

Grace & Holy Trinity Church
Presents the 3rd Annual

Caroling in Monroe Park

and

Holiday Market

December 3, 2023

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Music Program

Featuring

Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble
RVA Street Singers • Hood Temple Music Ministry
Greater Richmond Children's Choir • Brass Quintet

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



Welcome to the 3rd Annual Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market

Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity Church's (GHTC) third annual Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market. Food trucks River City Wood Fire Pizza, Purpose Espresso, and JC Desserts are providing food and drinks, homemade gifts by over 10 local vendors are available at our holiday market, and plenty of activities for the kids are available including ornament painting and a photo opportunity with Santa in his Model T.

Vendors and food trucks open at 3:00 p.m. The brass quintet begins at 4:15 p.m and is followed by Caroling beginning at 4:30 p.m. A tour of Grace & Holy Trinity Church's worship spaces is available after Caroling around 5:30 p.m., beginning at the steps of the Parish House entrance. Public restrooms are available inside of GHTC.

Release Information

Photographs and video of our services and events help keep our community connected and give visitors an idea of what to expect when attending our church and its events. By attending the 3rd Annual Caroling in Monroe Park & Christmas Market, you give consent to use photographs and videos including you in them.

A friendly reminder to silence your mobile phones before the program begins.

Brass Quintet Prelude

Alex Wilkerson & Michael Nguyen, *Trumpets*

Luke Sardinia, *French Horn*

Grant Cunningham, *Trombone*

Isaac Murrell, *Bass Trombone*

“Joy to the World”

“Go Tell it On the Mountain”

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

“The Christmas Song”

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman”

“Silent Night”

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”

Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Director*

Stanley M. Baker, *Pianist*

"Jingle Bells"

Dashing through the snow
in a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright;

What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!

Refrain: Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!
Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

Day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride,
and soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank,
Misfortune seemed his lot,
he got into a drifted bank,
and we, we got upsot.

Refrain

"White Christmas"

(Sung twice)

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
Just like the ones I used to know.
Where the treetops glisten, and children listen
To hear 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.

“Deck the Halls”

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Tis the season to be jolly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous, all together,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Brass Quintet Interlude

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

RVA Street Singers

Robin Rio, *Director*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis & Robin Rio, *Pianists*

Jim De Fazio, *Guitarist*

“Jingle Bell Rock”

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock,
jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring.
Snowin’ and blowin’ up bushels of fun;
now the jingle hop has begun.

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock,
jingle bells chime in jingle bell time,
dancin’ and prancin’ in Jingle Bell Square
in the frosty air.

What a bright time, it’s the right time
to rock the night away.

Jingle bell time is a swell time
to go glidin’ in a one-horse sleigh.
Giddy-up, jingle horse, pick up your feet,
jingle around the clock.

Mix and mingle in a jinglin’ beat,
That's the jingle-bell rock.

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that's the jingle bell,
that's the jingle bell
that's the jingle bell rock.

“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

“The Christmas Song” (“Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire”)

(Sung twice)

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
yule-tide carols being sung by a choir
and folks dressed up like Eskimos.
Ev’rybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
help to make the season bright.
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
will find it hard to sleep tonight.
They know that Santa’s on his way;
he’s loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh,
and ev’ry mother’s child is gonna spy
to see if reindeer really know how to fly.
And so I’m offering this simple phrase
to kids from one to ninety-two.
Although it’s been said many times, many ways,
“Merry Christmas to you.”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Brass Quintet Interlude

“Here we Come A Wassailing”

Hood Temple Music Ministry

Will Griffin, *Pianist*

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o’er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
‘Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all-gracious King.’
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

“Silver Bells”

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks,
Dressed in holiday style;
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.
Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile,
and on every street corner you'll hear:

Refrain: Silver bells, silver bells,
It's Christmas time in the city.
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring,
Soon it will be Christmas Day.

Strings of street lights, even stop lights blink a bright red and green
as the shoppers rush home with their treasures.

Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch,
this is Santa's big scene, and above all this bustle you hear:

Refrain

Brass Quintet Interlude

“O Christmas Tree”

GREATER RICHMOND

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Pete Curry, *Director*

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Pianist*

“The First Nowell”

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain: 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.

Refrain

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”

(Verse sung twice)

Introduction: You know Dasher and Dancer
and Prancer and Vixen,
Comet and Cupid
and Donner and Blitzen,
but do you recall
the most famous reindeer of all?

Verse: Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw it,
you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.
Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say:
“Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”
Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you’ll go down in history!”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

"Frosty the Snowman"

Frosty the Snowman was a jolly, happy soul
with a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the Snowman is a fairy tale, they say;
he was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found,
for when they placed it on his head he began to dance around.

Oh, Frosty the Snowman was alive as he could be,
and the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me.

Frosty the Snowman knew the sun was hot that day,
so he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away."

Down to the village with a broomstick in his hand,
running here and there all around the square sayin', "Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop,
and he only paused a moment when he heard him holler, "Stop!"

For Frosty the Snowman had to hurry on his way,
but he waved goodbye sayin', "Don't you cry, I'll be back again someday."

Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump, look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump thump, thumpety thump thump, over the hills of snow.

Brass Quintet Interlude

"Jingle Bells"

All Choirs

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Director*
Stanley M. Baker, *Pianist*

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

We wish you a merry Christmas,
we wish you a merry Christmas,
we wish you a merry Christmas,
and a happy New Year!

Refrain: Good tidings to you wherever you are;
good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!

Now bring us some figgy pudding,
now bring us some figgy pudding,
now bring us some figgy pudding and bring some out here.

Refrain

We wish you a merry Christmas,
we wish you a merry Christmas,
we wish you a merry Christmas,
and a happy New Year!

Brass Quintet Postlude

“Deck the Halls”

“O Holy Night”

“Good King Wenceslas”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“I Saw Three Ships”

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

“Away in a Manger”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Participating Choirs

Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble

The Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble sings regularly in the Parish Choir at Grace & Holy Trinity Church at the 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sundays. The Parish Choir also sings for special worship services such as the upcoming Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols on December 24th at 5:00 p.m., and for a special presentation of Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" with chamber ensemble on Sunday, March 3rd at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Parish Choir is directed by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist, and accompanied by Stanley M. Baker, Assistant Choirmaster & Organist.

Greater Richmond Children's Choir

Now in its 27th season, the critically acclaimed Greater Richmond Children's Choir (GRCC) has sung on four continents in over 40 languages and is recognized for its commitment to excellence and diversity. Under the guidance of Artistic Director Crystal Jonkman, and Associate Director Pete Curry, GRCC offers boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, the opportunity to excel through the graduated study and performance of high-quality choral music with students from all around the region. With generous support from the central Virginia community and beyond, GRCC offers tuition and travel scholarships to more than one third of choristers, making the program accessible to all. Beginner and advanced choristers alike are welcome to join. More information about the group may be found at grcchoir.org.

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Hood Temple Music Ministry

Under the leadership of their Pastor, Reverend Dr. Lorenza R. Meekins, the Hood Temple Music Ministry has been combined into one choir, "Anointed Voices." The core choir members have been members of Hood Temple and have sung together for 30-40 years. Their Acting Minister of Music is Tony Winslow. Will Griffin has faithfully supported and accompanied Hood Temple the last three years for Caroling in Monroe Park.

RVA Street Singers

The RVA Street Singers is an inclusive choral music experience that gives a public voice to individuals impacted by homelessness in Richmond by fostering community, acceptance, self-worth, well-being, and creativity in a safe environment. We were founded by the late VCU professor, Becky Tyree, in 2017 with the goal of building community through song. We are grateful to 2nd Presbyterian for their continued support. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/RVAStSingers.

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Grace & Holy Trinity Church's Christmas & Holiday Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24 | 8:00 a.m. (Spoken | *Chapel*)

Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24 | 3:00 pm (Choral | *Church*)

Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 24 | 5:00 pm (Choral | *Church*)

Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24 | 11:00 pm (Choral | *Church*)

Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist*

Monday, December 25 | 10:00 am (Choral | *Church*)

**One service only.*

New Year's Eve: Holy Eucharist*

Sunday, December 31 | 10:30 am (Choral | *Church*)

**One service only.*

Reminder: Childcare will be available from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

There is no childcare on Christmas Day nor on New Year's Eve.

The Parish Office will be closed for the holidays from
December 25th, 2023 - January 1st, 2024.

Church Staff

The Rev. Gregory Bezilla, *Priest Locum Tenens (Interim)*
The Rev. Paul Evans, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Stephen McGehee, *Priest Associate for Pastoral Care*
Stanley M. Baker, *Assistant Choirmaster & Organist*
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Vestry

David Lewis (*Senior Warden*), Meredith McGuire (*Junior Warden*),
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