

Advent Chorale of Western New York

Gregory White, *Music Director-Conductor*

Cristen Gregory, *Soprano* • Faith Baer, *Mezzo-Soprano* • Jeffrey Thompson, *Tenor* • Nicholas Kilkenny, *Bass-Baritone*

Friday, December 5, 2025 – Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Orchard Park, NY

Saturday, December 6, 2025 – Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, East Aurora, NY

Handel’s *Messiah* – 43rd Season

Program

Orchestra	Chorale			
	1	Sinfonia		<i>Orchestra</i>
1	2	Recitative	Comfort ye my people	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
2	3	Air	Every valley shall be exalted	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
3	4	Chorus	And the glory of the Lord	<i>Chorale</i>
4	5	Recitative	Thus saith the Lord	<i>Mr. Kilkenny</i>
5	6	Air	But who may abide the day of His coming?	<i>Mr. Kilkenny</i>
6	7	Chorus	And He shall purify	<i>Chorale</i>
7	8	Recitative	Behold, a virgin shall conceive	<i>Ms. Baer</i>
8 & 9.	9	Air & Chorus	O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion	<i>Ms. Baer & Chorale</i>
12	12	Chorus	For unto us a Child is born	<i>Chorale</i>
13	13	Pifa	Pastoral Symphony	<i>Orchestra</i>
14	14	Recitative	There were shepherds abiding, in the field	<i>Ms. Gregory</i>
		Recitative	And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them	<i>Ms. Gregory</i>
	15	Recitative	And the angel said unto them	<i>Ms. Gregory</i>
	16	Recitative	And suddenly there was with the angel	<i>Ms. Gregory</i>
15	17	Chorus	Glory to God	<i>Chorale</i>
16	18	Air	Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion	<i>Ms. Gregory</i>
17a.	19	Recitative	Then shall the eyes of the blind be open’d	<i>Ms. Baer</i>
18a	20	Air	He shall feed His flock like a shepherd	<i>Ms. Baer & Ms. Gregory</i>
19	21	Chorus	His yoke is easy, and His burthen is light	<i>Chorale</i>
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20	22	Chorus	Behold the Lamb of God	<i>Chorale</i>
21	23	Air	He was despised	<i>Ms. Baer</i>
22	24	Chorus	Surely He hath borne our griefs	<i>Chorale</i>
24	26	Chorus	All we like sheep have gone astray	<i>Chorale</i>
25	27	Recitative	All they that see Him, laugh Him to scorn	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
26	28	Chorus	He trusted in God that He would deliver Him	<i>Chorale</i>
29	31	Recitative	He was cut off out of the land of the living	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
30	32	Air	But thou didst not leave His soul in hell	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
31	33	Chorus	Lift up your heads, O ye gates	<i>Chorale</i>
32	34	Recitative	Unto which of the angels said He	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
33	35	Chorus	Let all the angels of God worship Him	<i>Chorale</i>
37	39	Chorus	Their sound is gone out into all lands	<i>Chorale</i>
38	40	Air	Why do the nations so furiously rage together?	<i>Mr. Kilkenny</i>
39	41	Chorus	Let us break their bonds asunder	<i>Chorale</i>
40	42	Recitative	He that dwelleth in heaven	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
41	43	Air	Thou shalt break them	<i>Mr. Thompson</i>
42	44	Chorus	Hallelujah!	<i>Chorale</i>
43	45	Air	I know that my Redeemer liveth	<i>Ms. Gregory</i>
44	46	Chorus	Since by man came death	<i>Chorale</i>
45	47	Recitative	Behold, I tell you a mystery	<i>Mr. Kilkenny</i>
46	48	Air	The trumpet shall sound	<i>Mr. Kilkenny</i>
51	53	Chorus	Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. Amen.	<i>Chorale</i>