

Department of Arts and Humanities Presents

# *Festival of Christmas*

Bell Cultural Events Center

December 6, 2025 at 6:00PM & December 7, 2025 at 3:30PM

MidAmerica Nazarene University Heritage Choir  
MidAmerica Nazarene University Symphonic Choir  
Dr. Christopher M. Smith, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Chamber Orchestra  
Tina Bilberry, conductor

MidAmerica Nazarene University Concert Band  
Dr. Luke D. Johnson, conductor

Sarah Noé, accompanist

Scripture Readings by  
Rev. Andy Cook, Rev. Ron Jackson, Prof. Heather Tinker

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)  
Rowland H. Prichard (1811–1887)  
arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Please join us in singing the first and third verses.

*1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*3. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

**“And The Glory” from *Messiah***

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

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**There is a Flower**

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Lindsey Peterson, Brooklynn Hunt; soloists

**Greensleeves**

Traditional  
arr. Michael Hopkins

**“O Thou That Tellest” from *Messiah***

G.F. Handel

Elaine Fox, soloist

**Russian Christmas Music**

Alfred Reed (1921–2005)

**“For Unto Us” from *Messiah***

G.F. Handel

**Infant Holy**

Traditional Polish Carol  
arr. Rob Wiffin

**“Glory to God” from *Messiah***

G.F. Handel

Hope Dedrick, soloist

**O Magnum Mysterium**

César Carrillo (b. 1957)

*O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!*

*Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
was found worthy to bear  
the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!*

**Sussex Carol**

Traditional English Carol  
arr. Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

**“Hallelujah” from *Messiah***

G.F. Handel

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## MNU Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra

### Violin I

Tina Bilberry \* †, *concertmaster*  
Evan Flynn †  
Heather Cole †  
Emma Erickson  
Jack Mitchell  
Madeline Ferguson

### Violin II

Joseph Toma \* †  
Lynnora Stary †  
Brett Jackson  
Danielle VanSlyke  
Allyssa Hacker  
Kyleigh Tucker

### Viola

Andrew Bonci \* †  
Beth Macleod †  
Kristen James  
Catherine Yoksh

### Cello

Audrey Herren \* †  
Daniel Yung †  
Noah Beal †  
Jayla Brock

### Bass

Krista Kopper \* †  
Madisyn Cook  
Makenna Andrews

### Flute

Erin Butler \*  
Abigail Funk  
Gina Hart-Kemper †

### Oboe

Jenna Kirk  
Isabella Currie †

### Bassoon

Mark Adair †

### Clarinet

Peter Vessey \*  
Ethan Curtis  
Julia Wong  
Kaylee Papon  
Caleb Siders  
Allen Kossoy †

### Bass Clarinet

Ashlyn Hammel

### Alto Saxophone

Lacey Buxton \*  
Zoe Harding  
Kaleigh Guthrie

### Tenor Saxophone

Sage Adam \*  
Asa Light

### Baritone Saxophone

LeAnne Matthews

### Trumpet

Maggie McMath \*  
Maxwell Johnson  
Gabe Turley  
Grace Stroh  
Aaron Gaona  
Luke Johnson †

### Horn

Evelyn Adam \*  
Brent Crites  
Monet Edwards

### Trombone

Collin Downey \*  
Alex Wood  
Kennedy Krotzinger  
Ron McClellan †

### Euphonium

Christopher Winton \*  
Marshall Evans  
Joshua Haughey

### Tuba

David Waller \*  
Caleb Brandt  
Chloe Ashley

### Percussion

Camden Acheson \*  
Carlos Olivas  
Malachi Wasson  
Jacob Tireman  
Lindsey Peterson  
Aidyn Garrison  
Hudson Slayden  
Carlos Sierra-Mejia  
Amillya Morgan

† MNU Faculty/Staff or  
Community Member  
\* Principal Player

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## **MNU Choirs**

Ezekiel Albertson  
Herb Albertson †  
Isabella Almeida  
Chloe Ashley  
Chesney Bailey  
Ryan Beasley \*  
Dominic Beving \*  
Simon Boles  
Colton Buell \*  
Mary Burr \*  
Erin Butler  
Marty Butler †  
Lacey Buxton \*  
Abigail Campbell  
Jon Campbell †  
John Carver †  
Donald Chambers  
Sara Cockrum †  
Dejah Colding  
Chris Coleman †  
Daniel Coleman \*  
Michael Coleman  
Mark Corder †  
Brent Crites \*  
Ethan Curtis  
Bailey Darlington †  
Faith Demlow  
Harley Duffield  
Gracelyn Duncan \*  
Danielle Edwards †  
Monet Edwards  
Nikki Elkins  
Samantha Elkins \*  
Anna Emch \*  
Timon Emch †  
Kevin Erickson †  
Emma Erickson \*  
Manny Escobar \*  
Zuleima Escobar

Jarethzy Espinal  
Amaya Estes  
Christina Estes †  
Russell Ferguson  
Brennan Frye \*  
Abigail Funk  
Samuel Funk \*  
Aidyn Garrison  
Ashton Gleaves  
Sophia Gliser \*  
Akela Hawkins  
Kendall Hawes \*  
Elissa Hinojos  
Luke Hooker  
Danielle Houglan  
Brooklynne Hunt \*  
Melissa Jackson †  
Kayla Johnson  
Shirlene Kazmaier †  
Grant Kennedy \*  
Oliver Kelly †  
Troy Kennedy †  
Shirlela King †  
Naomi Lamer \*  
Asa Light \*  
Aliza Marinelarena  
John Mathias †  
LeAnne Matthews  
Mya Meinke \*  
Zack Midyett †  
Mark Miller †  
Regan Miller  
Caden Mitchell \*  
Carter Mitchell  
Kristanna Moore  
Ashlee Morey  
Amillya Morgan  
Aubree Morgan  
Noah Murdock

Joy Noé †  
Chester Oberg  
Samuel Olson \*  
Matthew Omundsen \*  
Ella Owen  
Kaylee Papon \*  
Hannah Peck  
Lindsey Peterson \*  
Kaitlin Pine  
Josiah Robinson \*  
Franely Rodriguez  
Martina Royer  
Lynene Sandbloom †  
Alexis Skramstad  
Hudson Slayden  
Hadley Speicher \*  
Grace Stroh  
Jaidyn Tabony  
Izzy Thompson †  
Olivia Thompson \*  
Evan Tschetter  
Danielle VanSlyke \*  
Carter Veach  
Peter Vessey \*  
Isaac Weldele †  
Gregory Whetstone  
Eli Whitacre \*  
Holly Wieneman †  
RebeccaSue Wiles  
Aaron Williams †  
Madison Williams  
Alex Wood  
Elizabeth Yeley \*  
Catherine Yoksh \*

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\* **Heritage Choir**



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## **Upcoming Performing Arts Events:**

### **MNU Improv**

January 16, 2026 at 7:30pm  
February 28, 2026 at 7:30pm  
April 16, 2026 at 9:00pm

### **Theatre Cabaret**

February 19-21, 2026 at 7:30pm

### **MNU Theatre:**

#### **Student Works One Acts Show**

February 27, 2026 at 6:00pm

### **MNU Chamber Orchestra:**

#### **A New Beginning**

March 1, 2026 at 3:30pm

### **MNU Concert Band:**

#### **From Sea to Sky**

March 7, 2026 at 6:00pm

### **MNU Choirs:**

#### ***The Messiah***

March 8, 2026 at 3:30pm

### **MNU Theatre:**

#### **Charlotte's Web**

March 26-28, 2026 at 7:30pm  
March 28-29, 2026 at 2:30pm

### **MNU Percussion Show**

April 11, 2026 at 7:30pm

### **MNU Jazz Ensemble:**

#### **Jazz-a-Que**

April 18, 2026 at 6:00pm

### **MNU Band, Choirs & Chamber Orchestra:**

#### **Let Everything That Has Breath**

April 26, 2026 at 3:30pm

To reserve your tickets for the concerts or shows, go to  
[bellcenter.mnu.edu](http://bellcenter.mnu.edu) or call the box office at (913)971-3636

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