

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT



Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue, Northside, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

THE CONCERTS

We will be performing the 'Christmas' portion of Messiah in a festive sing-along concert. The audience is invited to join in on all eight choruses. Four soloists will perform alongside the Festival Choir, accompanied by an orchestra.

TWO PERFORMANCES

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14 – 4 PM

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Weekly Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings, beginning October 7, from 7:30-9:00 PM

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, December 12, from 6:30-8:30 PM

Please Note – Do not wear concert attire to the dress rehearsal, but dress in normal street clothes.

Attendance is mandatory unless approved by Karen Ferguson or Brian Burns. This is a full run-through with choir, musicians and soloists, and seating will be assigned.

Deadline for New Singers: Tuesday, November 4

KEY CONTACTS

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SCORES & RESOURCES

If you don't already have a score, we'll provide one for you at no charge. We use the **Watkins Shaw/Novello edition**. Links to each chorus part will be emailed to you, and you'll also receive a reference sheet with QR codes that link directly.

EIGHT FESTIVAL CHOIR CHORUSES

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| 1. And the Glory of the Lord (pg. 11) | 5. Glory to God (pg. 68) |
| 2. And He Shall Purify (pg. 35) | 6. His Yoke Is Easy (pg. 86) |
| 3. Oh Thou That Tellest (pg. 41 / chorus pg. 46) | 7. Hallelujah (pg. 171) |
| 4. For Unto Us a Child is Born (pg. 55) | 8. Worthy Is the Lamb & Amen (pg. 217) |

SIGN-UP FORM

A sign-up form will be passed around during rehearsals. This is so we have an accurate count of singers and parts. **ONLY SIGN THIS FORM ONCE.**

PROGRAM ADS & SPONSORSHIPS

Program Ad/Sponsorship Forms will be available at rehearsals and sent via email. We encourage everyone to participate by selling at least one ad—even a simple booster listing makes a difference!

Most effective approach is personal—ask businesses you already have a connection with – hairdresser, etc.

MARKETING

Posters (11x17), flyers (8.5x11) and postcards (4x6) will be available at rehearsals. A sign-up form will also be passed around at each rehearsal so you can volunteer for specific distribution areas and locations.

REMEMBER

- Always ask permission before posting.
- Always carry postcards to hand out to friends and family.
- Bring all materials to each location – businesses often have guidelines for what they will display.

Distribution Areas

- Sheetz, Starbucks, Panera and Giant Eagle as they typically have community bulletin boards.
- Coffee shops, restaurants, libraries, community centers, schools, campuses, music stores

COOKIES - HELP MAKE OUR COOKIE RECEPTIONS SWEET!

We'd love your help baking cookies for the Messiah concert receptions! Store bought is also acceptable.

- **Sign-Up:** A sheet will be passed around at rehearsals beginning in November.
- **Drop-Off:** Please bring them to dress rehearsal.
- **Cookie Guidelines**
 - Pack loosely (no individual wrapping), separate with wax/parchment paper if needed.
 - Throw-away containers preferred; label any container you want returned.
 - Clearly indicate type, gluten-free/vegan, or if refrigeration is needed.

TICKETS - PRICING

- **\$20** - General Admission
- **\$15** - Students, Seniors (65 & over)
- **Free** - Children (10 & under), Military, Firefighters, Police
- **Scores** - \$15 (sold online)

TICKETS - PURCHASING

- **Online - CalvaryPgh.com:** Please register "Free" tickets online to help track audience count.
- **Printed Tickets:** Available at rehearsals for Festival Choir members to sell.
- **Day of Concert:** At the door - cash or credit cards accepted.

CONCERT ATTIRE

- **All Performers:** Please avoid strong scents to respect those with allergies or asthma.
- **Women:** Black pants with a white or black top, or a black dress. Avoid anything too sparkly.
- **Men:** Black pants, long-sleeve white or black dress shirt, and a dark-colored tie. Suit jackets optional.

CONCERT REMINDERS

- **Belongings:** Bring coats, purses, and personal items to the church office (Chapel behind the Sanctuary). Coat rack available. Office locked during concert.
- **Folders:** Leave on chairs after final rehearsals.
- **On Stage:** Only water allowed. Keep tissues and cough drops in folders or pockets.

CONCERT DAY SCHEDULE - SAT, DEC 13

- 1:30 PM** - Festival Choir seated & ready to go
- 2:00 PM** - Add Soloists & Orchestra
- 3:15 PM** - Doors Open
- 4:00 PM** - Performance
- 5:15 PM** - Cookie Reception (Chapel)

CONCERT DAY SCHEDULE - SUN, DEC 14

- 1:30 PM** - Catered Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:30 PM** - All performers seated & ready to go
- 3:15 PM** - Doors Open
- 4:00 PM** - Performance
- 5:15 PM** - Cookie Reception (Chapel)

PARKING - FESTIVAL CHOIR

Tuesday Rehearsals & Final Friday Rehearsal

- (1) Behan Street lot
 - (2) Accessible lot behind the church if needed
 - (3) Presbytery lot
 - (4) Off The Floor lot
 - (5) Vacant Gravel Lot (Behind Row Houses)
- ** DO NOT park in (6) Lindos lot - you'll be towed.**

Concert Days

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