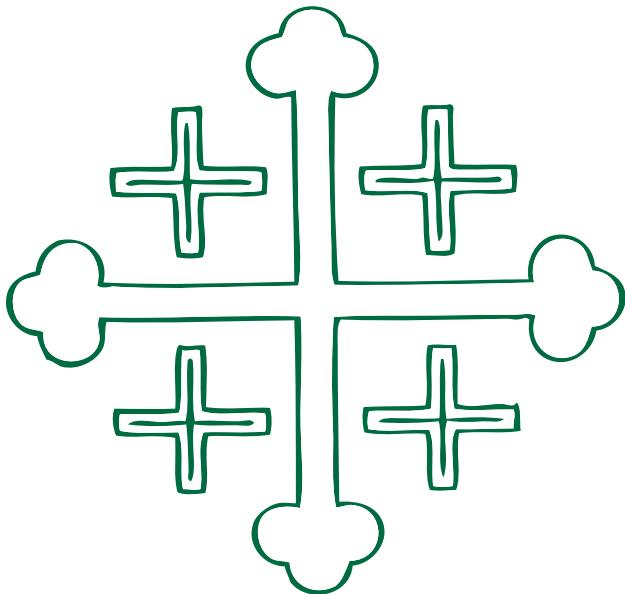


A Festival of Lessons and Carols



Converse University

Thursday, December 1, 2022

7:30 p.m. Prelude

8:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols

Zimmerli Performance Center

Twichell Auditorium

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Welcome to the Festival of Lessons and Carols at Converse University. The season of Advent is a time when we, like Mary, nurture the life that grows within us so that we can shine that light in a land of deep darkness.

As we look around us, we can often feel overwhelmed by the brokenness we see. The world is covered in what looks and feels, many days, like darkness. May we remember, however, that “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5) It is my prayer that this service might be a time of restful reflection for you. In a world that can be bleak, may the Christmas story remind us of the persistence and stubborn resilience of hope.

For peace, joy, light and love we rejoice!

Reverend Eliza Smith
Converse Chaplain

Please note the location of all exits in case of an emergency.
In the unlikely event of power failure, a generator will begin
within ten seconds to provide lighting.

Prelude

Ding Dong Merrily On High arr. Leif Strand
Converse Wind Ensemble

A Christmas Suite *Charles Callahan*
I. Noel Fanfare
II. An English Carol
Dr. Brennan Szafron, *organist*

Christmas Time Is Here Vince Guaraldi
Aidan O'Donnell, *piano*

A Christmas Suite *Charles Callahan*
III. Carol Lullaby
IV. A Christmas Rondel
Dr. Szafron, *organist*

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson
Converse Wind Ensemble

Prelude on Irby David Willcocks
Dr. Szafron, *organist*



Order of Service

*Processional Carol: *Once in Royal David's City*arr. David Willcocks

Dr. Brennan Szafron, organist

Mary Ashton Garrett '24, soloist

(Solo) Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for a bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

(Choirs) He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all.
And his shelter was a stable
And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

(Organ Interlude)

(All) And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

(All) Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

The Bidding PrayerReverend Eliza Smith
Converse Chaplain

The Lord's Prayer

Carol: *Ding Dong! Merrily On High*16th-century French melody/
arr. David Willcocks

The Spartanburg Master Chorale

The First LessonGenesis 3: 8-15
Read by Anna Caroline McGuinn '23

* Those who are able are asked to stand.

Carol: *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* Elizabeth Poston
Converse Chorale & The Spartanburg Master Chorale

The Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18
Read by Katherine Benton '26

Carol: *Sussex Mummers' Carol* Percy Grainger
Converse Wind Ensemble

The Third Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
Read by Donald Medley '25

Carol: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Arthur Sullivan/arr. David Willcocks
The Spartanburg Master Chorale

The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-9
Read by Luci Martínez-Olivares '23

Carol: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Michael Praetorius

- (All) O come, O come, Emmanuel, redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- (Men) O come, thou Branch of Jesse, draw the quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave, from nether hall, thy people save,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- (Women) O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright, pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's ling'ring gloom, and pierce the shadows of the tomb.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- (All) O come, O come Adonai, who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with awe gavest thy folk the elder law.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Fifth Lesson Saint Luke 1: 26-38
Read by Anna Patterson '24

Carol: *Gabriel to Mary Came* 14th-century Irish carol/arr. David Willcocks
Converse Chorale

The Sixth Lesson Saint Luke 2: 1-7
Read by David Windmiller '23

Hymn: "Round Me Falls the Night" Gustav Holst/arr. Robert W. Smith
from *Symphony for Band, Movement II*
Converse Wind Ensemble

The Seventh Lesson Saint Luke 2: 8-20
Read by Gavin McFadden '25

Carol: *Nativity Carol* John Rutter
The Spartanburg Master Chorale

The Eighth Lesson Saint Matthew 2: 1-12
Read by Rachel Black '23

Carol: *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Harold Darke
Converse Chorale & The Spartanburg Master Chorale

*The Ninth Lesson Saint John 1: 1-14
Read by Victoria Conner '24

*Carol: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Arr. John McAllister

(All) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

(All) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

(All) Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Benediction Reverend Smith

*Recessional Carol: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* arr. John McAllister
The Spartanburg Master Chorale & Converse Wind Ensemble

Postlude: *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* Keith Chapman
Dr. Szafron, organist



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Participants

Converse University Chaplain.....	Reverend Eliza Smith
Organist	Dr. Brennan Szafron
Technical Director.....	Mayes Hopkins
Director of Events	Debbi Thompson

Converse Chorale

Dr. Keith Jones, *conductor*
Anne Graff, *accompanist*

Soprano I

Lauren Bell
Alyssa Cox
Katy Garner
Mary Garrett
Sarye Glenn
Michaela Lineberry
Jillian Tippie
Kennedy Vaughn

Alto

Fay Bullard
Maddi Prince
Tanner Prince
Brianna Tucker

The Spartanburg Master Chorale

Dr. Keith Jones, *conductor*
Julie Smith, *accompanist*

Soprano

Sarah Ascher
Sarah Burger
Susan Carroll
Anne Denbow
Sarah Donnan
Casey Eaton
Katy Garner
Tracie Powell-Wilkin
Madeline Owens
Carol Shultis
Adriana Stamile
Anabella Walker

Alto

Susan Baker
Caroline Cooley
Priya Jacobsen
Carol Loar
Judy Marshall
Kari Mason
Jane Patterson
Sabrina Roche
Mark Shelton
Rachel Suggs
Jo Woodyard

Bass

Chipley Bennett
Andy Eaton
Charlie Faris
Al Jeter
Hongru Liu
Jonah Losh
Ron Marshall
Lonnie Myers
Jim Patterson
Roland Smith
Ed Warren
Robert Weed

Tenor

Simon Mishler
Gary Shultis
Tony Stamile
Phil Vernesoni
Jacob Wade

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Dr. Arthur Haecker, conductor

Piccolo

Jaimee Inglett

Flute

Amber Cox

Claire Cathey

Clara Stein

Emily Clark

Ashley Masliuk

Emma Draney

Oboe

Sydney Stevens

Helen Scott

Clarinet

Cassandra Shaddock

Luxin Liu

Ryan Reynolds

Abby Cox

Victoria Connor

Michaella Willis

Bass Clarinet

Taylor Sexton

Alto Saxophone

Dale Watson

Baileigh Walter

Tenor Saxophone

Mathew Hudson

Baritone Saxophone

John Henry Tennant

Trumpet

Ethan Watkins

Miles Hampton

Aiden Garrett

Haley Jackson

French Horn

Lauren Sellars

Abigail Matula

Julie Camp

Trombone

Santino Xavier

Andrew Greer

John McAllister

Euphonium

Mike Miller

EJ Holland

Tuba

Gryphon Blackwell

John Thomas Grant

John Holloway

Percussion

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You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14

Each year the Converse and Spartanburg communities are invited to purchase a luminary in memory or honor of a loved one. The proceeds raised through the sale of the luminaries will go to the Converse Student Benevolence Fund.

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