



New Jersey  
*Master Chorale*



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JASON VODICKA, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
IN CONCERT PRESENTS

# JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT

**DEC. 10, 2023**

7PM IN THE CHURCH

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- ORGAN, BRASS, & PERCUSSION
- SELECTIONS FROM VIVALDI'S *GLORIA*
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- TRADITIONAL SEASONAL FAVORITES



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*Soli Deo Gloria*

**The New Jersey MasterChorale  
presents  
*Joyful and Triumphant*  
Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

**Welcome**

Patricia Del Camp, Music Committee Chairperson

**Invocation**

Reverend Chris Heckert, Senior Pastor

*Please hold applause until the end of each set, indicated by \*\*\**

***Angelus ad Pastores Ait***

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

**Brass Ensemble**

***A Hymn of Christmas: O Come All Ye Faithful***

arr. David Willcocks

**Congregation, NJ MasterChorale, and Orchestra**

1. 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!

2. God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten not created; [Refrain]
3. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]
4. 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]

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***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

11th cent. Sanctus trope, arr. Douglas & Weisser

***Prepare the Way O Zion***

Zanaida Robles (b. 1979)

***In splendoribus sanctorum***

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

In splendoribus sanctorum      In the brightness of the saints:  
ex utero ante luciferum genui te.      From the womb before the daystar I begot you.

**William Gregory, trumpet**

***The Blessings of Mary***

North Carolina Folksong, arr. Mack Wilberg

**Kimberly Weiler, soprano**

***O Radiant Dawn***

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

***Unto Us is Born a Son***

arr. David Willcocks

**NJ MasterChorale; Orchestra; Jason Vodicka, conductor**

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***Festival First Nowell***

arr. Dan Forrest

**Congregation, NJ MasterChorale, Orchestra; Ben Shively, Conductor**

1. The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

2. ***Choir only***

3. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought. [Refrain]

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***Gloria***

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

1. Gloria in excelsis deo  
Glory to God in the highest
2. Et in terra pax  
And on Earth peace to people of good will
3. Laudamus te  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you
7. Domine fili unigenite  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son
11. Quoniam tu solus sanctus  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
12. Cum sancto spiritu  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Kathleen Bandaruk and Carol Richmond, sopranos; NJ MasterChorale; Orchestra; Jason Vodicka, conductor**

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***Invitation to Offering***

Bob Shaffer, NJMC Board

***Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter***

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

BWV 650 from the "Schubler" Chorales

**Matt Smith, Organist**

***Dona Nobis Pacem***

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

6. O man greatly beloved

Noah Donahue, tenor, and Patricia Fisher, soprano; NJ MasterChorale; Orchestra; Jason Vodicka, conductor

***Hark the Herald Angels Sing***

arr. David Willcocks

Congregation, NJ MasterChorale, and Orchestra

1. 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 hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]
3. 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 we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

**Program Notes**

During the month of December, it can seem like we are surrounded by nothing but joy and triumph. Made for TV movies make it seem like these feelings are never more than 90 minutes and a small misunderstanding away. Even the Christmas story fast-forwards through the weeks of travel on donkey back, giving birth in a barn, and the mad-dash flight to Egypt, born out of fear for the life of a small child.

In the real world, moments of joy and triumph are tempered by the work of preparation and expectation, and often infused with stress, anxiety, loss, and confusion. This program celebrates the joy and triumph of Christmas while also acknowledging, exploring, and honoring the many complex emotions we have at this time of year.

In the last movement of his masterpiece *Dona Nobis Pacem*, composer Ralph Vaughan Williams juxtaposes the refrain of the angels ("good will toward men") with the final words of the Catholic Mass ("dona nobis pacem," grant us peace). This juxtaposition reminds us that peace, joy, and ultimately triumph do not come as gifts, but through the work of love, care, and good will toward each other.

## About Tonight's Performers

### Jason Vodicka, Music Director

Jason Vodicka is associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at Rider University, where he works with students in the School of Communication, Media, and Performing Arts, and Westminster Choir College. Known for his innovative work in choral pedagogy, Dr. Vodicka has conducted numerous honor choirs and presented at state, regional, national, and international conferences on music education. His writing can be found in publications such as *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*; *The Oxford Handbook of Choral Pedagogy*, and *Visions of Research in Music Education*.

### Matthew Smith, Organist

Matt has served as the Organist at Haddonfield UMC since attaining his Master of Music degree from Princeton, NJ's Westminster Choir College. He was awarded First Place at the 2017 Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance and continues to perform recitals on piano and organ at various venues. Matt's most recent recital as featured organist at the 2020 Mi Wha Lee Memorial Recital can be enjoyed by visiting HUMC's YouTube channel ([youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC](https://youtube.com/HaddonfieldUMC)). He currently serves as Organist and Choirmaster at HUMC.

### Ben Shively, Assistant Conductor

Benjamin Shively is a music educator and choral conductor who holds a Bachelor of Music in Education from the University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory of Music & Dance. In his work as Choir Director at Rodeo Palms Junior High School in Houston, TX, Ben earned recognition as 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year on his campus. He is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at Westminster Choir College, where he serves as a graduate assistant for Dr. James Jordan. Ben also serves as Music Director at Hopewell United Methodist Church, Hopewell, NJ.

### New Jersey MasterChorale

The New Jersey MasterChorale is a 70-voice symphonic choir which was begun over 45 years ago as the Haddonfield UMC Oratorio Choir. An outreach of the HUMC music ministry, the NJMC has recently performed major works such as Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*, *Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms*, and John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*. In addition to Philadelphia Orchestra and Friends, NJMC has recently partnered with other professional ensembles, such as Symphony in C, ChildrenSong of NJ, and the HUMC Holtz Handbell Choir. For information about joining the NJMC, please email [NJMC@haddonfieldumc.org](mailto:NJMC@haddonfieldumc.org). Auditions will be held in January, 2024, for the upcoming spring season.

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**The New Jersey MasterChorale**  
**Jason Vodicka, Director**  
**Matt Smith, Accompanist**  
**Ben Shively, Assistant Conductor**

***Soprano 1***

Kathleen Bandaruk  
Ruth Earley  
Patricia Fisher  
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Marilyn Frynkewicz  
Laura Gealt  
Kate MacLennan

Lois Purcell  
Rachel Reiter  
Carol Richmond

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***Soprano 2***

Sally Brinkerhoff  
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Michele Davis-Tortu  
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Ruth Griesback  
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Christine Cassel  
Stephanie Davis  
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Kathryn Tusler  
Carol Walton

***Tenor 1***

Angel Gomez\*  
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Joel Schwartz

***Tenor 2***

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**The Orchestra**

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