

VALPARAISO W UNIVERSITY

### FESTIVE CHRISTMAS

THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT

Friday, Dec. 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m. | Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, 5 p.m.



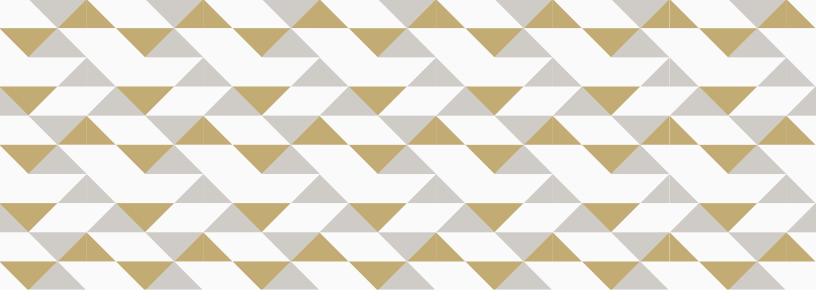


#### THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT

Two years ago, the academic calendar offered only one weekend between the end of Thanksgiving break and the beginning of final exams. In response, the Chapel of the Resurrection and the Music Department combined their separate seasonal events into the inaugural Festive Christmas Vespers. Last year, the Coronavirus pandemic halted all live music on campus, preventing any Advent-Christmas events in the Chapel.

This year, we are delighted to return with the offering of *The People that in Darkness Sat: A Festive Christmas Vespers*. This second (not quite annual) combined offering from the Music Department in cooperation with the Chapel of the Resurrection seeks to mark and honor the struggle that these past pandemic months have been for everyone. We have all suffered unspeakable losses. We have been, in the words of the John Morison hymn text, "the people that in darkness sat." It is tempting to despair, to see this all as our so-called "new normal." Yet, following the ninth chapter of Isaiah, Morison's lyric continues: "The people that in darkness sat, a glorious light have seen." This Advent through Christmas season, though it begins for us in darkness, nevertheless brings us to the shining forth of God's wondrous revelation. God will not abandon us to death and despair. Jesus will be our light.

So, welcome this night when we both acknowledge things as they are and celebrate our God who is, whose word bears witness to the full range of human experience. Valparaiso University is blessed beyond measure with talented and hardworking musicians, both faculty and students. Tonight you will hear students who have come from both near and far to join with their mentors in the wonderful work of music-making. We pray that their work be for your blessing.



## The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

Text: John Morison (1749–1798)

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

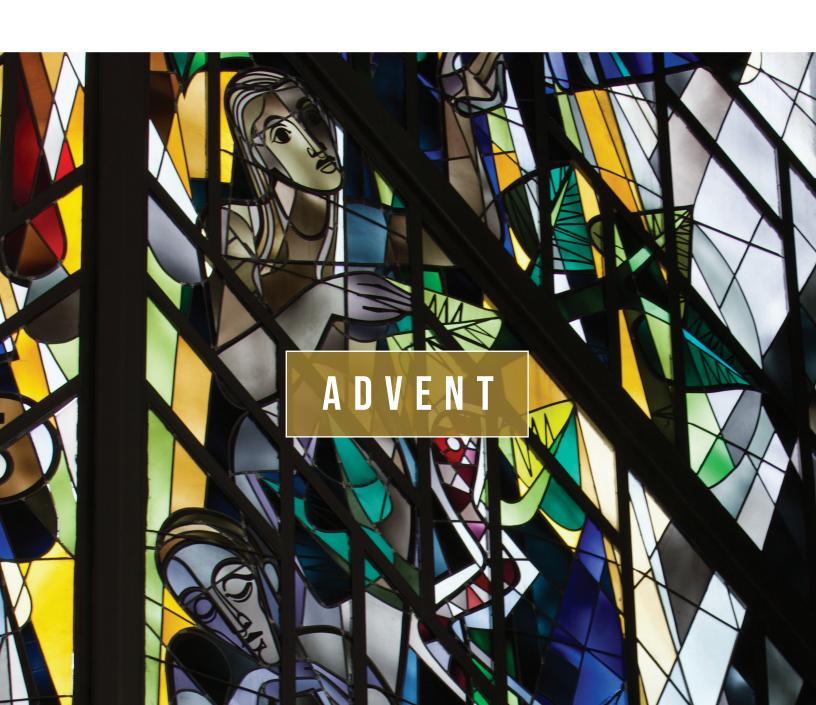
OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN | arr. by Ronald Turner | Resurrection Ringers

WACHET AUF | David Miller (b. 1972) | Sunghee Kim, organ

Two German Chorales for Christmas | arr. by Sharon Elery Rogers | Resurrection Ringers
I. In Dulci Jubilo
II. O Jesu, So Sweet

Es IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN, OP.122, NO.8 | by Johannes Brahms (1833–1897) | Sunghee Kim, organ

**RESOUNDING JOY** | by John F. Wilson (1929–2014) | Resurrection Ringers



#### OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN | Kantorei

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413 Music: Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

Amen.

#### READING: ISAIAH 64:1-9

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **DREAMS** | by Luis Diego Piedra (b. 1980) | Symphony Orchestra

(Note: Composed in 2021 and dedicated to the students of the Valparaiso University Symphony Orchestra.)

#### O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM | by Harry Boulton (b.1999) | Chorale

O magnum mysterium, O great mystery,

et admirabile sacramentum, and wonderful sacrament,

ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, that animals should see the newborn Lord,

jacentem in praesepio! lying in a manger!

Beata Virgo, cujus viscera Blessed is the virgin whose womb

meruerunt portare was worthy to bear

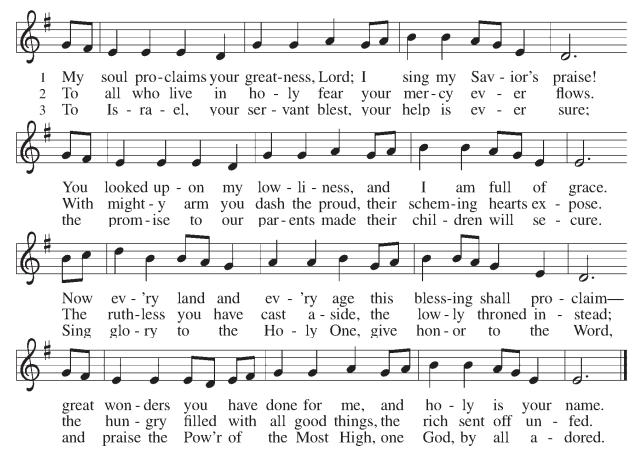
Dominum Iesum Christum. the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### FANTASIA ON THE DARGASON | by Gustav Holst (1874-1934) | Chamber Concert Band

ALL STAND AS ABLE.

#### My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



Text: With One Voice, 1995, based on the Magnificat
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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#### PRAYER

ALL ARE SEATED.

A Festive Christmas Vespers  $\mid \infty$ 





#### Hodie from A Ceremony of Carols | by Benjamin Britten (1913–1976) | Kantorei

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Hodie Christus natus est:

hodie Salvator apparuit:

hodie in terra canunt angeli:

laetantur archangeli:

hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Alleluia!

READING: LUKE 2:1-14

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Today is Christ born; today the Savior has appeared; today the Angels sing; the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest.

Alleluia!

#### WOLCUM YOLE FROM A CEREMONY OF CAROLS | Text: Anon., 14th Century | Kantorei

Wolcum, Wolcum, Candelmesse, Quene of Bliss,

Wolcum be thou hevenè king, Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.

Wolcum, Wolcum, Wolcum,

Wolcum, born in one morning, Wolcum be ye that are here, Wolcum Yole,

Wolcum for whom we sall sing! Wolcum alle and make good cheer.

Wolcum alle another yere,

Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon, Wolcum Yole. Wolcum!

Wolcum, Innocentes every one,

Wolcum, Thomas marter one,

Wolcum be ye, good Newe Yere,

Wolcum, Twelfthe Day both in fere,

Wolcum, seintes lefe and dare,

Wolcum Yole, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum!

ADORATION | by Florence Price (1887–1953) | Chamber Concert Band

#### **VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST.** | by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) | Chorale

Verbum caro factum est

And the Word was made flesh,

Et habitavit in nobis and dwelt among us, et vidimus gloriam ejus and we beheld his glory,

gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,

plenum gratiae et veritatis full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 - KJV)

#### CHRISTMAS OVERTURE | Samuel Coleridge-Taylor | arr. by Sydney Baynes | Symphony Orchestra

#### **SANCTUS: LONDON** | by Ola Gjeilo (b.1978) | Chorale

Sanctus, Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy

Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Lord God of hosts.

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

ALL STAND AS ABLE.

#### CANDLES ARE LIT.

#### ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT

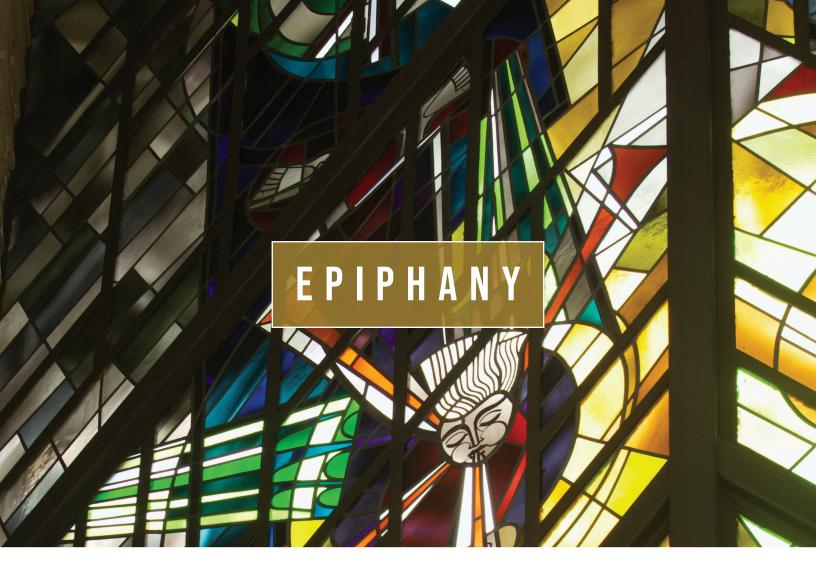
St. 1: All; St. 2: Choir; St. 3: All; St. 4: All



Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt. Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional Setting by Christian Guebert, b. 1988

#### PRAYER

ALL ARE SEATED.



#### TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME | Kantorei

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wandr'ng hunters heard the hymn: Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

Text: Jean de Brébeuf, 1593–1649; tr. Jesse E. Middleton, 1879–1960, alt. Music: French folk tune, c. 16th cent. Text: Tr. © 1927, Frederick Harris Music. Co. Ltd. Used with permission under OneLicense.net A-702845.

READING: ISAIAH 9:2,6-7

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

**EXALTATIONS!** | by William Owens (b. 1963) | Chamber Concert Band

#### A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

#### **BALULALOW** | Text: James, John, and Robert Wedderburn (1548), 1561 | Chorale

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit, Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,

And I sall rock thee to my hert,

And never mair from thee depart.

But I sall praise thee evermoir with sangës sweit unto thy gloir; The knees of my hert sall I bow, And sing that richt Balulalow!

#### As DEW IN APRILLE | Text: Anon., c.1400 | Chorale

I sing of a maiden

That is makèles:

King of all kings

To her son she ches.

He came al so stille

There his moder was,

As dew in Aprille

That falleth on the grass.

He came al so stille.

To his moder's bour,

As dew in Aprille

That falleth on the flour.

He came al so stille

There his moder lay,

As dew in Aprille

That falleth on the spray.

Moder and mayden

was never none but she;

Well may such a lady

Goddes mother be.

#### THIS LITTLE BABE | Text: Robert Southwell (1561?–1595) | Combined choirs

This little Babe so few days old,

Is come to rifle Satan's fold;

All hell doth at his presence quake,

Though he himself for cold do shake;

For in this weak unarmèd wise

The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,

His naked breast stands for a shield;

His battering shot are babish cries,

His arrows looks of weeping eyes,

His martial ensigns Cold and Need,

And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitchèd in a stall,

His bulwark but a broken wall;

The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes;

Of shepherds he his muster makes;

And thus, as sure his foe to wound,

The angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;

Stick to the tents that he hath pight.

Within his crib is surest ward;

This little Babe will be thy guard.

If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy;

Then flit not from this heavenly Boy!

**DEO GRATIAS** | Text: Anon, 15th Century | Combined Choirs

Deo gracias! Deo gracias! Deo gracias! Deo gracias!

Adam lay i-bounden, bounden in a bond; Ne had the appil takè ben, the appil takè ben

Four thousand winter thought he not too long. Ne hadde never our lady a ben hevene quene.

Deo gracias! Deo gracias! Blessèd be the time that appil takè was.

And all was for an appil, an appil that he tok, Therefore we moun singen.

As clerkès finden written in their book. Deo gracias!

**JUDEX** from Mors et Vita | by Charles Gounod (1818–1893) | Orchestra and Chorale

Sedenti in Throno, et Agno, To God high enthroned, and to the Lamb,

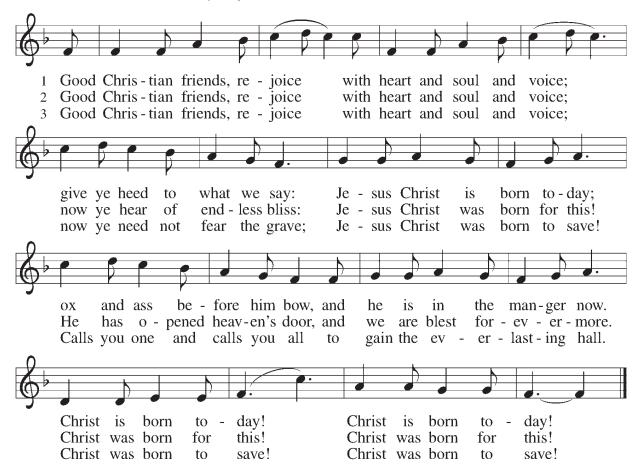
benedicto, et honor, et gloria, et potestas, be salvation, and honor, and glory, and

in saecula saeculorum. thanksgiving,

for ever and ever.

ALL STAND, AS ABLE.

#### GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE



Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

#### All are seated.

#### MOVEMENT I ("GLORIA IN EXCELSIS") FROM GLORIA | by John Rutter (b. 1945)

Choirs, Chamber Concert Band, Sunghee Kim, organ

Gloria in excelsis deo,

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te,

Benedicimus te,

Adoramus te,

Glorificamus te,

Gratias agimus tibi

Propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

We bless you,

We adore you,

We glorify you,

We give you thanks

For your great glory.

#### PRAYER

PLEASE EXTINGUISH CANDLES.

#### O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL | arr. by John Rutter (b. 1945)

St. 1: All; St. 2: All in parts; St. 3-4: All



## THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

#### VIOLIN I

+ Morgen Heissenbuettel | Ypsilanti, Mich.
music performance, psychology
Simeon Klepac | Wilmore, Ky. | music education
Savannah Jackson | Rockford, Ill.
mechanical engineering
Mark Sweeney | Warrenville, Ill. | meteorology

#### VIOLIN II

\*Olivia Maass | Fishers, Ind. | exploratory
Elizabeth Deml | Bedford, N.H. | mechanical engineering
Jeremy Freed | Three Rivers, Mich. | meteorology
Emily Nelson | Chicago | physics

#### VIOLA

\* Anton Pham | Goshen, Ind. | meteorology
Lucia Otten | Valparaiso, Ind. | exploratory
Gavin Tabor | Crown Point, Ind. | biology/chemistry
Reiana Thomas | Portage, Ind. | music
Steven Engel | Annapolis, Md. | computer engineering
Keelie Cantwell | Wheatfield, Ind. | biochemistry

#### Cello

\* Hallie Wolf | Kenosha, Wis. | chemistry

#### Bass

\* Jakob Wiegand | Saratoga Springs, N.Y. civil engineering Kyle Morrison | Lake Zurich, Ill. mechanical engineering

#### FLUTE

\* Genevieve Brown | Williamston, Mich.

music performance

Julia Pastore | Munster, Ind. | music therapy

Sammy Knapp | Georgetown, Ky. | engineering

#### Овое

Adelyn Carney | Appleton, Wis. | biology/chemistry

#### CLARINET

\* Max Ehlers | Milwaukee | biology/chemistry Camille Ancevicius | Homer Glen, Ill. | nursing Alex Appel | Valparaiso, Ind. | computer engineering

#### Bassoon

\* Nicholas Sanchez | Hobart, Ind. | music education Joel Stoppenhagen | Ossian, Ind. | music education

#### Horn

Maiah Deogracias | Fort Wayne, Ind. | art/communications Savannah Becka | Crown Point, Ind. | music

#### TRUMPET

\* Jacob Keen | Knox, Ind. | music education Kurt Mertzger | Vicenza, Italy | music education Ryan Gee | Princeton, Ill. | music

#### TROMBONE

\* Matthew Yee | Auburn, Calif. | civil engineering, music Adam Lindemer | Crown Point, Ind. | music education David Lee | Schererville, Ind. | music education

#### Tuba

Payton Wills | Valparaiso, Ind. | biology/chemistry

#### Timpani

Ricky Paz | Schererville, Ind. | music education

#### HARP

Olivia Norris | Franklin, Ind. | civil engineering

#### ORCHESTRA MANAGER

Ricky Paz | Schererville, Ind. | music education

#### GUEST HARPIST

Hui-Wen Fan, р.м. | Adjunct Professor of Music Valparaiso University

- \* Denotes principal
- + Denotes concertmaster

#### ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

**DIEGO PIEDRA**, **DMA**, is the director of orchestras at Valparaiso University. A strongly driven performer and educator, Professor Piedra feels at home working at the podium with student and professional orchestras. His recent professional conducting engagements have included the music directorship and conducting of Spectrum Orchestra, visiting orchestral positions at Luther College and the University of Toledo, and guest conducting appearances with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra in Michigan, the National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica, and the Municipal Orchestra of Cartago. In Costa Rica, Professor Piedra was in high demand as the orchestral conducting professor at the University of Costa Rica as well as a guest violin teacher and performer in Venezuela, Honduras, and Guatemala. He founded the national youth orchestra, called Manuel María Gutiérrez at SINEM (the Costa Rican

version of Venezuela's El Sistema), and was its music director and conductor from 2009-2011. Since 2014, Professor Piedra has been music director at the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's Summer String Camp, working as a conductor, violinist, and composer. As a professional violinist he has been a member of the prestigious New World Symphony in Miami, South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Oakland Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica, and concertmaster of the Orquesta de Cámara de Costa Rica. Professor Piedra participated as violinist and assistant conductor in the tour and recording of the University Symphony Orchestra of the University of Michigan (winner of four Grammy awards in 2006), which culminated at Carnegie Hall, New York.

## THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CONCERT BAND

JEFFREY SCOTT DOEBLER '87 M.M., PH.D., CONDUCTOR

#### FLUTE/PICCOLO

Tracy Bermingham | Portage, Ind. | music education \*Genevieve Brown | Williamston, Mich.

music performance

Kae Eberhart | Medaryville, Ind. | history
Brianna Irvine | Whiting, Ind. | biology
Jonah Morlock | Emmetsburg, Iowa | music education
Jordan Simko | Portage, Ind. | communication

#### Bassoon

Nicholas Sanchez | Hobart, Ind. | music education

#### CLARINET

Martha Harvey | Lockport, Ill. | nursing Abby Pintoy | Plainfield, Ill. | music education Ashley Velasquez | Sussex, Wis. | nursing

#### ALTO SAXOPHONE

\*Marcus Engstrom | Buffalo Grove, Ill.
music, math, physics
Emily Heggeland | Naperville, Ill. | elementary education
Anyia Wilson | Saint Hedwig, Texas | music

#### TENOR SAXOPHONE

Chris Gere | Naperville, Ill. | communications

#### BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Lane Madsen | Sioux Falls, S.D. | civil engineering

#### CORNET/TRUMPET

Graham Butler | Kalamazoo, Mich.
computer science, music
\*Lauren Day | Hoffman Estates, Ill. | nursing
Noah Durlam | Germantown, Wis. | chemistry

Ryan Gee | Princeton, Ill. | music

Mary Beth Mihevc | McHenry, Ill. | music therapy

Mary Emma Zimmerman | St. Charles, Ill.

psychology, theatre

#### Horn

Timothy Benz | Batavia, Ill. | biology

\*Hannah Nelson | Rolling Prairie, Ind. | electrical engineering Abigail Smith | Mundelein, Ill. | nursing

#### TROMBONE

Iona Dillon | Crystal Lake, Ill. | music therapy
Noah Doely | Plymouth, Minn. | computer engineering
Mark Sullivan | Hammond, Ind. | music

#### Euphonium

Matthew Yee | Auburn, Calif. | music performance, civil engineering

#### Tuba

Aidan Doyle | LaGrange, Ill. | biology

\*David Lee | Schererville, Ind. | music education Adam Lindemer | Crown Point, Ind. | music education Chris Ruble | Columbus, Ind. | mechanical engineering Payton Wills | Valparaiso, Ind. | biology, chemistry

#### PERCUSSION

\*Matthew Kennedy | St. Charles, Ill. | civil engineering Elizabeth Nelson | McHenry, Ill. | music therapy Joel Reuning-Scherer | West Hartford, Conn.

computer engineering

Matthew Rodda | Portage, Ind. | communication Philip Wig | Aurora, Ill. | electrical engineering, physics

#### MANAGER

Genevieve Brown

#### LIBRARIAN

Nicholas Sanchez

\* Denotes principal

## RESURRECTION RINGERS: THE HANDBELL CHOIR OF THE CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

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Hope Biermann | Valparaiso, Ind. | history
Robyn Brown | Bloomington, Ind. | mathematics,
secondary education
Sarah Fleschut, Naperville, Ill. | nursing
Laura Floyd | Holland, Pa. | electrical engineering,
physics, German, education
Nathan Harmon | Schaumburg, Ill. | computer science

#### ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

#### JEFFREY SCOTT DOEBLER '87 M.M., PH.D., was

the recipient of the 2020–2021 Valparaiso University
Excellence in Teaching Award—Mentoring/Advising, as
well as the 2005 Valparaiso University Alumni Association
Distinguished Teaching Award. On Nov. 3, 2018, he was

named a Distinguished Hoosier by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. Professor Doebler has served as director of music education and bands at Valparaiso University since 1992, following 10 years of teaching in the public schools of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Shakopee, Minnesota. He earned degrees in music education from Luther College (в.а.), Valparaiso University (м.м.), and the University of Minnesota (Ph.D.). His 40-year career in music education has achieved a unique balance of conducting, teacher preparation, leadership, and working with musicians from the beginning through professional levels, but all aspects of his vocation have had an ultimate focus on teaching. He has been recognized for teaching excellence by peers, colleagues, and students, including awards from the Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA), Valparaiso University, Luther College, Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and the Confucius Institute. Professor Doebler was a quarterfinalist for the Grammy Music Educator Award in 2014. In a typical year, Professor Doebler works with more than 3,000 students. He has appeared professionally in nearly 30 states, Canada, Malta, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, and China. Professor Doebler is a former president and state editor of the IMEA. He designed the IMEA All-State Future Music Educators Colloquium, a program that has

been replicated in many other states. Professor Doebler is a former president of the Indiana Bandmasters Association (IBA). For the IBA, he regularly conducts the All-Region and All-District Honor Bands, he conducted the All-State Band in 2011, and the Junior All-State Band in 2014. He is the first person to conduct at all four levels of IBA honor bands. Professor Doebler is founder of a professional-level concert band, Windiana, which has toured China 10 times, and has also toured Italy, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. Windiana performed for the national convention of the Association of Concert Bands in 2011, and the National Chinese Language Conference in 2009. Professor Doebler serves as concert band conductor for Lutheran Summer Music, the national Lutheran high school music camp. He is conductor of the 153-year-old Michigan City Municipal Band as well as the conductor of the handbell choir at Valparaiso University. In 2018, Professor Doebler conducted the Indiana All-State Handbell Choir. It is believed that this was the first all-state handbell choir in the nation.

## KANTOREI CHOIR OF THE CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

SUNGHEE KIM, D.M., CONDUCTOR

Hilsy Argueta Merlo | Montgomery, Ill. | marketing, international business

Carolina Bowen | Salem, Va. | music education

Jasmine Collins | Pittstown, Pa. | music education

Brynn Conway | Crystal Lake, Ill. | theology and ministry

Olivia Dzurovcik | Munster, Ind. | nursing

Kate Eisenhutt | Kansas City, Mo. | music composition,

German

Laura Floyd | Holland, Pa. | electrical engineering, physics, German, secondary education

Savannah Frazier | Munster, Ind. | psychology

Becca Gill | Hebron, Ind. | business administration
Shantée Lewis | Lake Station, Ind. | music/voice
Alondra Quiroz | Hammond, Ind. | music therapy
Emily Ross | Rockton, Ill. | music education
Cylia Srmek | Oak Lawn, Ill. | social work
Kirsten Treptow | Valparaiso, Ind. | biology
Libby Tritten | Stow, Ohio | music therapy
Gabby Unzicker | Valparaiso, Ind. | biology,
environmental science

Savannah Vela | Highland, Ind. | music therapy Dahliah Wilkes | Berwyn, Ill. | church music, theology

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#### ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

**SUNGHEE KIM, D.M.,** holds the positions assistant professor of music and the director of chapel music. She also serves as university organist and conductor of the University Kantorei.

Professor Kim holds degrees from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, the University of North Texas, and Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea. An accomplished organist, she is a former first prize winner in the Fort Wayne National Organ Playing Competition. Prior to coming to Valparaiso University, she served in a faculty appointment at Pennsylvania State University at Abington and as director of music at Concordia Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Delaware.

#### VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHORALE

ANDREW ROBINSON '10, M.M., GUEST CONDUCTOR

#### SOPRANO

^ Jessica Cretors | Portage, Ind. | music and theatre
Margaret DeLong | Fishers, Ind. | global service
Sophie Duray | Westfield, Ind. | music performance
Kathryn Harrold | Coon Rapids, Mich. | actuarial science
#+ Natalie Janke | Canton, Mich. | music
Rachel Lagunas | Valparaiso, Ind. | music
+ Jamie Pfauth | Carol Stream, Ill. | music education
Sarah Roeglin | Delafield, Wis. | nursing
Becca Schatte | Jefferson City, Mo. | music education
Victoria Tiller | Mishawaka, Ind. | music education
Georgina Tyderek | Hammond, Ind. | music education

#### ALTO

Sarah Brase | Spencerport, N.Y. | music education Katharina Depenthal | Orlando, Fla. | global service and humanities

Alyssa Jarabek | Omaha, Neb. | chemistry/biology
Hailey Kadolph | Milwaukee | studio art
Andi Leukens | Santa Rosa, Calif. | health science
Ella Palffy | Arlington Heights, Ill. | nursing
Grace Roberts | La Grange Park, Ill. | music therapy
Kayla Sleeper | Westmont, Ill. | music education
Anna Speckhard | Munster, Ind. | health science
Emma Stauton | Palos Heights, Ill. | exploratory
Kira Weiland | Hoffman Estates, Ill. | exercise science

#### **TENOR**

Logan Albright | Valparaiso, Ind. | music education
Maro Allen | Valparaiso, Ind. | music education
Trey Erny | Valparaiso, Ind. | music education
Joshua Inman | Hamilton, Ohio | meteorology
Lane Scheel | Eagle, Wis. | physics
Nathaniel Parson | Downers Grove, Ill. | chemistry
\*+ Karis Traylor | Grand Rapids, Mich. | music education

#### Bass

John Claudy | Angola, Ind. | theatre and music
Johnathan Clayton | Mascoutah, Ill. | mechanical engineering
Isaac Fabbro | Bradley, Ill. | actuarial science
+ Zac Flasch | Valparaiso, Ind. | music composition
Nick Kniebush | Palos Park, Ill. | exploratory
Myles Mattsey | New Lenox, Ill. | music, political science
Alex Meyer | Woodbury, Minn. | mechanical engineering
Payton Mitchell | St. Charles, Ill. | actuarial science
Nick Skrobul | Demotte, Ind. | psychology
James Sroge | Munster, Ind. | history, secondary education
Ethan Wlodarczyk | Lake Zurich, Ill. | psychology
Sebastian Zieniewicz | Crown Point, Ind. | meteorology

- \* Denotes Chorale President
- ^ Denotes Chorale Student Manager
- + Denotes Chorale Section Leader
- # Denotes Chorale Librarian

#### ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

Conductor and teacher ANDREW ROBINSON '10, M.M., is an adjunct instructor in music at Valparaiso University, where he conducts the Chorale; music director at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chesterton; and a long-term substitute general music teacher at MacArthur Elementary School in Cedar Lake.

For the last decade, Mr. Robinson has instructed K-12 choral and general music at schools in Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio. While choir director at Munster High School in Munster, Indiana, the мнs Chorale was featured in performances in Carnegie Hall ("The Music of Eric Whitacre," under the composer's direction), Orchestra Hall in Chicago, Disneyland, and at Valparaiso University. The ensemble sang with the Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra in 2019 and the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in 2018. The chorale was one of three high school choirs to perform at the 2020 Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA) Professional Development Conference and was slated to sing — as one of three choirs nationally — at the 2020 Windy City Choral Festival, which was canceled due to the pandemic.

A proponent of collaboration, Mr. Robinson was chorus master for the world premiere of "Symphony No. 5: Return to Middle Earth" by Dutch composer Johan de Meij. He prepared the 200-voice ensemble for the symphony's debut under the composer's direction at Valparaiso University in 2018. The work, sung entirely in two Tolkein Elvish languages, has now been professionally recorded and performed all over the world. He organized the inaugural Northwest Indiana High School Choral Festival, a non-competitive event that featured nine high school choirs, the Valparaiso University Chorale, and a 400+ singer mass ensemble in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

While teaching in public schools, Mr. Robinson worked in several churches as music director, youth

music director, choir director, handbell choir director, contemporary worship director, and organist. In addition, he has a strong theatre background, acting and singing in nearly one dozen plays, musicals, and operas. He assisted numerous high school productions as music director, vocal music director, technical director, director, pit orchestra conductor, rehearsal accompanist, and pit orchestra pianist over the last 10 years.

Recognizing his dedication to music education, Mr.
Robinson received the 2020 First Decade Alumni
Achievement Award from the Valparaiso University
Alumni Association. He was inducted as a Sigma Alpha
Iota professional women's music fraternity national
Friend of the Arts in 2019.

Since 2018, Mr. Robinson has held the position of chair of the Indiana All-State Handbell Choir. This first-of-its-kind ensemble features talented high school ringers from across the state. Students meet and perform at the IMEA Professional Development Conference each January. During his time as chair, the handbell choir has nearly doubled in size. In the summer of 2009, he was the handbell choir intern at Lutheran Summer Music, a month-long academy for 8th–12th grade students from all over the world.

Mr. Robinson received music degrees from Valparaiso University (bachelor of arts summa cum laude) and Oberlin College Conservatory of Music (master's in music teaching). He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Handbell Musicians of America, Indiana Choral Directors Association, Indiana Music Education Association, International Federation for Choral Music, NAFME: The National Association for Music Education, National Collegiate Choral Organization, Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

#### ORGANIST

Sunghee Kim, D.м.

Assistant Professor of Music, Director of Chapel Music

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Rev. Katherine Museus Dabay, M.Div.

University Pastor

Rev. James A. Wetzstein, M.Div.

University Pastor

#### DANCERS

Willet Debrah Llovizna Miranda Diamond Morris Sophia Panfil Laura Reid



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