



2021-2022  
E. CARL FREEMAN CONCERT SERIES  
AT RIVER ROAD CHURCH  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
DECEMBER 12, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.

## *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

### Organ Voluntaries

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645*  
*In dulci jubilo*  
*Puer Natus Est (from Four Improvisations)*  
*O Jesulein süß*  
*Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Dietrich Buxtehude  
Everett Titcomb  
Gerald Near  
Gerald Near

### Matin Responsory

Adapted by David Willcocks  
from a *Magnificat* by Palestrina

I look from afar:  
And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming,  
and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?  
High and low, rich and poor, one with another.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come?  
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come:  
to reign over thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
I look from afar: And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming,  
and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

### Hymn (please stand)

### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### VENI EMMANUEL

1 *All*  
O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*shall come to thee, O Israel.*

3 *Women*  
O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 *Men*  
O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4 *Men*  
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*shall come to thee, O Israel. (continued)*

5 *All*  
O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Glaze

Bidding Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-8

Victoria Jackson

Hymn 13 (*please stand*)

*Prepare the Way*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Second Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

David Cipolletti

Carol and Canticle

*Gabriel's Message*

Basque Carol  
Arr. David Willcocks

1 Gloria! The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady,' Gloria!

2 Gloria! The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady,' Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name.'  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
'Most highly favored lady,' Gloria!

*Magnificat in F*

Harold W. Friedell

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed 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.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Cathy Whitty

Carol	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Hugo Distler
<p>Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,  from tender stem hath sprung.  Of Jesse's lineage coming,  as men of old have sung.  It came, a floweret bright,  amid the cold of winter,  when half spent was the night.</p>	<p>Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  the Rose I had in mind;  with Mary we behold it,  the virgin mother kind.  To show God's love aright,  she bore to us a Saviour,  when half spent was the night.</p>	<p>O flower, whose fragrance tender  with sweetness fills the air,  dispels with glorious splendor  the darkness everywhere.  True man, yet very God,  from sin and death now save us,  and share our every load.</p>

Fourth Lesson	Micah 5:2-4	Rose Browning
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Hymn 43 ( <i>please stand</i> )	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	FOREST GREEN
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Carol	<i>Slumber Song</i>	Mary Beth Bennett
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Sleep, little baby, sleep; the holy Angels love thee,  
And guard thy bed, and keep a blessed watch above thee.  
Sleep, little baby, sleep the holy Angels Love thee.  
No spirit can come near nor evil beast to harm thee:  
Sleep, little baby, sleep; the holy Angels Love thee.

Sleep, Sweet, devoid of fear where nothing need alarm thee.  
The Love which doth not sleep the eternal Arms surround thee:  
The shepherd of the sheep in perfect Love hath found thee.

Little baby, sleep; the holy Angels Love thee.  
Sleep through the holy night, Christ-kept from snare and sorrow  
Until Thou wake to Light and Love and warmth tomorrow.

Fifth Lesson	Matthew 1:18-23	Rev. Lacey Wondree
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Carols	<i>Jesus Child</i>	John Rutter
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Have you heard the story that they're telling 'bout Bethlehem,  
Have you heard the story of the Jesus child?  
How he came from heaven and was born in a manger bed?  
Mary was his virgin mother pure and mild.

*Sing alleluia, brothers, sing alleluia, sisters,  
Worship the Jesus child and praise his mother mild.  
'Glory to God' the angel hosts are singing:  
Listen to the story of the Jesus child.*

Have you heard the story of the poor humble shepherd men  
Sitting on the hillside with their flocks by night?  
Suddenly the angel tells them 'Hurry to Bethlehem!  
Go and find the Jesus child, the world's new light!'

*Sing alleluia . . .*

Jesus child, lying at Bethlehem,  
Sleeping safe at Mary's knee,  
Save my soul and bring me to paradise,  
Let me join the angels singing glory to thee.

*Sing alleluia . . .*

Have you heard the story of the kings from the orient,  
Following the star that's shining over his head?  
Offering their precious gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense,  
Kneeling with the ox and ass before his bed?

*Sing alleluia . . .*

Brothers, let us celebrate the birth of the Jesus child,  
Sisters, come and welcome him, the new-born King;  
Praise the Lord who sent him down from heaven at Christmas time;  
Young and old and rich and poor, his praises sing.

*Sing alleluia . . .*

*My Lord Has Come*

Will Todd

Shepherds called by angels,  
Called by love and angels;  
No place for them but a stable.

*Refrain: My Lord has come,  
my Lord has come, Lord has come.*

Sages, searching for stars,  
Searching for love in heaven;  
No place for them but a stable.

*Refrain*

His love will hold me,  
His love will cherish me,  
Love will cradle me.  
Lead me, lead me to see him,  
Sages and shepherds and angels;  
No place but a stable,  
no place but a stable,  
No place for me but a stable.

*Refrain*

Hymn 31/32 (*please stand*)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Sopranos are invited to sing the descant for stanza 3, found at Hymn 32.

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Dr. Fred Anderson

Carols

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

William Bradley Roberts

1 'Twas in the moon of winter-time  
When all the birds had fled,  
That God the Lord of all  
Sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim,  
And wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."

3 The earliest moon of wintertime  
Is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory  
On the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt  
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."

2 Within a lodge of broken bark  
The tender Babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin  
Enwrapp'd His beauty round;  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
The angel song rang loud and high...  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."

4 O children of the forest free,  
the angel song is true;  
The Holy Child of earth and heaven  
Is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy  
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy.  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,  
In excelsis gloria."

*Ding, Dong, Merrily on High*

Arr. Mack Wilberg

Ding dong, merrily on high!  
In heav'n the bells are ringing;  
ding dong, verily the sky  
is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below,  
let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io,  
by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime  
your matin chime, ye ringers;  
may ye beautifully rhyme  
your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Seventh Lesson

John 1: 1-14

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Hymn 41/42 (*please stand*)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

Sopranos are invited to sing the descant for stanza 3, found at Hymn 42.

The Blessing

Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Glaze

Closing Voluntary

*In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729*

J. S. Bach

Please remain in place during the closing voluntary until the choir has processed to the narthex.

River Road Chancel Choir  
Robert Gallagher, Minister of Music  
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Kathryn Clikeman  
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Altos

Rose Browning  
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Basses

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**Remaining Concerts in the 2021-22 E. Carl Freeman Concert Series**

*All concerts and services will take place in the sanctuary.*

**St. Olaf Choir**

Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 3 p.m.

Tickets required

Purchase tickets (\$35) at [stolaf.edu/tickets](http://stolaf.edu/tickets)

**Harpsichord Recital**

**Jory Vinikour**

Bach's *Goldberg Variations*

Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

**Choir of the College of William and Mary**

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

**Voice Recital**

**John Tibbetts, baritone**

**Raymond Chenault, pianist**

Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

**Annual Spring Choral Concert**

**River Road Chancel Choir**

**with David Briggs, Organist**

Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and River Road Church have invited **Johann Vexo of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris** to perform at River Road Church in 2022. Date to be determined based on fulfillment of US employment visa regulations.

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# *Music at River Road Church*

From the earliest days of River Road Church, it was the intention of the founders that the music ministry be of the highest quality. Music is an essential aspect of River Road Church's work to advance the Kingdom of God. A vibrant music ministry is consistently mentioned by members of River Road Church as a central part of why they were drawn to the church, and why they continue to attend.

Music at River Road Church is rooted in the work of time-honored composers, while embracing a wide range of styles and periods. Until the COVID pandemic River Road's Chancel and Handbell Choirs have been singing and ringing throughout the year. The Chancel Choir returned to its role in worship during the summer, singing masked at a safe distance. River Road's Youth and Children's Choirs sing a wide variety of music - from Bach to gospel - and they have participated in The Royal School of Church Music's *Voice for Life* program. In August of 2019, River Road choirs and guests traveled to England for a pilgrimage, singing Evensong and Eucharist services at abbeys and cathedrals in Bath, Bristol, Tewkesbury, and Gloucester.

If you are interested in singing or ringing with one of our choirs, contact our Minister of Music, Dr. Robert Gallagher ([bobgallagher@rrcb.org](mailto:bobgallagher@rrcb.org)) for more information.

Now in its 50th year, the *E. Carl Freeman Concert Series* is a well-known and much beloved facet of River Road Church's local outreach and ministry.

## *At River Road Church, we are...*

**A community of believers coming from many faith traditions** to worship and grow together in Christian fellowship, focusing on those aspects of faith on which we can agree rather than disagree as we journey together.

**Baptist in heritage**, espousing core Baptist truths as foundational to our faith journey: the centrality of Christ, the priesthood of all believers, the commitment to theological education, and the autonomy of the local church.

**Encouraging of intellectual freedom**—in pursuit of a thoughtful faith, seeking always to learn about God's nature and ways in the world, supporting a free pulpit and welcoming intellectually challenging sermons and educational programs.

**Worshiping in reverence and beauty** a transcendent God, following the liturgical style and magnified in our hearing traditional sacred music.

**Serving God** in our church, our community and the world by investing our energy and resources in ways that reflect the character and likeness of Christ and follow his teachings.

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