54th Annual Christmas Concert

December 13, 2025

THE MOODY CHURCH 54th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Parents with small children, please sit close to an aisle near an exit so you can leave the sanctuary easily if your children need attention. The concert can be viewed live in Rooms 103 and 307.

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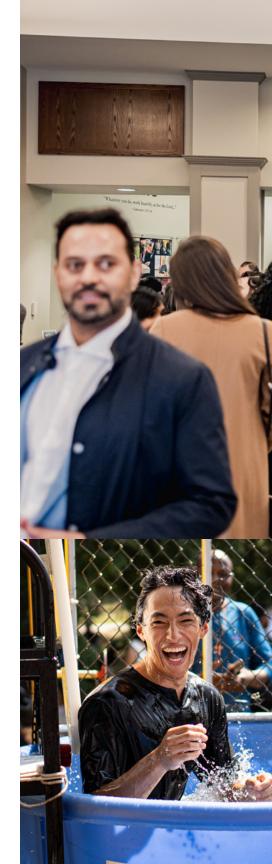
WELCOME TO THE MOODY CHURCH!

We're delighted you're celebrating the Christmas season with us. Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, The Moody Church has been celebrating the joy of changed lives since 1864. We believe Jesus is inviting you to know God through worship, feed your soul through community, grow in love through service, and change your world through mission—we call this the *Journey of a Lifetime*.

During this season, may we all reflect on the real meaning of Christmas, remembering the words of John: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." And with no room at the inn, the Son of God was born in a manger: His arrival announced by an angel to shepherds: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." We should shout as did the multitude of the heavenly host with the angel on that historychanging day: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" The babe in the manger was born to die on a cross—for you.

If you're visiting, we would love the chance to meet you. Please stop by our Connection Center after the concert to say hello and to ask questions about our Savior and how you can become part of God's family. You can also learn more about our ministries, upcoming events, and ways to get connected here at The Moody Church. Our team is here for you.

Thank you for joining us for this special Christmas celebration. May the hope of Jesus Christ fill your heart and home this season.





PROGRAM

A Christmas Festival

Orchestra

Leroy Anderson

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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!

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Sing Noel

Cliff Duren

Sing Noel! Come, let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord! Sing Noel! Lift up your voice, now go and tell: born is the King of Israel! Noel!

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains!

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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For Unto Us, from Messiah

George Frederic Handel

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder And His name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Text from Isaiah 9:6

Song for the King

Orchestra

Michael W. Smith, arr. David Hamilton

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Festival First Nowell

arr. Dan Forrest

The first nowell the angels 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.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

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. Arrangement Copyright © 2014 by GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrate, Rejoice!

Richard Smallwood

Let us rejoice, let's celebrate; for the Savior of the world is born today. The Anointed One is to be praised. Sing Hallelujah! Let's celebrate.

For unto you, this day, in the city of Judah, is born a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And the government shall be upon His shoulder, and his name is Wonderful Counselor.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel.

Rejoice! Let's celebrate!

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Carol Medly

Congregation stands to sing

arr. Dan Goeller

Angels We have Heard on High, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Orchestra

arr. Matt Riley

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Sleigh Ride Orchestra

Leroy Anderson

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year Joshua and Jordyn Fraats, Soloists arr. Daniel Galbraith

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It's the most wonderful time of the year.

With the kids jingle-belling and everyone telling you, "Be of good cheer." It's the most wonderful time of the year.

It's the happiest season of all.

With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings when friends come to call. It's the happiest season of all.

There'll be parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting and caroling out in the snow. There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

There'll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

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Rhythm of Rejoicing

Gary Rhodes

Jesus Christ to us is born, O hear the piper who greets the morn, Bringing to a world forlorn the rhythm of rejoicing! Christ the Lord is with us now, the Son of God to the earth sent down. Hear the drums and fiddles sound the rhythm of rejoicing!

Come, remember what God has done! Sent from heaven, His perfect Son! Now, the Spirit of love will raise a great outpouring of praise!

With the angels let us sing, "Alleluia!" to our King!

Join the joyful song we sing. Come, lift your heart to the King of kings! Bells and tambourines will ring the rhythm of rejoicing!

Praise the Babe of Bethlehem, O praise the Spirit of Life He brings!

Praise the Father whose love begins the rhythm of rejoicing!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing! Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

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Congregation stands to sing stanzas 2 and 3

Silent Night

arr. Craig Courtney

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. Round you virgin – mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia." 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.

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I'll Give Him My Heart

Children's Ensemble

arr. Carol Cymbala

What can I give Him poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring Him a lamb. If I were a wiseman, I'd sure do my part. So, what can I give Him? I'll give Him my heart.

I'll give Him my heart, give Him my heart. What can I give Him, but all of my heart?

What can you give Him? What can you bring? What can you offer that's fit for a King? Bow before Jesus, that's where you can start. What can you give Him? Just give Him your heart.

Give Him your heart, give Him your heart.

What can you give Him, but all of your heart?

Give Him your heart, give Him your heart.

What can you give Him? Just give Him your heart.

What can I give Him? I'll give Him my heart.

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Johanna Fraats, soloist

arr. Travis Cottrell and Mason Brown

There is a King seated among us, let every heart receive Him now.

Where there is praise, He will inhabit, there will be grace and mercy all around.

Every burden will be lifted in His presence; every trophy will be laid down at His feet. There is a name that reigns above all others, Jesus Christ, the King above all kings.

Unto the lamb, honor and glory; worthy is He who overcame.

Buried in shame, risen in power. He is alive, the stone is rolled away.

All our worship will belong to Him forever. Death is conquered and our Savior holds the key.

There is a name that reigns above all others, Jesus Christ, the King above all kings.

It won't be long, we will behold Him, and every tear He'll wipe away.

We'll be at home; the war will be over. Soon we will meet our Savior face to face.

And all our worship will belong to You forever, holy, holy for all eternity.

Yours is the name that reigns above all others, Jesus Christ, the King above all kings.

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MESSAGE

Philip Miller, Senior Pastor

Manger Throne

Joshua and Jordyn Fraats, soloists

arr. Travis Cottrell and Mason Brown

You could have stepped into creation with fire for all to see,

Brought every tribe and nation to their knees,

Arriving with the host of heaven in royal robe and crown,

The rulers of the earth all bowing down.

But you chose meekness over majesty, wrapped Your power in humanity.

You could have marched in all Your glory into the heart of Rome,

Showed them splendor like they'd never known.

But you wrote a better story in humble Bethlehem, Creator in the arms of common men.

You will die for our redemption, and You'll rise so we can live.

Glory be to You alone, King who reigns from a manger throne.

My life, my praise, everything I own to Jesus the King on a manger throne.

From heaven to the cradle, from cradle to the cross.

Let heaven and nature sing, "This is our King!"

But the grave couldn't hold Him, our God has overcome.

Let heaven and nature sing, "This is our King!"

All hail the King!

Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

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Glory

Phil Barfoot and Cliff Duren, arr. Cliff Duren

Glory! Glory! Glory in the highest! Gloria! And peace on earth, goodwill to men!

Fear not, behold, I bring good tidings of great joy for every man. For unto you is born this day a Savior, Christ the Lord! And this shall be a sign to you: a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. This manger holds the holy infant Savior, Christ the Lord!

The shepherds came with haste to see the baby where He lay In Bethlehem that Christmas Day. Behold, a Savior, Christ the Lord! The wise men traveled from afar, their journey guided by a star. They bowed in worship at the sight of Jesus, Christ the Lord!

Go, tell it on the mountain! Tell the good news, tell it everywhere! Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

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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

*In keeping with a wonderful tradition, audiences usually stand for the performance of this chorus.

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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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US:



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24 at 6:00pm

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

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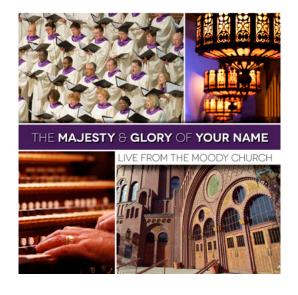
Take the music of The Moody Church home with you!

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:

A Christmas Festival
Hodie
Joy to the World
I'll Give Him My Heart
Sleigh Ride
Silent Night
O Holy Night
Hallelujah Chorus
We Wish You a Merry Christmas



You also won't want to miss *The Majesty & Glory of Your Name*, featuring many of our most memorable anthems and hymns recorded live at services and concerts at The Moody Church.

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Sunday Morning Service

at 10:00am

