

*Fifty-seventh Annual
Candlelight Christmas Concert*



*Featuring the
Choirs, Ringers, and Orchestra
of the
Green Lake Church
of Seventh-day Adventists*

December 17, 2021

Program

Prelude	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Arr. by Michael Burkhardt
	I Wonder as I Wander	Arr. by David Lasky
	What Child Is This?	Arr. by Paul Manz
	Once in Royal David's City	Arr. by Charles Callahan
	Wanda Griffiths, Organist	

Candlelight Processional	O Come, All Ye Faithful	Traditional
		Arr. David Willcocks

Please rise as you are able for the singing of this carol.

**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!**

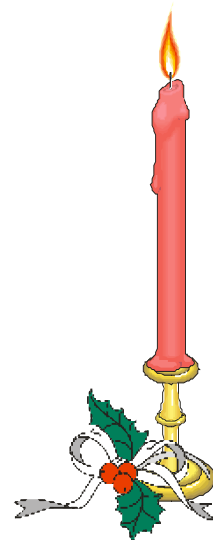
*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!**

Refrain

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!**

Refrain



Invocation		Pastor Kevin McGill
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Please be seated.

Welcome		Pastor McGill
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Carol	Of the Father's Love Begotten Wanda Griffiths, Organ	Arr. by Wilbur Held
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Carol	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Green Lake Church Ringers Shelly LaGrone, Director	Arr. by Jason W. Krug
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Reading In December Darkness Denis Casper

Carol Great Big Star African-American Spiritual
Green Lake Church Cherub Choir
Katrina Carli, Viola
Karen Baker, Director

Great big star, Way up yonder
Oh my little soul's gonna shine, shine
Star in the East, way up yonder
All around the world gonna shine, shine
Oh my little soul's gonna shine, shine
All around the world gonna shine, shine

Scripture The Birth of Jesus According to Luke Sophia Casper
Luke 2:1-7

Carol May My Light Shine Lynn Shaw Bailey
Green Lake Church Junior Choir and Becki Slagel Mayo
Lisi Case, Piano
Shelly LaGrone, Director

May my light shine like the star of Bethlehem.
May the world see God's love through me.
May my light shine for my Jesus and my King.
May I shine so others see.

Star of wonder, star of light, shining down for all to see.
Star of wonder, star of light, shine your light through me,

May my light shine like the star of Bethlehem.
May the world see God's love through me.
May my light shine for my Jesus and my King.
May I shine so others see.

Star of wonder, star of light, may I keep my eyes on you.
Star of wonder, star of light, shine in all I do.

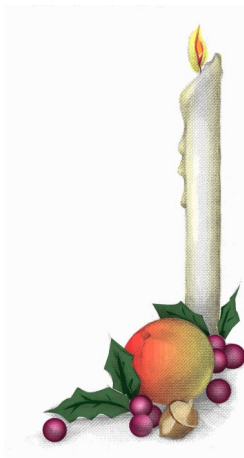
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Scripture	The Angels Appear to the Shepherds Luke 2:8-14	Denis Casper
Carol	Dance Noel: He Is Born (Il est né) Green Lake Church Orchestra Alex Gaggiu, Director	Traditional French Arr. by John Leavitt
Scripture	The Shepherds Travel to Bethlehem Luke 2:15-20	Sophia Casper
Carol	The First Noel Green Lake Church Ringers Shelly LaGrone Director	Arr. by Linda R. Lamb
Reading	Toward the Light	Denis Casper
Carol	Saw You Never, in the Twilight Ethan Ibsen, Soprano Wanda Griffiths, Piano	15th century French Carol Words by Cecil Francis Alexander Arr. by Ken Berg

Saw you never, in the twilight,
when the sun had left the skies,
up in heav'n the clear stars shining
through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching,
saw a little stranger star,
and they knew the King was given,
and they followed it from far.



Heard you never of the story
how they crossed the desert wild,
journeyed on by plain and mountain
till they found the holy child?
How they opened all their treasure,
kneeling to that infant King;
gave the gold and fragrant incense,
gave the myrrh in offering?

Know ye not that lowly baby
was the bright and morning Star?
He who came to light the Gentiles
and the darkened isles afar?
And we, too, may seek his cradle;
there our hearts' best treasures bring;
love and faith and true devotion
for our Savior, God, and King

Reading

Into This Silent Night

Sophia Casper

Carol

Candlelight Carol
Green Lake Church Singers
Wanda Griffiths, Director

John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

*Refrain: Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing: the Christ child is born.*

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Refrain

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger:
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation:
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

Refrain



Reading

The Christmas Spirit

Denis Casper

Carol

Masters In This Hall
Green Lake Church Singers

Traditional English
Arr. by Alice Parker

Masters in this hall, Hear ye news today
Brought from over sea And ever I you pray:

*Refrain: Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we clear!
Holpen are all folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear:
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we loud!
God today hath poor folk raised, And cast adown the proud.*

Going o'er the hills, Through the milk-white snow,
Heard I ewes bleat, While the wind did blow:

Then to Beth'lem town We came two and two,
And in a sorry place Heard the oxen low:
Refrain

Therein did we see A sweet and goodly may,
And a fair old man, upon the straw she lay:
And a little child On her arm had she,
'Wot ye who this is?' Said the hinds to me:
Refrain

This is Christ the Lord, Masters, be ye glad!
Christmas is come in, And no folk should be sad:
Refrain

Carol Angels, We Have Heard on High Arr. by Wayne L. Wold
Wanda Griffiths, Organ

Reading The Child Is Born Again Sophia Casper

Carol Traditions of Christmas Chip Davis
Green Lake Church Orchestra Arr. by Robert Longfield
Alex Gagliu, Director

Opportunity to Give Back Pastor Kevin McGill and Christina Smith
Aurora Commons

*You are invited to place a gift (checks payable to Green Lake Church) in the box
on the narthex table or to make a donation online at <https://greenlakesda.org/give/>.*

Prayer Pastor Kevin McGill

Carol A Christmas Blessing Philip Stopford
Green Lake Church Singers

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,
the worship of the wise men and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly,
all things heavenly, and fill you with joy and peace.

And the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS

Please rise as you are able for the singing of this carol.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Tune: MENDELSSOHN
Arr. by David Willcocks

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 th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
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.
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Please be seated.



SILENT NIGHT

Tune: STILLE NACHT

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.

Silent night, holy night, Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

*The ushers will dismiss the congregation in silence.
For the safety of everyone, we request that you
please exit the building as soon as possible.
Look for the baskets with pre-packaged cookies,
which we offer to you as a gift and a
thank you for attending this evening's program.*



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Minister of Music

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Readings are taken from *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems
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TONIGHT'S CHARITY

Aurora Commons was started by a community of hopeful Aurora Avenue-obsessed neighbors, known as Awake, in March 2011. They were a few dozen people compelled by a calling to love God and to love our neighbors—literally the people of Aurora Avenue, many of whom are ignored, forgotten, and dismissed by society. After three years of building community through barbecues in motel parking lots, birthday parties at local parks, gardening, conversations on the 358 Metro bus, etc., they felt it was time to create a space where lives could intersect more intentionally on a daily basis. The Aurora Avenue Neighborhood Living Room was established at 8914 Aurora Avenue North.

Seattle's Aurora Avenue, an old state highway lined with used car lots, sex shops, fast food joints, and run-down motels, has long been known for its issues of homelessness, addiction, and sexual exploitation. Underneath all of these problems is the root issue of urban isolation. The founders believe that the most effective way to confront Aurora's problems is not by increasing law enforcement or adding social services, but rather by cultivating community and a corresponding network of care. Only then will the residents and neighborhood truly flourish.

Aurora Commons provides a safe place of hospitality along Aurora Avenue where the community seeks to grow the relational capacity within the neighborhood so that, as they care for one another, they may share space, resources, and the fullness of life. In order to offer a safe, hospitable space, they recognize that everyone is a precious human being, welcome the stranger, live prayerfully, illuminate and encourage the gifts of each person, and give and receive friendship.

What Aurora Commons Does

Fosters Community through a daily coffee hour, weekly women's breakfasts, children's activities, community dinners, and educational classes in which neighbors share their skills with one another.

Facilitates Holistic Renewal through storytelling workshops, yoga/movement classes, massage, recovery circles, counseling, and prayerful living.

Provides Resource Bridging, Case Management, and Housing Partnerships. The Aurora Commons builds partnerships with area organizations and housing providers so that, through the case management it offers, it can appropriately direct unhoused neighbors to the resources they need, such as Catholic Community Service's Patrick Place, Penny's Place women's shelter, their own emergency fund, their own medical clinic, or other housing resources.

Prostitution Survivors Project. Most of the women who frequent the Commons are directly involved in sex work. More than ninety percent of these young women have a history of sexual abuse and most must weather not only the stigma of being prostituted but also their own addictions and the dangers they face daily just trying to survive. Through this initiative (which includes street outreach, survivors' breakfasts and dinners, case management, access to free medical care including free rapid HIV testing and safer sex supplies and education, counseling and support groups), the Aurora Commons provides the only safe, non-judgmental space on Aurora Avenue north of downtown where women involved in sex work can rest and be a part of a greater community of women who care.

More information is available at the Aurora Commons website: www.auroracommons.org.

MINISTRIES AT GREEN LAKE CHURCH

Sabbath School

Saturday mornings, volunteers create warm, happy experiences for children. This experience includes music and instruction in morals and spiritual life using the Bible as a primary text. For the younger children, there are crafts and snacks. For the older ones, there is thoughtful exploration of life issues. In all of these classes, there are opportunities for parents to connect with other parents.

Worship

God and faith stand at the center of our life as a congregation. Saturday mornings at 11:00 we worship through music, preaching, and fellowship. Our music features organ, choir, and hymns. Often we have performances by guest musicians whose music ranges from classical to contemporary. The preaching is lucid and hopeful. The sense of community is warm and welcoming.

Seattle Adventist Student Association

Green Lake Church provides major support for this student organization that connects students with each other in a setting that encourages friendship, moral development, deep spirituality, and thoughtful engagement with the world.

Hands Across the Waters

This ministry exists to encourage awareness of needs inside and outside of our country and an opportunity to be directly involved. Weekly offerings are collected by the children after the children's story during the church service. Projects have included books for an orphanage in Mexico; a trip to help with orphanage construction; educational support of girl scholars in Africa; basic necessities for children in Gambell, Alaska; Canvasback Missions, providing health services and education in the South Pacific; construction of a preschool/elementary school in Ukraine; outfitting a science classroom at a Belize high school; improving sanitation in a Lesotho (Africa) hospital; school scholarships for students and orphans in both India and Namibia (Africa); financial assistance to an orphanage in Ukraine; and an instructional mission trip to teach Native American students science and technology classes in Arizona.

Homeless Care Packages

Distribution of gallon-size Ziploc® bags containing basic necessities to the homeless at freeway off-ramps. Contents of the bags may include soap, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, razor, shampoo, first-aid kit, sewing kit, pocket Bible, hand sanitizer, wipes, tissues, flashlight, emergency blanket, feminine hygiene supplies, and food.

Housing Ministry

The Green Lake Housing Ministry focuses on providing housing support for families and individuals who are in the Seattle area temporarily either for medical reasons, job interviews, visits to local academic institutions to explore possible enrollment options, or other similar needs. It currently supports four sites, including two that are owned by the Green Lake Foundation. Recent guests have been those coming to Seattle primarily for emergency or other major medical reasons. The Housing Ministry provides a quiet, beautiful home base for these patients or their families while dealing with life-changing events.

Neighborhood Meal

Green Lake Church provides a monthly meal at a Lake City church for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Lecture Series

Twice yearly—spring and autumn—Green Lake Church sponsors a weekend Lecture Series with guest speakers on topics of theology and ethics. Contact the church office (206-522-1330) to be notified about future programs.

Spiritual Direction

Pastor McGill welcomes opportunities for conversation about spirituality or whatever is happening in your life. To set up a visit—at the church, a coffee shop, or elsewhere—contact the church office. The best days for appointments are Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Ronald McDonald House

Every Thanksgiving, Green Lake Church provides the food for Thanksgiving dinner at the Ronald McDonald houses associated with Children’s Hospital. We typically feed about 80 families. Leftover funds and donated goods are provided to stock the pantries of the houses throughout the year.

Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid

Green Lake Church is beginning a ministry of collecting new and lightly used toddler clothing and shoes for Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid in Everett. For the past fifty years, Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid has provided vital services to pregnant women and families with young children up to the age of 5 in Snohomish County without judgment or strings attached. This help includes maternity clothing, baby layettes, diapers, formula, furniture, children’s clothing (up to size 5T), toys, shoes, and new car seats. Financial contributions are accepted at <https://www.twoheartswa.org/giving/>.

Green Lake Preschool and Childcare Center

For more than twenty years, Green Lake Church has been the parent organization for the Green Lake Preschool and Childcare Center. Now a stand-alone nonprofit operating on the premises of the church, the preschool continues to provide quality childcare to the Green Lake community. People of all faiths and those without religious traditions are welcome at the preschool. It’s a safe place for any child to experience the important common denominators of unity, equality, respect, sharing, and community spirit. Since 1999, Green Lake Preschool has been continuously accredited by NAEYC. Late in 2016, the Green Lake Preschool and Childcare Center opened a second campus, Woodland Hall, at 516 NW 56th Street in Ballard.



THE GREEN LAKE CHURCH CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Green Lake Church Candlelight Christmas Concert began fifty-seven years ago to raise money for a missionary family. In the fall of 1965, the local chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine (spouses of Loma Linda University School of Medicine alumni) planned to assist a missionary doctor in Africa. Joyce Grauman, the Auxiliary President, not knowing she was about to start a tradition, had an idea for a fundraiser. She asked her father-in-law, Dr. Arthur Grauman, the Green Lake Church organist and choir director, "Could the Auxiliary sponsor a Christmas concert featuring Green Lake Church musicians and take a mission offering?" Dr. Grauman (a Loma Linda University School of Medicine alumnus) thought it was a splendid idea.

On December 24, 1965, Green Lake Church was filled for the first Candlelight Christmas Concert. The happy recipients of the offering were Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sturdevant at the Kendu Mission Hospital in Kenya, East Africa. They used the money to purchase a long-needed, new anesthesia machine.

Such a joyous event begged to be repeated, and by 1968 the concert was listed as the "Fourth Annual Christmas Candlelight Concert." The concert is now sponsored by Green Lake Church, and the organization receiving the entire offering is closer to home.

We are grateful for all the choir directors, organists, and other musicians who have planned and participated in the concerts since 1965, and especially grateful to the Women's Auxiliary and to Joyce Grauman for starting this beloved Green Lake Church Christmas tradition.

A special thanks to Joyce Grauman and the late Janet Grauman Johnson for relating their memories, to church secretaries for filing bulletins and newsletters, and to the late Mildred Jensen for preserving choir programs (and knowing where to find them upon request).

— Dana Waters and Wanda R. Griffiths

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