

Christmas Concert
Covenant CRC Sioux Center
December 19, 2021

Meghan McGuire, cello
Thomas Van Soelen, piano



Joy to the World/Angels We Have Heard on High
Arr. Cotter

Wexford Carol

Arr. McMichael

Ave Maria/Still, Still, Still

Bach-Gonoud/McMichael

Noel Nouvelet

Arr. McMichael

Fantasia on Greensleeves

Vaughan Williams

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Arr. Hayes

O holy
night!
The stars
are brightly
shining. It
is the night
of our dear
savior's birth.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Arr. Hammerly

God rest ye merry gentlemen

Let nothing you dismay

Remember Christ our Savior

Was born on Christmas Day

To save us all from Satan's pow'r

When we were gone astray

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Comfort and joy

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel

This blessed Babe was born

And laid within a manger

Upon this blessed morn

The which His Mother Mary

Did nothing take in scorn

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Comfort and joy

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Charlie Brown Christmas

Little Drummer Boy

Arr. Brooklyn Duo

Deck the Halls

Arr. Dulin

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Arr. Hammerly

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 angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
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Christ is born in Bethlehem

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
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
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Silent Night

Arr. Gjeilo

O Come, Emmanuel

Let it Snow

Arr. The Piano Guys

Meghan McGuire began performing at an early age, playing for Yo-Yo Ma when she was thirteen and making her solo debut with the Minnesota Orchestra at age sixteen. She has performance degrees from The San Francisco Conservatory of Music and The Florida State University School of Music. From 1999-2016, Meghan performed extensively throughout the Southeast including with the Atlanta Symphony, Opera, and Ballet Orchestras. Currently, she is the orchestra director at Visitation School in St. Paul, MN and has a studio of private students. Despite the distance and pandemic, she holds dear the opportunity to continue collaborating with Thomas Van Soelen.

Thomas Van Soelen has a broad musical background in strings, winds, percussion, keyboards, and vocals. His degrees from Dordt University, Florida Atlantic University and the University of Georgia include recitals in voice and pipe organ. At age 14, he began regular church music rotations at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center as an organist and pianist and began directing adult choirs at age 20. He enjoys playing at Bethel whenever his family visits. He has accompanied for the National Association of the Teachers of Singing competitions and the Palm Beach Opera Auditions, as well as for individual talent. As an educator, Dr. Van Soelen provides professional development and leadership coaching while also serving as an adjunct professor for multiple universities. Musically, he has served as the Director of Music at St. John Neumann Church in Lilburn, GA for over 20 years. Thomas is the son of Marion and Jan Van Soelen of Hull.

Many thanks to Rebecca DeVries for handling logistics.

You can access a concert from December 11 with Thomas Van Soelen and two other Atlanta-based musicians (voice, euphonium) at <https://tinyurl.com/SJN2021concert>.