# 52nd Annual Christmas Concert

# THE MOODY CHURCH 52nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Moody Church Choir and Orchestra Pastor Tim Stafford, conductor

This concert is being recorded live.

Please silence all phones and devices and be careful to not use flash photography or any lighted recording devices.

Parents with small children, please sit close to an aisle near an exit so that you can leave the Sanctuary easily if your child needs a break.

You can still view the concert live in Room 103 and 307, which are close to restrooms.

Please feel free to contact the ushers with any questions.

They will be glad to assist you.



#### **PROGRAM**

#### A Christmas Festival

Orchestra

Leroy Anderson

#### Hodie

arr. Dr. Gerald Edmonds (1936–2022)

On this day, earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, Born on earth to save us; Him the Father gave us. *Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!* 

God's bright star o'er His head, wise men three to Him led. Kneel they low by His bed, lay their gifts before Him, praise Him and adore Him.

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, Praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us. *Gloria!* 

Personent Hodie - Traditional Text and Music 12th-14th Centuries

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregation stands to sing

Hymn 249

# And the Glory, from Messiah

George Frederic Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Text from Isaiah 40:5

# Glory to God

Jordyn and Joshua Fraats, duet

David Binion, Josh Dufrene, Colin Edge, arr. Joshua Spacht

Glory to God in the highest, peace on the earth, peace on the earth! Glory to God in the highest, peace on the earth, goodwill to men.

People walking in the dark finally see the light.

Angels sing around with joy, piercing through the night.

Wise men travel from afar, gifts to Him they bring. Now behold the Son of God, Christ, the newborn King!

Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God! Peace on the earth, goodwill to men!

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#### Sing Noel (Go Tell It on the Mountain)

Children's Ensemble; Johanna Fraats, soloist

arr. David Hamilton

While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night, Behold! Throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth, Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn!

Go, tell it on the mountain, tell it over and over and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

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# The Spirit of Christmas

Orchestra

Michael W. Smith, arr. Dan Galbraith

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# Silent Night

Franz Grüber, arr. Dan Galbraith

Congregation stands to sing

All Is Well

Wayne Kirkpatrick, Michael W. Smith, arr. Ronn Huff

All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice! For tonight, darkness fell into the dawn of Love's light.

All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger.

All is well, all is well. Lift up your voice and sing. Born is now Emmanuel; born is our Lord and Savior.

Sing alleluia, all is well

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Elsa Wiese, soloist

#### Little Town

Phillips Brooks, arr. Joshua Spacht

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven.

We hear the Christmas angels; the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

No ear may hear His coming, but in the world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Rejoice! People of the earth. Rejoice! Celebrate his birth, Rejoice! Hail the newborn King! Let Heaven and nature sing!

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# Joy to the World

Hymn 270

Congregation stands to sing

# SHARING JOY WITH THE WORLD

Philip Miller, Senior Pastor

Sleigh Ride

Orchestra

Leroy Anderson

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#### White Christmas

Irving Berlin, arr. Mac Huff, John Moss

The sun is shining, the grass is green, the orange and palm trees sway; There has never been such a day in Beverly Hills, LA! But it is December the twenty-fourth, and I am longing to be up North.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas just like the ones I used to know. Where the treetops glisten and the children listen to hear the sleigh bells in the snow. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas with every Christmas card I write. May your days be merry and bright and may all your Christmases be white.

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#### Let Us Adore Him (Gesu Bambino)

arr. David Hamilton

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced; And at His blessed birth, the stars their exultation voiced!

O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again, the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night, That gave the world its Christmas Rose, the King of Love and light. Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell! From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

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#### Welcome to Our World

Evan Sinnema, soloist

Chris Rice, arr. Dan Galbraith

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking, how we need to hear from God.

You've been promised, we've been waiting, welcome, Holy Child.

Hope that You don't mind our manger; how I wish we would have known.

But, long-awaited Holy Stranger, make Yourself at home, please make Yourself at home.

Bring Your peace into our violence, bid our hungry souls be filled.

Word now breaking heaven's silence, welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us, tender brow prepared for thorn, tiny heart whose blood will save us, unto us is born.

So, wrap our fallen flesh around You, breathe our air and walk our sod, Forgive our sin and make us holy, perfect Son of God, welcome to our world.

Chris Rice, arr. Brent Roberts, ©1995 Clumsy Fly Music

#### MESSAGE

Philip Miller, Senior Pastor

Noel Johanna Fraats, soloist

Ed Cash, Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, arr. Cliff Duren

Love incarnate, love divine. Star and angels gave the sign.

Bow to Babe on bended knee, the Savior of humanity.

Unto us a Child is born. He shall reign forevermore.

Noel, Noel! Come and see what God has done.

Noel, Noel! The story of amazing love.

The Light of the world given for us. Noel!

Son of God and Son of man there before the world began.

Born to suffer, born to save, born to raise us from the grave.

Christ the everlasting Lord, He shall reign forevermore.

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# Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah

George Frederic Handel

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,

And He shall reign forever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!

Text from Revelation 19:6, 16; 11:15

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Larry McCarthy

# We Wish You a Merry Christmas

arr. Arthur Harris

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin, Glad tidings of Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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#### **PERSONNEL**

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To give, simply scan the QR code (or visit **moodychurch.org/concert-offering**) and select the number of packs or amount you'd like to give.



Take the music of The Moody Church home with you! Our most recent Christmas recording, *Christmas Festival*, captures the essence of this concert so you can share it with others—or enjoy it all over again!



# **Tracks Include:**

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# YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US:



# **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00pm

This simple and beautiful service is the perfect way to begin your Christmas celebrations. We read from the Scriptures and sing carols accompanied by a string ensemble. At the end of the evening, the entire sanctuary is filled with candlelight as we sing "Silent Night." In all the busyness of the season, you won't regret taking the time to reflect, to listen, and to worship the Savior who was born for you. Info: moodychurch.org/christmas-eve

# **Weekly Programs**

## **Sundays**

Service: 10:00am

Communities: 8:30am & 11:30am TMC Kids: 9:45am & 11:30am

# Wednesdays

Programs & classes for all ages: 6:30pm

Prayer Meeting: 6:45pm

# Join Us in 2024

March 29 Good Friday

March 31 Easter Sunday

December 8 Christmas Concert

December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

