



DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **OR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **"A Derry Christmas" Concert Features a Choir, Handbells, Percussion, and Orchestra**

November 2024 – Under the direction of Daniel L. Dorty, Director of Music and Organist, the choirs of Derry Church will present "A Derry Christmas" concert at 3 pm Sunday, December 8, in the sanctuary at Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey.

The concert is part of the church's 2024-25 Arts Alive cultural series. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be received.

The program looks to the Nativity with works such as *The Angel Gabriel*, Paul Manz's *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come*, and Mack Wilberg's beloved *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*, which features choir, orchestra, organ, percussion, and liturgical dance.

Journeying to the manger, we look to those surrounding the Christ child by singing *We Three Kings*, *Lo' How a Rose E'er Blooming*, and Seth Bingham's stunning setting of *Away in a Manger*. The Derry Ringers handbell ensemble will ring Douglas E. Wagner's jubilant setting of *My Spirit Be Joyful* from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Cantata No. 146* and Sandra Eithun's stunning arrangement of *O Holy Night*, featuring Derry's five-octave set of Malmark handbells and choir chimes, with added windchimes.

The audience will be invited to sing along on selections including *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, and Mack Wilberg's setting of *Joy to the World*. Featured soloists include Charley Miller, Bass; Janice Click Holl, Soprano; Julie Miller, Soprano; and Loren Geeting, Tenor. A handbell quartet will ring *What Child is This*, an exciting arrangement set by Kevin McChesney.

The Arts Alive season will continue at 4 pm on Sunday, February 16, 2025, with The Knotwork Band, a Celtic folk music trio.

Derry Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Worship services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., with a live streaming option at 10:30 a.m., and on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 717-533-9667 or visit [derrypres.org](http://derrypres.org).



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