

Second Presbyterian Church presents the 2020 - 21 Cousts Music Series

Advent Vespers
December 6, 2020
4:00 pm

~ **The Vespers Order** ~

Welcome

Andrew Peters, Minister of Music

Reading

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Roftiel Constantine, reader

Hymn

Prepare the Way

Beredem Väg För Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Reading

God Said

Frederick John Steffen
Tom Pearce, reader

Anthem

Kyrie

Grayston Ives
Choir Section Leaders

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Advent Response

Tom and Emily Pearce, readers

Sung Response

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Geonyong Lee
Olivia Roland, alto soloist

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Come, hope of unity; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

-Geonyong Lee, translated Marion Pope

Reading

Set Me Free

Ted Loder
Helen Imes, reader

Anthem

Splendor is Coming

Walter Pelz
Pandemic Singers

Tree of David, terribly cut to ground, lay in her ashes.

Splendor is waiting in a kingdom of power.

Son of David, quietly born on ground, lay in His manger.

Splendor is coming in a kingdom of glory.

Child of David, gloriously rise from ground; stand in forgiveness.

Splendor is present in a kingdom for ever.

His splendor is coming and here, in a kingdom of power and glory for ever.

-Herbert Brokering

Prayer

Thomas Aquinas
Lawson Calhoun, reader

Handbell Response

Agape

Howard F. Starks
Second Church Handbell Choir
Becky Bogar, organist

Reading

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Laurentius Laurenti
translated Sarah B. Findlater
John Puterbaugh, reader

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130
Lawson Calhoun, reader

Anthem

Out of the Depths

Richard Peek
COVID Choristers

Out of the depths I cry unto Thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!
Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all
his iniquities. Out of the depths I cry unto Thee, O Lord!

-Psalm 130

Reading

When Christ is Born the Cosmos Sings Jane Parker Huber
Roftiel Constantine, reader

Anthem

Out of the Depths

Martin Luther
Choir Section Leaders

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Father, hear me calling.
Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.
Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs;
without it I am nothing.

All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with favor.
All our good works are done in vain without our Lord and Savior.
We praise the God who gives us faith and saves us from the grip of death;
our lives are in his keeping.

It is in God that we shall hope, and not in our own merit.
We rest our fears in his good Word and trust his Holy Spirit.
His promise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the holy signature
inscribed upon our temples.

My soul is waiting for the Lord as one who longs for morning;
no watcher waits with greater hope than I for his returning.
I hope as Israel in the Lord, he sends redemption through his Word.
We praise him for his mercy. *-Martin Luther, translated Gracia Grindal*

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Prayer

Presbyterian Book of Common Worship
 Ellie Brems, reader

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~ **The Participants** ~

Readers

- Ellie Brems
- Lawson Calhoun
- Roftiel Constantine
- Helen Imes
- Emily Pearce
- Tom Pearce
- John Puterbaugh

Pandemic Singers and COVID Choristers

Soprano

*Jackie Davis
Sue Hendrickson
Karen Kelsey
Christine Peters
Linda Pryor

Alto

Becky Bogar
Betty Dowd
Jean Merson
*Olivia Roland
*Holley Sherwood

Tenor

*Derek Dahlke
Lauren Shields
Bob Smorodin

Bass

Richard Reichle
*Josh Warren

** Section Leader*

Handbell Ringers

Betty Dowd
Sue Hendrickson
Karen Kelsey
Ellen Schroeder

Jim Ford
Janet Hill
Cora Lippi

Handbell Choir Organist

Becky Bogar

Handbell Soloist

Becky Bogar

Tambourinist

Becky Bogar

Organist/ Pianist and Conductor

Andrew Peters

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Please join us for upcoming events on the 2020 -21 Cousts Music Series.

Two Times True with Kim Fuller

Sunday, January 17, 4:00 pm

Jazz pianist Carolbeth True and her trio collaborate with singer Kim Fuller and mark the birthday and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Andrew Peters Organ Recital

Sunday, February 7, 4:00 pm

In celebration of Black History month, organist Andrew Peters performs a program highlighting the work of Black composers and music inspired by Black musicians.

Equinox Chamber Players

Sunday, March 14, 4:00 pm

Founded in 1998, the Equinox Chamber Players Ensemble is one of St. Louis' most vibrant chamber groups. Their diverse repertoire has won them acclaim, as has their dedication to community life with commissioned works and educational outreach concerts.

Young Artists Showcase

Sunday, April 18, 4:00 pm

The afternoon concert features Danielle Feinstein, soprano; Olivia Roland, mezzo-soprano; Micheal Lowe, baritone; and Sandra Geary, pianist, performing music from a wide-ranging repertoire. This concert is presented by the Centene Charitable Foundation as part of the 2021 St. Louis Bach Festival in collaboration with the Coutts Music Series.

Past events on the 2020 -21 Coutts Music Series:

Organ Plus

Sunday, October 11

Organist Andrew Peters is joined by a stellar trio of Hannah Frey, *violin*, Jennifer Gartley, *flute*, and Megan Stout, *harp*.

Air on the Six Strings

Sunday, November 1

Jennifer Nitchman, *flute* and Mark Akin, *guitar*, present "Air on the Six Strings" with favorites from the repertoire. This marks the debut performance by this duo.

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