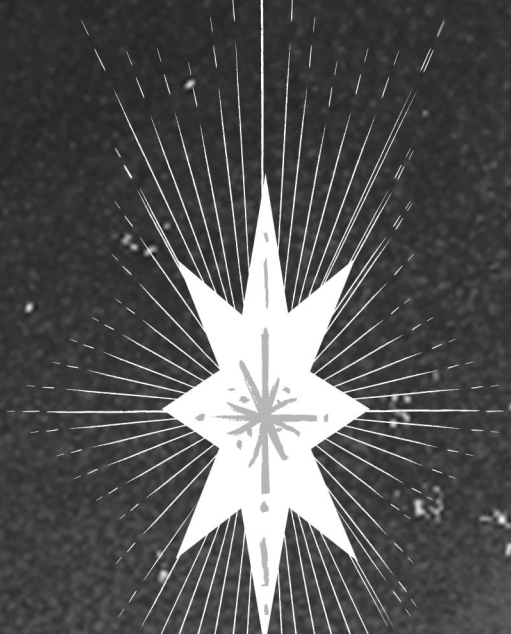




MINNESOTA  
SAINTS CHORALE  
& ORCHESTRA



WITH  
*Wondering  
Awe*



*A Christmas Concert*  
With special guest *JAMES PIKE*

#MNSaintsChorale

# *With Wondering Awe*

Welcome: Barb Thibaudeau, *MSC&O Director*

Narrator: Jonathan Kirkham

Organ Prelude: Doug Nelson

Lobby Harpist: Connie Johnson

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* . . . . . arr. Dan Forrest

*There is Faint Music* . . . . . arr. Dan Forrest

Small Group: Rebecca McAllister, Heather McAllister, Liz Pack, Chelsea Roberts, Kris Naatjes,  
Megan Clark, Brian Gardner, Drew Payne, Blake Chandler, Evan McAllister, Danny Mathias, Joe Lyon

*Silent Night* . . . . . arr. Tom Fairholm

Solo: James Pike

*While Shepherds Watched* . . . . . S. Gordon Jessop

*I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy (from Gloria)* . . . . . Lex de Azevedo

Solo: James Pike

*Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing* . . . . . Elaine Hagenberg

*With Wondering Awe* . . . . . arr. Brian Gardner

Solo: James Pike

**All Sing:** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* . . . . . Wesley/Mendelssohn

Organ: Doug Nelson

*Huron Carol* . . . . . arr. Andrew Wainwright

*One Sweet Little Baby* . . . . . arr. Shawn Kirchner

Solo: Albin Dittli

*I Will Light Candles This Christmas* . . . . . Kim André Arnesen

*In the Bleak Midwinter* . . . . . Arr. Mark Hayes

Solo: Elise Williams

*Joy to the World* . . . . . arr. Brandon Stewart

### **There is faint music**

There is faint music in the night  
And pale wings fanned by silver flight,  
A frosty hill with tender glow  
Of countless stars that shine on snow

A shelter from the winter storm  
a star light manger safe and warm  
And Mary singing lullabies  
To hush her baby's sleepy sighs

Her eyes are fixed upon his face  
Unheeded here is time and space  
Her heart is filled with blinding joy  
For God's own son, her baby boy.

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### **While Shepherds Watched**

While shepherds watched  
their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down  
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 all mankind"

"To you, in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
The Savior who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign"

"The heavenly Babe you  
there shall find  
To human view displayed  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands  
And in a manger laid"

Thus spake the seraph,  
and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song

"All glory be to God on high  
And on the earth be peace  
Goodwill henceforth from  
heaven to men  
Begin and never cease"

### **I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy**

Fear not, fear not, for behold  
I bring you good tidings  
of great joy, of great joy, of great joy.

For unto you is born this day  
In the city of David  
A Savior which is Christ, the Lord.

### **Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing**

1 Sweetest music, softly stealing  
Through the silence of the night;  
To the shepherds, now revealing,  
Christ is born of light.

#### **Chorus:**

Glory unto God, the Father  
Who has sent His only Son.  
That He may all the nations  
gather round  
His feet and make them one.

2 Shepherds, to the stable hasten,  
There your Savior Christ is born,  
Son of Mary lowly maiden,  
On this first glad Christmas morn!

3 He from highest heav'n descending  
Comes on earth your woes to heal,  
That your every want attending,  
Love of God He may reveal

### **With Wondering Awe**

With wondering awe the wise men  
saw the star in heaven springing,  
And with delight in peaceful night  
they heard the angels singing  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
to his holy name,  
Let all in heaven and Earth proclaim;  
Hosanna the Savior is born!

By light of star they traveled far  
to seek the lowly manger;  
A humble bed, wherein was laid  
the wond'rous little stranger

They brought him gifts from lands afar  
of gold and frankincense and myrrh,  
And when they' laid them at his feet  
the angels song they did repeat.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
to his holy name,  
Let all in heaven and Earth proclaim;  
Hosanna the Savior is born!  
For Christ the Lord is born this day,  
our King, forevermore to reign!

And still is found the world around  
the old and hallowed story;  
And still is sung in every tongue,  
the angels' song of glory!  
Glory to God in the Highest!

The heav'nly star its rays afar  
on ev'ry land is throwing,  
And shall not cease 'til holy peace  
in all the Earth is growing!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
to his holy name,  
Let all in heaven and Earth proclaim;  
Hosanna the Savior is born!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Our King  
forevermore to reign!  
Hosanna the Savior is born!  
Let heav'n and Earth sing, Hosanna!

### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

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 th'angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

### **One Sweet Little Baby**

1 O Mary, shining glory!  
The lord smiles upon you.  
What a blessing is this little baby  
that you brought to our world,

#### **Chorus:**

O all for the love of one sweet little baby,  
All for the love of one sweet baby child,  
All for the love of one sweet little baby,  
We have come so far.

2 O, a good old man named Simeon said,  
"I'm never gonna rest  
Til I see that Messiah child  
and hold him to my breast."

3 Many gonna speak against you, child,  
they'll crucify all that's true.  
And your mother Mary she will bear a pain  
that will pierce her heart through,

4 O Jerusalem, your children are so tired of war.  
My Lord, it's time to walk with your children once more.

### **I Will Light Candles This Christmas**

I will light Candles this Christmas;  
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage of fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.

When the song of the angles is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, to heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.

### **In the Bleak Midwinter**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty winds made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain.  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed,  
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim throng'd the air;  
But His mother only in her maiden bliss,  
Worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him; give my heart

### **Joy to the World**

(Joy to the world!) (Joy!)  
Joy to the world, the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
(And Saints and angels sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,)  
(Alleluia!)

Rejoice! Rejoice when Jesus reigns,  
And Saints their songs employ,  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills, and plains  
(Repeat the sounding joy)  
(Alleluia!) (Joy!)

Noted for his “lovely and pure tone and a great stage countenance”, tenor **James Pike** is emerging as a singer of diverse repertoire. This season, James will return to the Opera Reading Project to portray Peter Quint in Britten’s *The Turn of the Screw* and Tamino in Mozart’s perennial favorite *Die Zauberflöte*. James will also make his debut with the Rochester Symphony Orchestra (MN) in Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony* this spring. Past seasons include debuts with the Minnesota Opera, St. John’s Oratorio Chorus, East Metro Symphony Orchestra, Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra, Saint Catherine’s Choral Society, the Minnesota Saints Chorale and Orchestra, the Saint Peter Choral Society, the Sonomento Choir, the Minnesota Center Chorale, and the Exultate Chamber Choir. An in-demand Oratorio singer, James has recently sung Uriel in Haydn’s *Creation*, Pilate in Rob Gardner’s *Lamb of God*, Tenor Soloist in Handel’s *Messiah* and *Chandos Anthem No. 4*, Haydn’s *Nicolaimesse*, Mozart’s *Coronation Mass*, *Serenade to Music* and *Hodie* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Hiawatha’s Wedding Feast* by Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Bach’s *Magnificat*, and Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony*.

### The Minnesota Saints Chorale & Orchestra

Barb Thibaudeau, Artistic Director & Conductor; Jan Hendrickson, Assistant Conductor  
Kate McWilliams, Orchestra Director; Zhenya DeVol & Shauna Elwood, Accompanists

#### CHORALE

##### Sopranos

Andrea Driskill  
Autumn Lawrence  
Britta Peterson\*  
Christy Holt  
Elise Williams  
Elizabeth Pack  
Emma Lambert  
Hannah Anderson  
Heather McAllister  
Heather West  
Heidi Schwegman  
Jan Hendrickson\*  
Kaylee Gwilliam  
Rebecca McAllister  
Shauna Elwood\*  
Susan Quick  
Tristan Wilson

Kristina Naatjes

Lori Hurley  
Lucy Helgeson  
Margo Crook  
Mary Fosvick  
Megan Clark  
Missy Hodgson  
Rachel Watson  
Sarah Johnson\*  
Susan Sanders\*

##### Tenors

Blake Chandler  
Brian Gardner\*  
Chris Miklya  
Drew Payne  
Duane Hendrickson  
Eric Christensen  
Jon Naatjes  
Josh Yorgason  
Leon Madeux\*  
Martin Fosvick\*  
Richard Anderson

##### Basses

Adam West  
Albin Dittli\*  
Carl Volk

Danny Mathias

Darrin Walker  
Dustin Hemsath  
Evan McAllister  
Joseph Lyon  
Landon Wahlquist  
Nathan Thibaudeau  
Noah Wahlquist  
Reese Petersen  
Rob Ostebo  
Scott Woodward

#### ORCHESTRA

##### Piccolo

Jan Parker

##### Flute

Shannon Wood\*  
Katie Wharton

##### Oboe

Kalina Lee

##### Clarinet

Frederick Larson  
Diane Deering

##### Bassoon

Sam Grabarski

##### Horn

Daniel Christenson  
Lilabeth Swalley

##### Trumpet

Alex Kahler

##### Trombone

David Miller  
Jan Parker

##### Tuba

Sean Thayer\*

##### Percussion

Rebecca Mitchell  
Kat Felicis loco

##### Timpani

Aaron Isakson

##### Harp

Rhonda Grobe  
Evelyn Kirkham

##### First Violin

Katie Anderson  
Lynn Florman  
Karl Braaten  
Janelle Lanz

##### Second Violin

Brooke Harms  
Mirjam Kirkham\*  
Michael Woodward  
Elena Felin

##### Viola

John Ondich-Batson

##### Cello

Kaitlan Allen  
Spencer Cahoon  
Matthew Dangerfield

##### Bass

Doug Nelson

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Board Member, or  
Section Leader

The Minnesota Saints Chorale is a 75-voice, auditioned choir comprised of musicians from the Twin Cities and surrounding area who share a love for singing and for Jesus Christ. Founded in 2004, the choir strives for choral excellence in singing a varied repertoire of sacred and secular works in both concert and worship settings throughout Minnesota. The choir has performed over 150 concerts with a repertoire of 250 pieces including major works such as Mozart’s *Requiem*, Mendelssohn’s *Symphony No. 2 Hymn of Praise* and Rob Gardner’s Easter Oratorio *Lamb of God*. In 2012, the Minnesota Saints Orchestra was organized to expand the sound, repertoire and mission of the chorale. The choir values collaborative opportunities with other ensembles to build bridges of unity that inspire goodwill. Some recent collaborative concerts include the Choir of the Cathedral of Saint Paul, the Northern Lights Chorale, the Apollo Male Chorus and The Hurst Family Experience. In 2017 the choir was honored to be featured at the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota (ACDA-MN) Annual State Conference with Mack Wilberg and was thrilled to reunite with him at Carnegie Hall in 2020. Regular performances include concerts at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

## Special Thanks

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**Upcoming MSC Events** (please visit [www.mnsaintschorale.org](http://www.mnsaintschorale.org) for more information):

- January 20 and 25, 2022 — Auditions
- April 15, 2022 — Easter Oratorio: Lamb of God at Ted Mann Concert Hall
- May 29-30, 2022 — National Memorial Day Festival Concert and Parade in Washington DC

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