



46TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

peace on earth

PEACE ON EARTH

Over 2,000 years ago, a baby was born in a manger. In the Christian tradition, this baby was God incarnate, the Savior of the World. Viewed as one of the most peaceful events in history, it likely wasn't peaceful at all! Can you imagine a birth in a stable alongside livestock? However, the birth of Jesus Christ would eventually result in the ultimate peace on Earth as he came to save the world from hatred, violence, division and death. Two millennia later, the holiday season doesn't look that peaceful. We all anticipated gathering with friends and family, celebrating the holidays and reminiscing about the things we are grateful for. Unfortunately, in the middle of a global pandemic, these gatherings might not happen this year. Now the new normal is riddled with uncertainty and fear. Even though this year doesn't look normal and may not feel peaceful, we should remember the birth of Jesus, which ultimately brought a peace that remains with us even amid our chaos. As the angels promised, "On Earth peace, goodwill toward all people" following the hectic birth of our Savior. We hope you can also find peace during this holiday season, that our music will usher in a season of peace. Written by **Elise Visscher, '23**.

DIRECTORS



MARK BABCOCK '91, M. JOAN KUYPER FARVER ENDOWED CHAIR IN MUSIC,
PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AND DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS

A native of Iowa, **Mark Babcock** earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Central College, a master of music in choral conducting and organ performance from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, and did doctoral work at the University of Iowa. He began teaching at Central in 1999. In 2011, he was awarded the M. Joan Kuyper Farver Endowed Chair in Music. As director of choral activities, he directs the select 60-voice A Cappella Choir, the select 24-voice Chamber Singers and the College Community Chorus.

The Central choirs perform a variety of repertoire, have an active performance schedule and enjoy an established tradition of choral excellence. Babcock is active in the music education and church music fields in addition to his work at Central. He is the president of Iowa Choral Directors Association and the cathedral organist/choirmaster at the historic Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines.



KRIS DEWILD '90, ACCOMPANIST, HARPISIT AND HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

Kris DeWild is the accompanist for the A Cappella Choir at Central, where she also teaches piano and harp lessons and directs the Handbell Choir. In addition to her work at Central, she is music director at Second Reformed Church in Pella.

PROGRAM

HANDBELL PRELUDE

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE MEMBERS: MADISON ZINK '23, DENALI LANCASTER '22, VICTORIA RIEWER '22 AND RACHAEL DANIELSON '22; KRIS DEWILD '90, HARP

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

“O Come, Little Children”

PART I. A CAPPELLA CHOIR

“O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)” _____ arr. John Rutter

Please stand if you are able.

Verse 1: O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Verse 2: God of God, Light of Light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb; Very God, Begotten not created. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Verse 3: See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; We too will thither, Bend our joyful footsteps; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Verse 4: Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above; Glory to God in the Highest; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Verse 5: Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

“All Praise to Thee” _____ Elaine Hagenberg

“Wexford Carol” _____ Elaine Hagenberg

“Shepherd’s Pipe Carol” _____ John Rutter

“Carol of the Bells” _____ arr. Peter J. Wilhouski

PART II. CHAMBER SINGERS

“Lord, Send Thy Light” _____ Mily Balakirev

“The Christmas Song” _____ arr. Walter Erhet

“To Him We Sing” _____ Robert Young

PART III. A CAPPELLA CHOIR

“Joy To The World” (Verses 2 and 3 sung by the choir only) arr. John Rutter

Verse 1: Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

Verse 4: 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.

“Away In A Manger” _____ arr. John Rutter

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” _____ arr. Kris DeWild

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” _____ arr. Craig Courtney

“Silent Night” _____ arr. Kris DeWild

PARTICIPANTS

A CAPPELLA CHOIR AND CHAMBER SINGERS

Mark A. Babcock '91, M. Joan Kuyper Farver Endowed Chair in Music, Professor of Music and Director of Choirs

Kris DeWild '90, Accompanist

SOPRANO

*Mollie Abkes '22
*Meredith Ackerman '22
Marie Bakken '23
Emily Bechtel '24
*Andrea Bogaard '23
*Kirsten Buniak '21
Abbigail Eicher '24
Katherine Hurlbut '21
Claire Livingston '24
Abigail Lowry '22
Abby Malecha '22
Addison May '24
*Cassandra Moss '24
Maddie Opp '24
Marina Paul '21
*†Victoria Riewer '22
Sydney Rosebrough '24
Elise Visscher '23

ALTO

Claire Ackerman '22
*Rachel Allen '22
Sarah Behrens '21
Jenna Brady '24
*Callie Clark '23
Megan Cross '23
*Grace Fehlhafer '21
*Grace Hanley '21
Liz Hurlbut '23
Madison Johnson '22
*Denali Lancaster '22
Brianna Lindstrom '24
Grace Teig '23
Victoria Warren '23
Kami Waymire '24
*Hannah Woerner '22

TENOR

Brant Bacon '22
Alex Barajas '24
Xavier Bryant '21
*David Burnett '24
*Matthew Dickinson '21
*Spencer Elbert '21
*†Cody Jacobson '22
Riley Konrad '24
Zach Osborn '21
*Richard Sanchez '22
*Ryan Stallman '22
*Nicholas Thompson '22

BASS

Cade Brouwer '24
Christian Brown '24
Evan Collins '24
Chase Cross '21
†Mitch Cross '21
Harold Dobernecker '24
*Logan Fehlhafer '24
Johnny Hemphill '24
*Ethan Herr '24
Rex Huinker '24
*Alex Krasko '23
*Bryson McGowan '24
*Gannon Oberhauser '24
Jacob Schulte '24
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*Denotes Chamber Singers

†Choir Officer

PARTICIPANTS

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Kris DeWild '90, Conductor

Rachael Danielson '22

Denali Lancaster '22

Victoria Riewer '22

Madison Zink '23

DOUWSTRA AUDITORIUM

HELP US COMPLETE THE SHOW

Central College continues to raise support to finish the renovations of historic Douwstra Auditorium. Still planned is a handcrafted pipe organ by world-renowned organ builder Casavant Frères of Canada. The organ will fill the auditorium with incredible sound and elegant beauty that harmonizes with the hall's state-of-the-art acoustics and renovated interior design. Also planned are needed back-of-the-house infrastructure improvements, including new air-handling and mechanical equipment.

Douwstra has been the heart of Central's campus since it was built and has been declared a historic landmark. When this project is complete, Central envisions Douwstra as a state-of-the-art regional concert hall that will grow performing arts and music programming for all Iowans and serve as a cultural resource to our state.

Central received a gift of \$100,000 in June 2019 from the Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant program that will help support general expenses for the remaining project needs.

Today, your support remains essential. Please help us fulfill the vision for Douwstra.

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"The organ will be a stunning display at the center of campus. It will help create an impressive and classic performance space. You don't have to be a music aficionado to be absolutely awestruck. Everyone is blown away by the sound of an organ."

– **Mark Babcock '91**, M. Joan Kuyper Farver Endowed Chair in Music,
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