



Wednesday, December 6, 2023
12:30pm
Hans Tashjian, bass
Jo Deen Blaine Davis, organ/piano

Welcome, Scriptures, and Prayer Twee Haffner

The Advent John Ireland

Three Mystical Songs Alec Rowley
Three Jolly Shepherds
The Prophecy
Birthday

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers Awake), BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach

Schlafendes Jesuskind (Blessed Virgin's Heavenly Child) Hugo Wolf

*Blessed Virgin's heavenly child! How calmly on the wood of anguish dost thou slumber,
that the fervent master all the wondrous visions seen behind that brow,
those long dark lashes, changing oft in sweet succession. Blessed Virgin's heavenly child!*

What Child is This? arr. Sally DeFord

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Benediction

Postlude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Mark Hayes

Hans Tashjian, bass section leader for the Chancel Choir, most recently sang the title role in Handel's *Imeneo* with Opera Essentia and premiered a new song cycle *Paradoxides* by composer John Sichel. Other highlights include his debut at the Metropolitan Opera singing Count Ceprano in *Rigoletto* and appearances with Opera Baltimore as Méphistophélès in *Faust*, Teatro Nuovo as Callistene in *Poliuto* and the title role in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, and Houston Grand Opera as Billy in the world premiere of *The Snowy Day*. This season he performs with American Opera Projects' *Composers & the Voice* program. Mr. Tashjian is an alumnus of the Yale School of Music, Manhattan School of Music, and Carnegie Mellon University.

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. Recently Jody announced her retirement, effective December 20.

YOU ARE INVITED

Sunday, December 10 at 10:00am service – Recognition Sunday for Jody Blaine Davis
Prelude begins at 9:50am.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 12:30pm - Advent Musical Moments with Anne Maguire, mezzo-soprano

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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