a place as  
 past from which we move, Yet ex - pe - rience



plan or ar - my, Proud in pur - pose, proved in  
 none would reck - on Hosts a ho - ly help - less  
 ques - tions wheth - er, With such pro - gress, we im -



worth? Who would think, de - spite de - ri - sion,  
 thing; Sta - ble beasts and by - passed stran - gers  
 prove. While the hu - man lot we pon - der,



That a child should lead the way?  
 Watch a ba - by laid in hay: God sur - pris - es  
 Lest our hopes and hu - mor fray,



earth with heav - en, Com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

**A**nd there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

There is no rose

Jessica Nelson (b. 1983)

Text: Anonymous, 15th century

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
*Gloria in excelsis deo:* (Glory to God in the highest)  
*Gaudeamus.* (Let us rejoice)

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space;  
*Res miranda.* (Thing of wonder)

Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus.* (Let us follow)

By that rose we may well see  
There be one God in persons three,  
*Pares forma.* (Equal in form)

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

**A**nd in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

Magnificat: Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
 For behold from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.  
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.  
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
 He hath showed strength with his arm;  
 He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers,  
 Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
 As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Luke 2: 1; 3-7

**A**nd it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Thanks be to God.

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### CAROL

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Sing lullaby

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
Text: F. W. Harvey (1888-1957)

Sing lullaby, sing lullaby,  
While snow doth softly [gently] fall,  
Sing lullaby to Jesus  
Born in an oxen-stall.

Sing lullaby to Jesus,  
Born now in Bethlehem,  
The naked blackthorn's growing  
To weave His diadem.

Sing lullaby, sing lullaby  
While thickly snow doth fall,  
Sing lullaby to Jesus  
The Saviour of all.

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Luke 2: 8-16

**A**nd there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

On Christmas night

Sussex Carol, arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring.  
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When sin departs before His grace  
Then life and health come in its place.  
When sin departs before His grace  
Then life and health come in its place.

News of great joy, new of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad?  
Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad?

All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night.  
All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night.

When from our sin he set is free  
All for to gain our liberty?

“Glory to God and peace to men  
Now and for evermore, amen!”

**CAROL** *Remain seated; all join in singing the refrain as directed.*

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Quempas carol

German Carol, arr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

*Youth Choir:*

He whom shepherds once came praising,  
Awe'd by heav'nly light ablazing,  
Cheered by angel news amazing:  
"King of glory, Christ is born!"

*Adult Choir:*

The glorious angels came today,  
A-glow with light into the light of darkness deep,  
To shepherds who by moon's bright ray  
Did in the field o'er sheep their silent vigil keep.  
"Joy, great joy and tidings glad we bring from he:  
resounding,  
For you, for you and all the world abounding."

*All join in the refrain:*



He whom sages, westward faring,  
Myrrh and gold and incense bearing,  
Humbly worshiped, off rings sharing,  
Judah's lion reigns this morn!

"God's majesty has come to earth  
And sent his only Son to you in humankind;  
A chosen virgin gave him birth.  
In David's town the holy infant you will find,  
Lying helpless in a manger, poor and bare and  
lowly,  
To set you free from all your sorrow wholly."

*All join in the refrain.*

Sing with Mary, virgin mother;  
Praise her Son, our newbord brother;  
Angel ranks, lead one another,  
Hailing him in holy joy!

Then sang the angels this refrain:  
"To God on high alone give praise and glory,  
And peace on earth again shall reign.  
Let all on earth with gladness heed this story  
And rejoice in his goodwill." The Savior came in  
meekness  
For you, for you, to bear your flesh in weakness.

*All join in the refrain.*

To our king, God ever reigning,  
Yet of Mary manhood gaining,  
Heav'nly gifts for us obtaining,  
Raise your hymns of homage high!

The wond'ring shepherds said: "Behold!  
Let us now go with all good speed to Bethlehem  
To see this thing the Lord has told;  
The sheep are safe; he will indeed take care of  
them."  
There they found the wonder child, in lowly  
swaddling clothes lying,  
Yet all the world with his free grace supplying.

*All join in the refrain.*



*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Matthew 2: 1-12

**N**ow when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

The three kings

Healy Willan (1880-1968)

Text: Laurence Housman (1865-1959)

“Who knocks tonight so late?”  
the weary porter said.  
Three kings stood at the gate,  
each with a crown on his head.

A light in the manger lit;  
there lay the Mother meek.  
This place is fit.  
Here is the rest we seek.

The serving man bowed down,  
the Inn was full, he knew.  
Said he, “In all this town  
is no fit place for you.”

Come, come. They loosed their latchet strings,  
so stood they all unshod  
“Come in, come in, ye kings,  
and kiss the feet of God.”

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

John 1: 1-14

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

**CAROL** *Be seated*

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God is with us

John Tavener (1944-2013)

God is with us.

Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The people that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them the light has shined.

For unto us a child is born, for unto us a son is given,

God is with us,

And the government shall be upon his shoulder,

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor,

God is with us,

The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth:

God is with us, Christ is born.

**COLLECT AND BLESSING**    *All stand*

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People:    **And also with you.**

Let us pray. God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN IN PROCESSION 83**    *All remain standing and sing*

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O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**    *Be seated*

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Sinfonia from Cantata 29, BWV 29

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Organ Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

*You are cordially invited to a reception following the service in the church hall.*

## **Participants**

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald, *Officiant*  
The Reverend Margie Baker, *Assisting*  
Bradley Crocker, *Acolyte & Crucifer*  
Jo Ann Burgh, Don Hughlett, Helen Hughlett, Doreen Linton, Enid Oberholtzer, *Ushers*

### **The St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir**

Scott Lamlein, *Choirmaster*  
Floyd Higgins, *Organist*  
Nancy Eaton, Ben Mabrey, *Rehearsal Accompanists*

### **Choir School**

Jx Eikel, *Head Chorister*; Dana Crocker, *Prefect*  
Eden Baker, Danielle Branco, Benjamin Clapp,  
Mason Donnelly, Bobby Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Angie Finkell,  
Sreesha Kocherla, Liv Lorenzo, Blythe Peck, Juliette Peck,  
James Reardon, Jonah Richardson

### **Soprano**

Emma Evica, Nancy Eaton, Danielle Foint, Anne Harney,  
Katherine Reardon, Tema Silk

### **Alto**

Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Betty Knorr, Mary Beth Lamlein,  
Nancy Skeeel, Abby White

### **Tenor**

Jamie Baker, Lynn Brooks, Jayden Donnelly, Marcos Donnelly, Michael Mei,  
Patrick Reardon, Rainerio Reyes, Ram Tysoe, Michael Wells

### **Bass**

Richard Barstow, Martin Dodd, Francis Lamlein,  
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No matter what is happening in the world around us, the power of music to feed our souls, inspire hope and comfort, and bring people together is a constant – and especially vital in these uncertain times. With the Music at the Red Door 2023-2024 season, we are excited to once again celebrate diverse musical traditions and welcome audiences into the acoustically stunning space at St. John's Church. As a nonprofit operating out of St. John's, Music at the Red Door offers accessible, high-quality musical refreshment to ever-growing audiences. All are welcome to our concerts, with no tickets required and no admission charge – although donations are welcome. We hope to see you at the Red Door!

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### REGULAR SEASON

#### NEW WORLD TRIO

*Ensemble-in-Residence*

Select Sundays at 2pm

October 15, 2023

January 21, 2024

April 14, 2024



#### PIPES ALIVE!

*Half-hour organ recitals*

First Sundays at 12:30pm at St. John's

November 5, 2023    Aletheia Teague

December 3, 2023    Mary Pan

January 7, 2024    Kyle Swann

February 4, 2024    Jean Degan

March 3, 2024    Natasha Uliyanovsky

April 7, 2024    Frank Zilinyi

May 5, 2024    Scott Lamlein

June 2, 2024    Christa Rakich

#### CHORAL EVENSONG

*The St. John's Choir School, Adult Choir, Schola, & visiting choirs*

Fourth sundays of select months, 5pm

September 24, 2023

St. John's Schola

October 22, 2023

St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir

January 28, 2024

St. John's Adult Choir & Sarah Porter Singers

February 25, 2024

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Choirs

April 28, 2024

The Anglican Singers

## MAJOR EVENTS

Admission is always free with no tickets required. Suggested donation: \$20 for major concerts



**Dreams: A musical journey with Afro-Cuban inspired jazz, dance, & drums**

**Friday, September 29, 7:30pm**

Join Ed Fast and Congabop with dancers Savannah Jones and Chantal Edwards for an upbeat evening featuring Afro-Cuban influenced rhythms and soulful, creative music and dance for young and old alike!

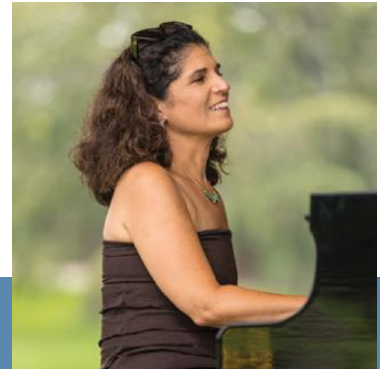


**Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

**Sunday, December 10, 3:00pm**

*St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir*

It's an Advent favorite for a reason! Prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with this beautiful program of carols for choir and organ, in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge.



**Jazz at the Red Door  
The Mary DiPaola Quartet**

**Friday, February 9, 7:30pm**

Sure to fill every seat in the church, the 2024 Jazz at the Red Door event will feature pianist Mary DiPaola and her spectacular quartet of well-known jazz artists from the Hartford area. Their program of jazz standards and original compositions is sure to amaze.



**Spring Chamber Music  
Leonid Sigal & Friends**

**Friday, March 15, 7:30pm**

Join us for an evening of exquisite chamber music with Hartford Symphony concertmaster Leonid Sigal and friends. Mr. Sigal always creates a program sure to mesmerize audience members and take full advantage of the beautiful acoustics of the St. John's nave.



**Choral Music for the Soul  
Requiem for the Living**

**Saturday, April 27, 3:00pm**

*St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir with orchestra & Christopher Houlihan, organist*

Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living is a musical narrative and prayer for peace in all the struggles of life.



**Kids Community  
Music Camp**

**August 19-23, 2024**

A week-long day camp that invites a diverse group of children to explore the joys of music at St. John's by learning to sing, play violin, dance, and drum.

Registration for kids entering grades 3-5 at [reddoormusic.org/camp](https://reddoormusic.org/camp)



WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S  
THIS CHRISTMAS

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR SCHOOL**  
MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 3:45 P.M. - CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

**10 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S ADULT CHOIR & STRINGS**  
MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 9:30 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS**

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE FOR 12/24 & 12/31**

**SUNDAY 12/24:**  
10:30 SERVICE ONLY (NO 8AM SERVICE)  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE

**SUNDAY 12/31**  
SERVICES AT 8 AND 10:30AM (WITH BAPTISM AT 10:30)  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE