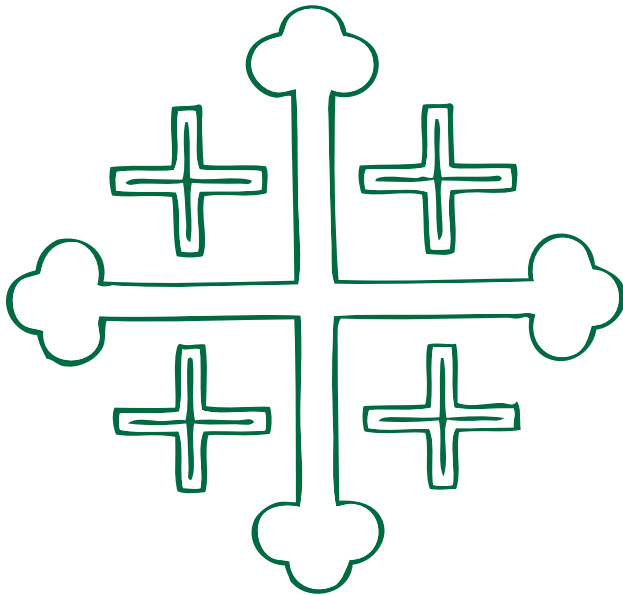


A Festival of Lessons and Carols



Converse University

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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. It is a time of waiting and contemplation.

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. We give thanks for this reminder, which comes around time and time again, often when we need it most.

For peace, joy, light and love we rejoice!

Reverend Eliza Smith DeBevoise
Converse Chaplain and Director of Community Engagement

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In the unlikely event of power failure, a generator will begin
within ten seconds to provide lighting.

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emanuel..... arr. John McAllister
Converse Wind Ensemble

Two settings of "*In Dulci Jubilo*"..... *Johann Sebastian Bach*
and Marcel Dupre
Dr. Brennan Szafron, *organist*

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Hugh Martin
Aidan O'Donnell, *piano*

Rhapsodie sur les Noels (parts 1 and 2) *Eugene Gigout*
Dr. Szafron, *organist*

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson
Converse Wind Ensemble

Pastorale (from the "Christmas Concerto")..... *Archangelo Corelli*
arr. Robert Gower
Dr. Szafron, *organist*



Order of Service

*Processional Carol: *Once in Royal David's City*.....arr. David Willcocks
Dr. Brennan Szafron, *organist*
Madeline Owens '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 Prayer..... Reverend Eliza Smith DeBevoise
Converse Chaplain and Director of Community Engagement

The Lord's Prayer

Carol: *Sussex Carol* English traditional carol/
arr. David Willcocks
The Spartanburg Master Chorale & Converse Chorale

The First Lesson Genesis 3: 8-15
Read by Anna Patterson '24

Carol: *Adam lay ybounden* John Ireland
The Spartanburg Master Chorale

The Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18
Read by Marisol Gutierrez '25

Carol: *I Saw Three Ships* Arr. Luther Henderson
Converse Wind Ensemble

The Third Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
Read by Aidan O'Donell '24

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

The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-9
Read by Kiarra Thomas '27

Carol: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 14th-century German carol/
harmonized by Michael Praetorius

(All) 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 flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah was 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have 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.

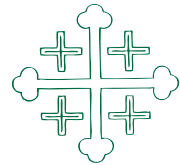
O flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendour
The darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

The Fifth Lesson Saint Luke 1: 26-38
Read by Keith Rogers '27

Carol: "Monstra te esse matrem," from *Ave Maris Stella* Kile Smith
Converse Chorale

Translation:

Show thyself to be a Mother:
Through thee may he receive prayer
Who, being born for us,
Undertook to be thine own.



**Please rise in person or in spirit.*

The Sixth Lesson.....	Saint Luke 2: 1-7
<i>Read by D'Asia Thomas '26</i>	
Hymn: <i>Myn lyking</i>	R. R. Terry
The Spartanburg Master Chorale	
The Seventh Lesson.....	Saint Luke 2: 8-20
<i>Read by Logan Nichols '24</i>	
Hymn: <i>Bashana Haba 'Ah</i>	Ehud Manor
Converse Wind Ensemble	
The Eighth Lesson	Saint Matthew 2: 1-12
<i>Read by Allison Mason '24</i>	
Carol: <i>Bethlehem Down</i>	Peter Warlock
The Spartanburg Master Chorale	
*The Ninth Lesson	Saint John 1: 1-14
<i>Read by Ryan Glenn '25</i>	
*Carol: <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Words and music by J. F. Wade/ arr. David Willcocks

(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!

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!

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 DeBevoise

*Recessional Carol: *Angels We Have Heard On High*.....French carol/
arr. Edward Shippen Barnes
The Spartanburg Master Chorale, Converse Chorale & Converse Wind Ensemble

Postlude: *Rhapsodie sur les Noels (part 3)*..... Eugene Gigout
Dr. Szafron, *organist*

**Please rise in person or in spirit.*

Participants

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Organist Dr. Brennan Szafron
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Anne Graff, *accompanist*

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Lauren Bell
Sarye Glenn
Madison Hughes
Jillian Tippie

Soprano II

Samantha Condrey
Alyssa Cox
Natalie Edwards
Katy Garner
Leslie Sheely

Alto

Fay Bullard
Kalei Connors
Quian Garces Hurtado
Amoire Green
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Sophie Mitchell
Kanaria Nash
El Sistare

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Jamez Dudley
Noah Lipari
Simon MIsler
Bryson Root
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Phil Vernesoni

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Alan Gilbert
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Maggie Billings
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Natalie Jones

Oboe

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Theo Tice
Helen Scott

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Ryan Reynolds
Abby Cox
Bethany Giovannetti
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Victoria Connor
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Taylor Sexton

Bassoon

Manuel Roncero Ros
Jaimee Inglett
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Scott Gilbert
James Robinson

Tenor Saxophone

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Baritone Saxophone

Dale Watson

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Ethan Watkins
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