



**The Ravenna Community Choir**  
**Christmas Concert**

*featuring*

*Advent Variations*  
*Manger Reflections,*  
*and Carols with a Twist*



**December 16, 2007**

**3:00 p.m.**

**First Congregational Church**

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Welcome

Janis Harcar

**ADVENT VARIATIONS**

***African Star Carol***

words and music by Michael Barrett

*Picture a clear night sky just before dawn on the African savanna. A brilliant star is visible over the horizon. As dawn breaks all the sounds of the plains awaken to sing praises to this dazzling new Morning Star sent by the Father of lights.*

**Debbie Myers, soloist; Jake Heller and Jon Rech, percussion**

***Celtic Advent Carol***

words by Michael Barrett;

music by David Angerman & Michael Barrett

*This lovely carol with a Celtic flavor admonishes us to be ready, open our hearts and "Light the candle, Jesus is coming!"*

**Janis Harcar, flute**

***African Advent Carol***

words and music by Michael Barrett

*It's back to the African plains again as we are urged to prepare our hearts and get ready for the King! Quoting the spiritual Kum ba Yah, the choir proclaims that "We are ready, Lord!"*

**Jake Heller and Jon Rech, percussion**

***When Will Messiah Come?***

words and music by Ed Kee and Dale Mathews

1<sup>st</sup> verse lyrics by Joseph M. Martin; arr. By Ed Kee

*The longing for a Messiah is captured in this Hebrew-style anthem reminiscent of "Fiddler on the Roof."*

**John O'Neill, clarinet; Hannah Sampson, violin**

**MANGER REFLECTIONS**

***Listen to the Silence of Night***

words and music by Pepper Choplin

*This lovely quiet introduction to our manger reflections quotes "Silent Night." Please join us in the first verse of this favorite carol. The words are on the back.*

**Linda Pierson, soloist**

**Mary's Dream**

words and music by Joseph M. Martin; arr. by Brant Adams

*In the silence of night Mary has a prophetic dream about her new little son.*

**Barbara Markov, soloist**

**Mary Sat A-Rockin'**

words and music by Greg Gilpin

*This lively and rhythmic a cappella anthem rocks!*

**And the Stars Sang**

words and music by Joseph M. Martin

*While Mary sings lullabies to her new Son, the heavenly stars (angels) begin to sing also, filling the night with music.*

**Edna Black, soloist**

**Here Comes the Light**

words and music by Joseph Graham

*As the stars sing, the heavens light up. This a cappella number quotes the traditional spiritual My Lord, What a Morning.*

**CAROLS WITH A TWIST**

**O Come Let Us Adore Him**

arranged by Philip Kern

*Almost "O Come, All Ye Faithful"; close, but not quite. Very rhythmic.*

**Variations on "Jingle Bells"**

words and music by John Pierpont;

arr. by Mark Hayes

*Don't try to sing along with this silly burlesque of the well-known song. The variations cover everything from waltz to jazz to operatic styles.*

**Elaine Wimer, soloist**

**The First Nowell**

arranged by Doug Andrews

*A nice jazzy/bluesy arrangement of the traditional English carol.*

**Debbie Benedict, soloist**

**Raise the Christmas Hallelujah**

words and music by Pepper Choplin

*This jubilant anthem quotes the traditional carol Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella and contains a faint echo of the Hallelujah Chorus.*

**We Three Kings**

arranged by Doug Andrews

*Another jazzy/bluesy arrangement. Cool.*

**I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

words by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow;

music by Johnny Marks; arr. by Lloyd Larson

*The words "Peace on earth, good will to men" in this lovely carol are echoed in the familiar dona nobis pacem counterpoint.*

**WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM**

**Keep on Following the Star**

words and music by Greg Gilpin

*Our wish is that we all keep on following the star of Bethlehem.*

**Linda Fosnight, soloist**

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*Thank you for attending our annual Christmas Concert! See you next year!*

## Acknowledgements:

Rehearsal facility:	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Performance facility:	First Congregational Church
Sound technician:	Dan Jankura
Programs and notes:	Barbara Markov
Decorations:	Rodger Evans
Ticket Table:	Jane DeYoung, Lou Klotzle

## Ravenna Community Choir Personnel

Brian Ames	Cathy Finch	Susan Maxwell	Kathleen Saylor
Debbie Benedict	Bob Fleishman	Lydia McFarland	Bob Shadley
Edna Black	Pam Fleishman	Debbie Myers	Kevin Skilton
Phyllis Boldon	Linda Fosnight	John O'Neill	Lisa Stone
Michelle Boring	Pat Gaffey	Marie Osborne	Debbie Sunderland
Jennifer Casey	Barbara Harter	Nicole Pahls	Patty Sykes
Charlotte Caywood	Fred Heckman	Faith Parrish	Joan Tucker
Paula Cline	Sharon Heller	Kathy Peters	Althea Vair
Frieda Dalrymple	Lois Hugill	Linda Pierson	Mary Werner
John DeYoung	Martin Hura	Don Pigg	Michelle Williams
Barbara Drabic	Sarah Jones	Kay Pigg	Elaine Wimer
Patricia Duvall	Harold Klotzle	Don Reed	Debbie Wolff
Eleanor Evans	Stella Kunkler	Angie Reedy	Laurette Yaeger
Rodger Evans	Barbara Markov	Susan Roy	Karl Zellefrow
Jeanie Ferguson	Olga Mason	Marcia Savage	

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## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night.  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin, mother and child,  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.