

# Advent Musical Moments

**December 10, 2025**

**12:00pm**

**Greer Lyle, soprano**

**Nerva Altino, piano**

Welcome, Scriptures, and Prayer

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst, arr. Michael Wyatt

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Traditional, arr. Martin Green

Winter Snow

Chris Tomlin

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

Sleep On, My Son

Lana Chamberlain

The First Noel

Traditional/ arr. Carsten Gerlitz

Away In A Manger / Worthy Is Your Name

Maverick City Music

O Come All You Unfaithful

Sovereign Grace

O Holy Night

A. Adam

Benediction

Postlude: Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

**Greer Lyle's** artistry is blooming in the concert world today, being noted for her ability to “combine brilliance with subtle nuance.” (Rutland Herald) Ms. Lyle made her professional debut in 2018 as a Gerdine Young Artist with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. Once there, she earned the Gaddes Career Award and invitation to return as a Gerdine Young Artist in 2019. In spring of 2021, Ms. Lyle competed at the semifinalist level for the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. Greer is a graduate of the renowned Yale School of Music, where she attended full scholarship, receiving a Certificate in Performance in May 2022. Ms. Lyle’s recent performances include Berlioz's *Les Nuits d'été* (Summer Nights) with the Hamptons Festival of Music, Opquin's *In Dreams Awake* with Chamber Music Amarillo, Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the Yale Symphony, Villette's *Messe da Pacem* with the Yale Camerata, and selections from *Rusalka* and *Le Nozze di Figaro* with the St. Louis Symphony. Greer is passionate about not only her solo musical pursuits, but youth ministry and music. Ms. Lyle serves our church as Director of Youth Ministry and Children's Music Ministry. To best balance and grow in these pursuits, Ms. Lyle is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Liberal Arts with a concentration in business administration and management at the Harvard Extension School.

**Nerva Altino** began his piano studies with his late father, a former amateur church pianist in his homeland, Haiti. At 12 years old, Nerva went on to study at the Davis Music Studio, where he studied piano and organ. At 18, Nerva continued his musical training at the Atlantic Union College (AUC), where he studied piano, organ, and Sacred music. Following his studies at AUC, Nerva was accepted into the Manhattan School of Music, where he received a Master's Degree in Piano Performance. Nerva's genre blending style has taken him all over the world, including tours throughout the US, China, Europe, and the Caribbean. As a pianist, he has performed in many prestigious venues which include Carnegie Hall, Avery Fischer Hall (now David Geffen), Shanghai Symphony Hall, and others. As an organist, he has performed on some of the largest pipe organs in the world, including the Riverside Church, NYC, Woolsey Hall (Yale University), Mechanics Hall, and churches/Cathedrals in Europe. Nerva is part of a piano duo team with his brother, Robenson — together, they are known as the “Altino Brothers”. In addition, he currently serves as Director of Music Ministries here at the Congregational Church of New Canaan.

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Wednesday, December 17 at 12:00pm – Advent Musical Moments with Nerva Altino

Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm - Family Worship Service

6:00pm and 7:00pm – Abbreviated services with scriptures and music

6:30pm - Caroling on God's Acre

11:00pm - Contemplative candlelight service with communion

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