



December 13, 2023

12:30pm

Anne Maguire, mezzo soprano  
Jo Deen Blaine Davis, organ/piano

*Program*

Welcome, Scriptures, and Prayer	Mike Rodgers
Do You Hear What I Hear?	Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day	John B. Caulkin
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine	14 <sup>th</sup> century German carol, arr. Roger. C. Wilson
Breath of Heaven	Amy Grant
Winter Snow	Audrey Assad
Cantique de Noel	Adolph Adam
Stille Nacht	arr. John Rutter
Benediction	
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	arr. Mark Hayes

Dramatic Mezzo-soprano Anne Maguire has been heralded by the Houston Press “One of the best singers of (her) generation...Titanic in retribution, yet able to float shimmering passages of tenderness.” Easily recognizable for her “dark” and “opulent” vocal timber, she is the recipient of the 2020 George London award, as well as awards from the Metropolitan Opera National Counsel, Jensen Foundation, Opera Birmingham, and various others. In 2021 made her Verdian debut as Azucena in *Il Trovatore* at Opera In the Heights and has also been seen as Baba the Turk in *The Rake's Progress*, Die Hexe in *Hänsel und Gretel*, Frau Mary in *Der Fliegende Holländer*, and Elizabeth Proctor in *The Crucible*. Anne has been the alto section leader at Congregational Church since fall 2015, and teaches voice privately in New Haven, CT.

Dr. Jo Deen (Jody) Blaine Davis, organ, is the Director of Music Ministries, a position she has held since August 2005. An enthusiast of church music, she has served on the board of the National United Church of Christ Musicians Association since 2012. She was elected president of the United Church of Christ Musicians Association in 2015 and remained in this office until late 2019. She is now on their National Advisory Board. Jody has been guest organist at the national United Church of Christ Synods in Baltimore and Milwaukee, playing for plenaries and all worship services. Jody is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Sigma Alpha Iota, PEO, and American Association of University Women. She holds the Bachelor and Master Degrees in organ performance from Eastman School of Music and the Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance from the University of Kansas. Jody recently announced her retirement from The Congregational Church of Christ, after eighteen years of service, effective December 20.

## YOU ARE INVITED

Sunday, December 17 at 9:45am – Christmas Carol HYMN SING.

During Worship: Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata* with Chancel Choir, brass, tympani, and organ.

Wednesday, December 20 at 12:30pm – Advent Musical Moments with Greer Lyle, soprano

Sunday, December 24

10:00am – Worship Service with Anne Maguire, mezzo-soprano

4:00pm - Family Worship Service with the Nativity pageant and children's choirs

6:00pm and 7:00pm services – short services with scriptures and music provided by

Greer Lyle, soprano; Anne Maguire, mezzo soprano; and Bryan Griffin, tenor.

6:30pm - Caroling on God's Acre

11:00pm - Contemplative candlelight service with communion. Music provided by

Greer Lyle, Anne Maguire, Bryan Griffin, and Hans Tashjian.

The string quartet prelude begins at 10:45pm.

Sunday, December 31 8:00am & 10:00am – Worship Services with Anne Maguire, mezzo-soprano

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