

The Light Has Come

**Mennonite Children's Choir
OF LANCASTER**



Christmas 2021

**Rosemary Siegrist Blessing, Artistic Director
Chamber Choir**

**Sarah Wingard, Director
Carol Choir and Concert Choir**



A Program of Lancaster Mennonite School

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Welcome! As you enjoy the beauty of singer's voices, we ask that each guest wears a mask at all times.

Prelude.....harp

Men's Ensemble

Dona Nobis Pacem.....Traditional

Dona nobis pacem

Grant us peace

Concert and Chamber Choir

Procession from *A Ceremony of Carols*.....Benjamin Britten

Hodie Christus natus est;

Today Christ is born;

Hodie Salvator apparuit;

Today the Savior has appeared;

Hodie in terra canunt angeli

Today the angels sing on earth

Laetantur archangeli

The archangels rejoice

Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:

Today the righteous exult, saying:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Carols and Lullabies, Christmas in the Southwest.....Conrad Susa

Alegría.....Puerto Rican traditional

Soloist: Nathan Bowman

Walking slowly unto Beth'lem

Holy Mary, with her husband

Trav'ling with them tho' in secret

Is the Savior of all nations

Alegría, alegría, alegría!

Joy, joy, joy!

Alegría, alegría, y placer!

Joy, joy, and pleasure!

Que la Virgen va de paso

For the Virgin passes by

Con su esposo hacia Belén.

With her husband toward Bethlehem.

When to Bethl'em they had traveled

They were searching for a haven.

All the innkeepers refused them,

Dressed so poor and heavy laden

As they see Mary and Joseph,

All the songbirds of the forest

Serenade them with their singing!

Precious gifts come from the poorest.

En Belén Tocan A Fuego.....Castilian traditional, Spain

Soloists: Faith Sauder, Ava Bird, Abrianna Nissley

There's a fire in Bethlehem,
In the stable see the flames!
For they say that born of a Virgin
From heav'n to earth He came!

Brincan y bailan los peces en el río.
Brincan y bailan de ver a Dios nacido.
Brincan y bailan de peces en el agua.
Brincan y bailan de ver nacida el alba.

Fish in the river jump and dance.
They jump and dance to see God's birth.
Fish in the water jump and dance.
They jump and dance to see dawn's birth.

In Beth'lem's humble stable,
There's a lovely white carnation,
It will grow into a purple Lily,
Greet the Savior of the nations!

Virgin Mary, by the river
Hangs the swaddling clothes of Jesus
All the birds around her are singing
And the river flows rejoicing.

Chiquiriquitín.....Andalucian traditional, Spain

Chiquiriquitín, chiquiriquitín.
Ay, del chiquirritín, chiquiriquitín metidito entre pajas,
Ay, del chiquirritín, Queridi, queridito del alma.

Oh, in the manger!
Lying in the straw
Oh in the manger, Darling boy, little darling of our soul.

Por debajo del arco
Del portaliño,
Se descubre a María, José, y el Niño

Below the arch
Of the stable
We find Mary, Joseph, and the Child

Entre el buey y la mula
Dios ha nacido,
Y en un pobre pesebre lo han recogido.

Between an ox and a donkey
God was born.
And, in a poor manger they received him.

Congregational Song
O Come All Ye Faithful

Carol Choir

Love Has Come.....Ken Bible, attr: Nicolas Saboly, 17th c.

Love has come a light in the darkness!	Love has come and never will leave us!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.	Love is life everlasting and free.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.	Love is Jesus within and among us.
Hear how their song of joy arises.	Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!	Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love, Love! Glory to God on high!	Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy.....West Indian Carol

The virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they said that his name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious Kingdom.
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious Kingdom.
Oh, yes, believers! Oh, yes, believers!
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious Kingdom.

The shepherds came when the baby was born, and they said that his name was Jesus.

The angels sang when the baby was born, and they said that his name was Jesus.

Yesu Ni Wangu.....traditional Swahili song, arr. Ruth Morris Gray

Singer Instrumentalists: Noelle Brubaker, Malloree Marshall, Sarah Nolt

Yesu ni wangu wa uzima, wa milele.	Jesus is mine for life, for eternity.
Eh Yahweh.	Yes, Lord.
Anatupenda wa uzima wa milele.	He loves us for life, for eternity.

Concert Choir

Et exultavit from *Magnificat*.....Johann Sebastian Bach

Et exultavit spiritus meus
In Deo salutari meo.

And my spirit has exulted
In God my saviour.

Gloria.....Peruvian traditional

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest
To God be glory, forever
Alleluia! Amen!

Offering.....classical guitar

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Chamber Choir

O Jesulein Süß.....Johann Sebastian Bach

O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild.
Des Vaters Will'n hast du erfüllt.
Bist kommen aus dem Himmelreich
Uns armen Menschen worden gleich.
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.
Thy Father's will hast thou fulfilled.
For thou hast left thy heavenly throne
Our lowly state to make thine own.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

This Little Babe.....text Robert Southwell, music Benjamin Britten

This little Babe so few days old
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake
Though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.

His camp is pitchèd in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystacks his stakes
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angels' trumps alarum sound.

With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight,
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward,
This little Babe will be thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

Behold the Star.....Spiritual, arr. James Allan Dash

Soloists: Mara Carlson and Carter Palmer

Behold that star, behold that star, up yonder
Behold that star, it is the star of Bethlehem.

There was no room in the Inn.
It is the star of Bethlehem.
For that Babe, born free from sin.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

Hark, the herald angels sing.
It is star of Bethlehem.
Glory to the newborn King.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

Congregational Song

Silent Night

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft, einsam wacht.
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar,
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

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.

Carol, Concert, and Chamber Choirs

One Flame.....Allen Pote

Soloists: Joelyn Blessing and Bryan Rhinier

Congregation is invited to participate by singing text in italics and bolded.

One flame dancing in the shadows,
One flame, no greater than a spark.
One flame from heart to heart is passing,
One flame to overcome the dark.

So lift your light and raise it higher,
Defeat the night with holy fire.
This flame of love, love and sacrifice,
Will fill the world, this light of Christ.

One life appearing in a manger,
One life to bring us heaven's call.
One life laid down in perfect loving,
One life to show the way to all.

One flame, alleluia. One light, alleluia.
One love, alleluia. One life, alleluia.
One joy, alleluia. One song, alleluia.
Alleluia.

*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.*

*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.*

Joy to the world,
The light has come, has come!

Postlude.....double second steel pan drums

Thank you for joining us!

As you enter this Christmas season, our hope is that the music you experienced today will stay with you, warming your hearts and reminding you that Christ, the light of the world, has come.

Carol Choir

Bromna Baunee	Kaia Helmuth	Cherise Martin	Catherine Stetler
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Adalyn Carlson	Delaney Lewis	Michael Shoff	
Micah Carlson	Jesse Livengood	Lucinda Snader	

Concert Choir

Ava Bird	Rachel Fisher	MaryEllie Martin	Sophia Spurrier
Simon Bird	Brennan Kauffman	Max Peña	Anna Stuart
Noelle Brubaker	Seth Lantz	Rosalind Shea	Noelle Suckau
Sofia Brubaker	Seth Livengood	Gavin Shenk	Ethan Weaver
Collette Carlson	Malloree Marshall	Meredith Shoff	Rakela Zguri

Chamber Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Mara Carlson	Melina Beidler	Jared Bowman	Nathan Bowman
Julia Fisher	Rachel Landes	Caleb Kreider	Caleb Nolt
Kirsten Kauffman	Abrianna Nissley	Carter Palmer	James Rothenberger
Tirza Martin	Sarah Nolt	Sam Peña	Jared Rothenberger
Mi Mi Poe	Juliana Umble	Arturo Veras	Micaiah Weaver
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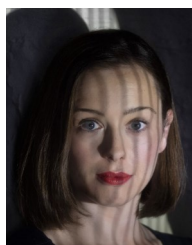
Rusty Banks, classical guitar

Rusty is an active composer and guitarist born in Jasper, Alabama and living in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Besides writing concert music for ballet, orchestra, wind ensemble, and other acoustic ensembles, Rusty designs pieces that use traditional performers, user-end electronics, and video within dynamic audio/video installations. As a guitarist, Rusty is an often-called-upon interpreter of new works for the concert guitar as well as a studio musician and stage/pit performer. In addition to modern works, Rusty has performed much of the traditional solo classical guitar repertoire as well as concerti with orchestras. He also teaches guitar and other music courses at Franklin and Marshall College and Millersville University.



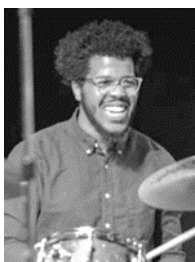
Sarah Fuller, harp (December 5)

Sarah is the principal harpist of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra and has been fulfilling the duties of principal harp with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra since 2007. Ms. Fuller is an active chamber musician and frequently performs with her flute, viola, and harp trio, Trio Cloisonné, in Baltimore and in Frederick, MD. She is also a member of the notable Philadelphia contemporary ensemble, Network for New Music, and has recently been featured on a recording of the works of Bernard Rands with members of the group. Ms. Fuller holds a master's degree in music from Indiana University and studied at the New England Conservatory and the Royal Conservatory of Music's Glenn Gould School for her bachelor's degree.



Maryanne Meyer, harp (December 2 & 4)

Maryanne is active as an orchestral harpist, chamber musician, and solo recitalist throughout five mid-Atlantic states and in her hometown of Vincennes, Indiana. Meyer performs regularly as a substitute with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and the Delaware Symphony Orchestra. A dedicated pedagogue, Ms. Meyer runs a flourishing private teaching studio. Ms. Meyer holds a Bachelor of Music and a Performer Diploma in harp performance from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She completed her Master of Music studies at Temple University's Boyer College of Music and Dance with Elizabeth Hainen, principal harp of the Philadelphia Orchestra.



Matthew Woodson , marimba and double second steel pan drums

Matthew is an educator, performer, and entrepreneur based out of Lancaster, PA. A percussionist by trade, he can be seen with local band Big Boy Brass, his most recent steelpan project Wood on Steel Experience, and other local production companies. As the Director of Community Percussion for the local non-profit Music For Everyone, he instructs students in the School District of Lancaster and facilitates group drumming events and programs throughout the community. Matthew is a percussion performance graduate of Millersville University. This is Matthew's third season joining MCCL.

Artistic Staff



Rosemary Siegrist Blessing, Artistic Director, Chamber Choir

Rosemary holds degrees in piano performance and business administration from Eastern Mennonite University and has pursued graduate study in choral music. She has taught piano through Eastern Mennonite University's Preparatory Program, taught piano and theory at the former Pennsylvania Academy of Music, maintains a thriving private piano studio, and teaches piano at Franklin and Marshall College. Rosemary is an active pianist in the Lancaster area, having accompanied various choral groups, musical theater groups, and currently plays with the Allegro Orchestra.



Sarah Wingard, Director, Carol and Concert Choirs

Sarah earned her bachelor's degree in music education from Messiah College with a concentration in voice and extensive study in piano. Growing up in Virginia, Sarah gained early musical experience singing with the nationally acclaimed Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir. Sarah teaches elementary music at the Locust Grove campus of Lancaster Mennonite School. In addition to helping with local music camps and events, Sarah teaches private voice lessons. Sarah also sings and regularly solos with the Susquehanna Chorale.



Monica Hochstedler Carlson, Director, Prelude Music

Monica holds a Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from Westminster Choir College and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Goshen College. She has taught general elementary music in public schools as well as at Eastern Mennonite Elementary School in Harrisonburg, VA. In addition, Monica built a thriving private piano studio in VA and has served as a private and group piano instructor at Goshen College (IN), Southern Methodist University (TX), Shenandoah Valley Preparatory Music (VA), and Woodberry Forest School (VA).



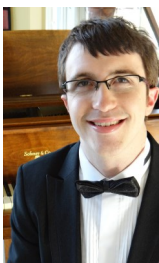
Elisa Chodan, Director, Choristers I & II, Assistant, Carol and Concert Choirs

Elisa is a full-time music educator, teaching choir and general music at Veritas Academy and Lancaster Academy for the Performing Arts. She also leads the women's chorus at Lancaster Bible College. Elisa holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in voice performance from Bob Jones University with additional graduate credits from Westminster Choir College. She was a 2019-20 VOCES8 US Scholar and a two-time summer intern with VOCES8 in Europe.



Sharon Curran, Accompanist, Carol and Concert Choirs

Sharon graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance. She teaches elementary orchestra at Conestoga Valley School District. Sharon also teaches piano lessons at Linden Hall School. Sharon has been featured as the piano soloist with the Pennsylvania Academy of Music Orchestra, Hershey Symphony Orchestra, and Millersville University Orchestra. Sharon has accompanied various vocal and instrumental soloists, pit orchestras, and choirs of all ages.



Jonathan Keener, Choristers I & II Assistant

Jonathan has a B.A. in piano performance from Eastern Mennonite University and a doctorate in music performance and pedagogy from James Madison University. He has taught piano through Eastern Mennonite University Music Preparatory Program and taught music theory, class piano, and music appreciation at James Madison University, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Ivy Tech Community College. Most recently, Jonathan taught piano and music theory at a school in China to elementary and middle school students. Jonathan sang in MCCL when he was in middle school.

Artistic Staff continued



Jeffrey Martin, Interim Men's Ensemble Director

Baritone Jeffrey Martin holds a Master's degree from Peabody Conservatory of The John's Hopkins University. He is a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota. Jeffrey has performed solo roles in choral masterworks and operas such as Mozart's *"Great" Mass in C Minor*, Mozart's *Requiem Mass*, Bizet's *Carmen*, Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*, and Carlisle Floyd's *Susannah*. Jeffrey serves as Director of Vocal Studies in the Music, Worship, and Performing Arts department at Lancaster Bible College.



Lindsey Stauffer, Interim Chamber Choir Accompanist

Lindsey Stauffer is a music educator living in East Petersburg, PA. She studied music education as a piano major at Millersville University and completed her master's degree in choral conducting from West Chester University. Currently, Lindsey teaches choir, elementary strings, and general music at Dayspring Christian Academy and maintains a small private piano studio.

Administrative Staff



Maria Bowman, Managing Director / Choir Manager

Maria holds a Bachelor of Arts with concentrations in psychology, education, and English from Eastern Mennonite University and has taken graduate level classes in education. She serves as a Family Life Educator at COBYS Family Services, facilitating classes for families. Previously, she worked as a special education teacher and in Human Resources at Eastern Mennonite Missions.

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The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is a program of Lancaster Mennonite School. MCCL is comprised of three auditioned choirs and two choral classes.

Carol Choir	grades 2—5
Concert Choir	grade 6—8
Chamber Choir	grades 9—12
Prelude Music	kindergarten - grade 1
Choristers I & II	grades 2—8

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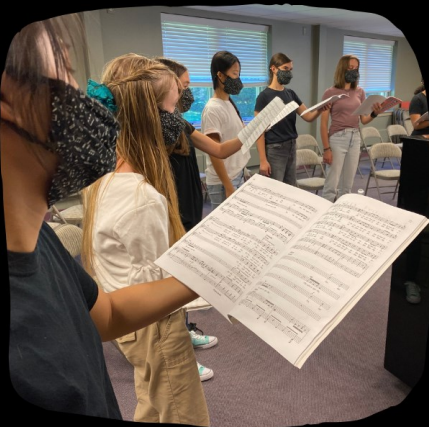
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- two 5 gallon water coolers
 - velcro
 - iPad
 - 100 postage stamps
 - 10 packs of sticky notes
- white copier paper
 - rechargeable batteries
 - two heavy-duty 100 foot extension cords

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Spring 2021

Audition choirs

- Carol Choir, grades 2 - 5
- Concert Choir, grades 6 - 8
- Chamber Choir, grades 9 - 12
- Men's Ensemble, guys in Chamber Choir

Non-audition classes


- Prelude Music, K - grade 1
- Choristers I, grades 2 - 5
- Choristers II, grades 5 - 8



Choirs and classes meet on Tuesdays evenings at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church & Neffsville Mennonite Church. MCCL is open to all children. Currently, MCCL singers represent more than 40 congregations, 30 schools, and 10 denominations. Our mission is training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral music from around the world and across time. We'd love to have you sing with us this spring.

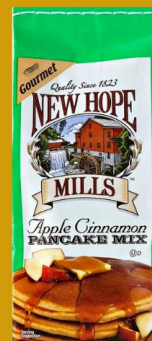
Auditions are being scheduled on December 8 and 15 for the spring 2021 semesters

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In June 2022, the Chamber Choir of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) will embark on a two-week choral mission tour to the Czech Republic in partnership with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM). While in the Czech Republic, singers will bless, inspire, and serve people through song as well as be exposed to God's work in the community. Throughout the next six months, the team of singers will work together and individually to raise funds to support their choral mission tour and will participate in monthly language, culture, and discipleship training led by EMM and MCCL staff. We invite you to pray for singers and chaperones as they prepare to serve in this way.

Special thanks to:

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Upcoming MCCL Events

Christmas 2021 Concert Series

Thursday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster

Saturday, December 4 at 4 p.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m.

Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola

Spring 2022 Concert Series

Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m.

Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey

Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

Lititz Church of the Brethren, Lititz

Concert Choir, middle school singers, will be a part of John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* in collaboration with Lancaster Franconia Singers and a live orchestra

Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Lansdale

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Sunday, May 1 at 4 p.m.

Strasburg Mennonite Church, Strasburg

Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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