

PJ and Friends Christmas Concert: Lessons and Carols (2025)

Prelude

ORGAN PRELUDE (AVERY)

- The band will go to places during the Organ Piece and Miguel will go to the Pulpit

1st Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

Genesis 22:15-18 (MIGUEL)

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

a. Piano will lightly underscore the first lesson

- Sing We Now of Christmas/O Come O Come Emmanuel (Full Ensemble)

- Violin will begin this from the Gathering Space and will walk down the center isle slowly while playing Sing We Now of Christmas slowly.
- When she gets to the front of the church all singers start singing.
- All Singers will sing 3 verses of Sing We Now of Christmas (Slowly)
- O Come O Come Emmanuel: Piano will start and drums will build on Em (4/4 rock beat)
- Instruments will play Em through the verses and then written chords on refrain
- All singers join from the beginning (harmonies are welcome and encouraged!)
- Verse 1
- Refrain
- Verse 2
- Refrain
- Refrain

2nd Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7 (ALICIA)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

- Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Full Ensemble)

- a. Refrain (Intro) (LUCA on trumpet)
- b. Verse 1
- c. Refrain
- d. Verse 2
- e. Refrain
- f. Verse 3 (All Instruments Pull way back to hear congregation sing!)
- g. Refrain
- h. Congregation will sing all three Verses (Hymn Style)

3rd Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9 (MIGUEL)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

- O Holy Night (Jen and Laura)

- a. Jen and Laura will sing Verses 1 and 3 (harmonies!!)

- A Christmas Hallelujah (Gary, Tessa, Susan, Kristen, PJ)

- a. Verse 1: Gary
- b. Refrain: All
- c. Verse 2: Tessa
- d. Refrain: All
- e. Verse 3: Susan
- f. Refrain: All
- g. Verse 4: Kristen
- h. Refrain: All – to KEY CHANGE from C to D
- i. Verse 5: PJ

- Noel (Bella)

- a. Starts with very light piano and bass
- b. Instruments build
- c. Play music as written

4th Lesson: Luke 1: 26-35; 38

Luke 1: 26–35; 38 (ALICIA)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The LORD is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the LORD God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the LORD; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

- The Angel Gabriel (PJ)

- a. Piano and Bass (Very Light) on Fm
- b. PJ will sing all 4 verses (Going for a haunting sound)

- Breath of Heaven (Laura and Jen)

- a. The 1st Ending is the INTRO with piano and violin
- b. Play as written
- c. Ladies split as you please

- Ave Maria (John Angotti) (Matt and Tessa)

- a. Matt will take the first verse
- b. Tessa will take the second Verse
- c. Full ensemble on the Refrain (Harmonies)

5th Lesson: Luke 2: 1; 3-7

Luke 2: 1; 3–7 (MIGUEL)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

- There Was Jesus (Nick Harrison)

- a. Nick will play piano and take the verses
- b. All Singers will enter with harmonies for refrain after Bridge
- c. Full ensemble on the Refrain (Harmonies)
- d. Nick sings final refrain alone

- Joseph's Song (Matt)

- a. Piano Starts vamping on C
- b. Follow music as written

- Mary Did You Know (Kristen, Miguel, PJ)

- a. Violin Plays Intro marked in music
- b. Follow music as written
- c. Miguel and Kristen
- d. PJ enters on bridge

Freewill Offering for Sydney Scrimenti (Singers to Help with Baskets?)

Carol of the Bells (Violins and Band) (While Free Will Offering Happens)

- a. Full Band will vamp on Em until Violins Enter
- b. We will play through the entire piece 3 times (Rock Feel)

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel (Chris, Phyllis, PJ)

- a. Intro by violin and band
- b. Verse 1: Chris
- c. All join with Chorus
- d. Verse 2 Phyllis and PJ
- e. All join with Chorus
- f. Verse 3: Susan
- g. All join in Chorus 3
- h. All on Gloria (at least 3 times) (HARMONIES!!)

6th Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16

Luke 2: 8-16 (ALICIA)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the LORD stood before them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the LORD. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the LORD has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

- Angels We Have Heard on High (Ensemble)

- a. Trumpet and Band will play the Intro Written in Music (Refrain with 2nd ending)
- b. Full ensemble will sing Verses 1 and 2 (Hymn Style)

- Somewhere in your Silent Night (Miguel and PJ) (All Singers on Bridge)

- a. Violin plays Silent Night as Intro
- b. Full band (Build softly)
- c. Violin play a harmony
- d. Verse 1 and chorus 1: Miguel
- e. Verse 2 and chorus 2: PJ
- f. Bridge (All Singers)
- g. Chorus 1b: Miguel
- h. All enter on "Lift Your Head" to the end

7th Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12 (MIGUEL)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

- What Child is This/Child of the Poor (PJ and Abby)

- a. Piano will begin soft vamp on Em
- b. Abby sing Verse 1 of What Child is This
- c. Abby will sing Verse 2 of What Child is This and PJ will sing Verse 2 of Child of the Poor
- d. Abby will sing Verse 3 of What Child is This and PJ will sing Verse 3 of Child of the Poor

8th Lesson: John 1: 1-14

John 1: 1-14 (ALICIA)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

- Little Drummer Boy (Ensemble)

- a. We will review as an ensemble: Everyone will play percussion!
(For King and Country)

- Joy To The World (Ensemble)

- b. Full band and ensemble (Congregation Sing)

- I Saw the Light (Christmas Star) (Ensemble)
Introducing the band

- a. Everyone will start with the end of refrain: "Praise the Lord"
- b. Verse 1
- c. Refrain
- d. Verse 2
- e. Refrain
- f. Verse 3
- g. Refrain
- h. Introduce Band and Singers
- i. Refrain

- Go Tell It On The Mountain (All) (Encore Song)

- a. Everyone Click Fingers and Sing Refrain Acapella!
- b. Refrain
- c. Verse 1
- d. Refrain
- e. Verse 2
- f. Refrain
- g. Verse 3
- h. Refrain
- i. TAG "That Jesus Christ is born 3x)

Band:

1. PJ Chavez (Vocal/Piano)
2. Luca Chavez (Vocal/Trumpet)
3. Kayla Brent (Violin)
4. Nick Harrison (Drum Set)
5. Eric Leidlein (Percussion)
6. Gary Cooney (Guitar/Vocal)
7. Kurt Swanson (Bass)
8. Avery Chavez (Organ)
9. Tim Darnell with the Hammer Dulcimer

Vocalists:

1. Miguel Chavez (Vocal)
2. Kristen Chavez (Vocal)
3. Tessa Chavez (Vocal)
4. Jennifer Miller (Vocal)
5. Laura Sideri (Vocal)
6. Matt Allen (Vocal)
7. Bella Ramos (Vocal)
8. Phyllis Mahaney (Vocal)
9. Chris Coz (Vocal)
10. Abby Schad (Vocal)
11. Susan Henniger (Vocal)

Screens and Technology:

1. Alicia and Ray Chiappini

Sound and AV:

Bryan White

Jeff White

Katrina Malensek