



Woodbridge
Community Choir

proudly presents our 2025 winter concert:

Comfort
&
Joy

Director
Beth Amory-Teutsch

Accompanist
Hannah Han

Dec. 13, 2025 7:30 pm
St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church
244 Avenel St. Avenel, NJ

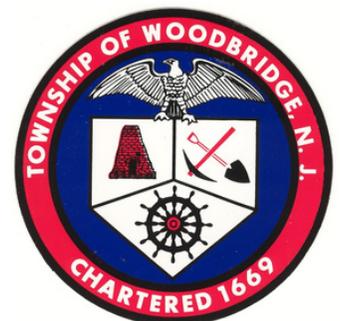


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From the Director

Welcome and thank you for joining us for this evening's performance. As I began shaping this program, one phrase kept rising to the surface – comfort and joy. At first it appeared simply as a familiar lyric from the season (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen) but the more I explored it, the more it revealed itself as the heart of what music offers us: reassurance (It May Be), connection (Hine Ma Tov), light (Can We Sing the Darkness to Light) and celebration (Brightest and Best).

In a world that often moves too quickly, comfort can feel like a rare gift. Tonight's selections invite us to pause, breathe and rest in sound – whether through tender melodies that soothe (Auld Lang Syne) or harmonies that restore a sense of stillness (Tundra). These are the moments that remind us we are held by something larger than our daily worries.

Joy too takes many forms in this program. Some pieces sparkle with festive energy (Believe, from Polar Express) others express joy quietly in the glow of gratitude or the beauty of shared voices (Ecce Novum).

My hope is that you experience a bit of both tonight: comfort in the reflection these pieces inspire, and joy in the music we make together. Thank you for being a part of this evening, and for allowing us to share this celebration of the season with you.

May comfort and joy accompany you long after the final note fades.

--Beth Amory Teutsch



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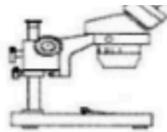
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The Woodbridge Community Choir will sing the National Anthem to start the game. Stay for the game and the fireworks. It's fun for the whole family.



*Happy Holiday Season to ALL & much Success to our
Woodbridge Community Choir on an Outstanding Winter
Concert!*

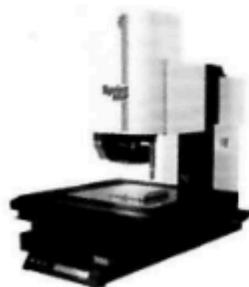
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Shout outs

This one's for you, Grandma! - Ed G.



Jess and Dan, the luck of the concert scheduling draw has you away again. Since I can't be with you Saturday, I will be singing out and smiling at the camera for you to see the video. Maybe better luck next year?



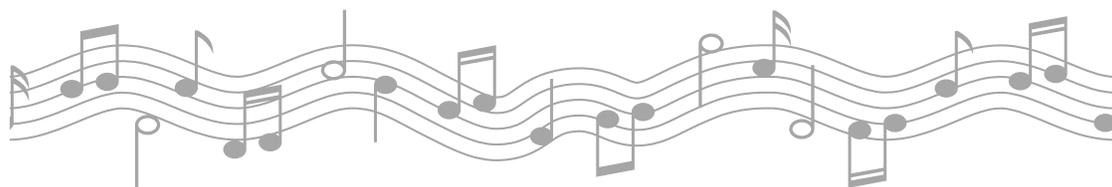
To my peeps, what a change eight years has made. There's no time to waste, there's so much to celebrate...Believe in what you feel inside and give your dreams the wings to fly. You have everything you need if you just believe. Steve K.

To our fellow Choirmates (Basses, baby!); Wishing you success tonight ... and a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season!

With Love, Kelly & Meredith Terrell



J-"I will not mind at all the cold outside if I could share this winter with you"..."It could be beautiful"-the CS



Darling, Evening light doesn't linger now quite as long as before, in this quiet place time finds a slower pace, and I will not mind at all the cold outside if I could share this winter with you.

Sparkey

Woodbridge Community Choir

Sopranos

Susan Brown-Peitz
Barbara Buccino
Joanna Cafaro * §
Shubha Dathatri *
Bethany Davison
Laura Dizon *
Colleen Donovan *
Jillian Ferrari Concha *
Erin Jeglinski
Elizabeth Kaelber *
Kayla Kaminsky
Pamela Lebedda
Colleen Lyons-Wells
Amy Magsajo * §
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Lori Miller *
Maria Mjartan *
Ellen Nemeth
Jo Ann Poll *
Susan Schwefringhaus
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Dana Tavoularis
Meredith Terrell
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Altos

Cindy Brown * §
Jessica Cimini-Samuels
Jacqueline Crocker *
Tara Delgandio
Susan Eagle
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Alex Wright

Tenors

Basses

Joe Aulisi *
Christopher Delgandio *
Louis DeVizia
Reggie Dizon *
Edward Gorman
John Hogan
Stephen McCarthy * §
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Jeremy Schafer * §

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Director

Beth Amory-Teutsch

Accompanist

Hannah Han

with special guests

Cello

Mira Kang

Percussion

John LoCascio

Viola

Brian Verdi

Violin 1

Ann Marie Pocklembo

Violin 2

Taylor Hope

Program

Winter Wind

Music: Williams

Words: Shakespeare

Ecce Novum

Gjello

Hine Ma Tove

Trad. Hebrew

arr. Ginsberg

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light

Pederson

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Trad. English

Pentatonix

trans. Miller

It May Be

Music: Jones

Words: Tennyson

Tundra

feat. Elizabeth Kaelber

Music: Gjello

Lyrics: Silvestri

Intermission

Believe

Silvestri/Ballard
arr. Hayes

Winter With You

Pinkzebra

Auld Lang Syne

Trad. Scottish

feat. Maria Mjartan

Words: Burns
arr. Forrest

We invite the audience to participate in

our holiday sing-along!

Lyrics may be found on the proceeding pages.

Brightest and Best

Text: Haber (1811)
arr. Kirchner



It has been so great singing with you all! Have a great performance!
- Marie



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Hello! My name is Aaron Buccino. My mom, Barbara, is a soprano in the choir.

Lack of food is a serious issue, especially for the holidays. I belong to Troop 143 in Woodbridge. For my Eagle Scout project I will be collecting non-perishable food through the month of December to be distributed to people in need. Boxes will be set up in several Woodbridge schools. If you can help, it is very appreciated. Please text 732-690-5224 for drop off/pick up information.

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There is nothing quite like a holiday concert that better sets the mood for this season. However, there is nothing that elicits Comfort and Joy more than performing for you, our friends and loved ones, and spreading the holiday spirit throughout our community!

Once more, thank you for joining us.
See you in the Spring!

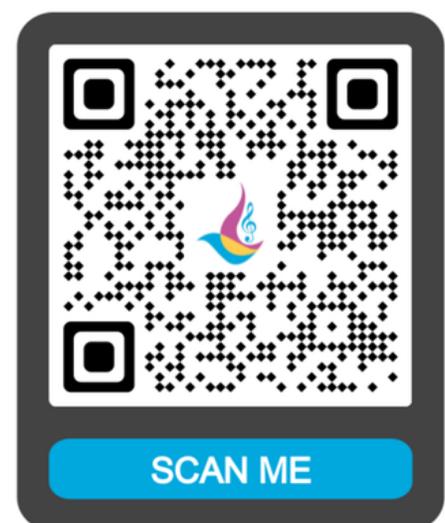
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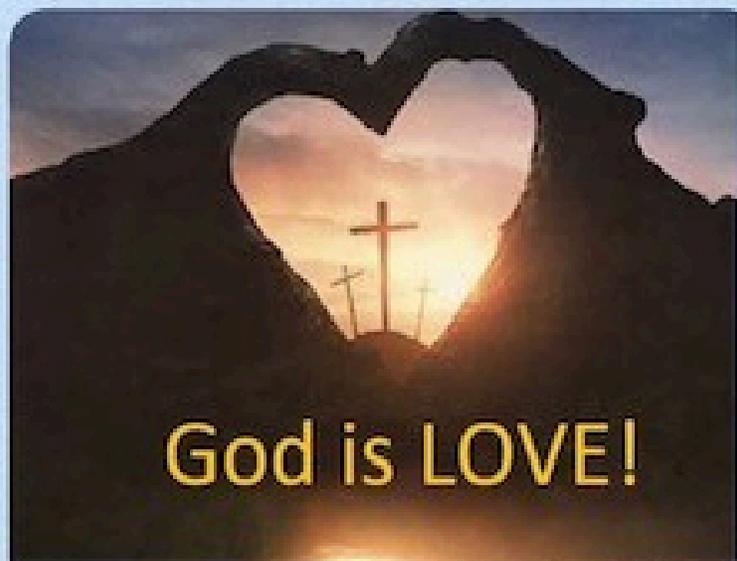
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and information about joining
the choir.





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Searching for
“Comfort & Joy”
beyond the
holidays?
“Come to me, all
those who are
weary...and I will
give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28-30





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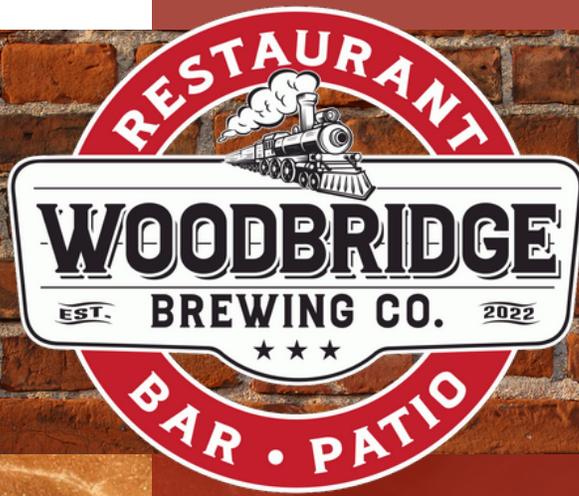
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Lyrics from our performance

Winter Wind

Blow, blow thou winter wind
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude

Thy tooth is not so keen
Because thou art not seen
Although thy breath be rude

Heigh-Ho, sing heigh-ho, unto the
green holly
Most friendship is feigning, most
loving mere folly
Heigh-ho the holly
This life is most jolly

Freeze thou bitter sky
That dost not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot

Though thou the waters warp
Thy sting is not so sharp
As friend remembered not

Heigh-Ho, sing heigh-ho, unto the
green holly
Most friendship is feigning, most
loving mere folly
Heigh-ho the holly
This life is most jolly

-- (from "As You Like It," Act II)

Ecce Novum

Sung in Latin.

Translation in italics.

Ecce, novum Gaudium,
Behold, a new joy,
Ecce, novum mirum!
Behold, a new wonder!

Virgo parit filium,
A Virgin bears a son
Quae non novit virum.
Who knew not a man.

Sed ut pirus prium,
But as the pear-tree bears the pear,
Gleba fert papyrus,
The flourishing papyrus brings,
Florens lilium.
The lily from the soil.

Ecce, quod natura
See how nature
Mutat sua iura!
Changes her laws!

Virgo parit pura
A pure virgin bears
Dei filium.
The son of God.
Amen.

Hine Ma Tov

Sung in Hebrew.

Translation in italics.

Hine ma tov uma naim

Now we all gather together

Shevet achim gam yachad

In joyful celebration

(Lai lai...)

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light

What if instead of more violence,
we let our weapons fall silent?

No more revenge or retribution;
no more war or persecution.

It could be beautiful.

What if instead of our judgement,
we soften our hearts that have
hardened?

Instead of certainty and pride
we love and sacrifice.

It could be beautiful.

Can we see the other as our brother?
Can we sing the darkness to light
sounding chords of compassion and
grace?

Set the swords of judgement aside,
let mercy's eyes see the other human
face.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let
nothing you dismay;

Remember Christ our Savior was born
on Christmas Day

To save us all from Satan's pow'r when
we were gone astray;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort
and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Vocalizations)

God rest ye...(previous repeated)

(Continued vocalizations)

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed Babe
was born,

And laid within a manger upon this
blessed morn;

the which his mother Mary did nothing
take in scorn;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort
and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Continued vocalizations)

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let
nothing you afright;

This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin
bright, To free all those who trust in Him
from Satan's power and might,"

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort
and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Vocalizations)

God rest ye...(previous repeated)

It May Be

It may be that the gulfs will wash us down:
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

-- (from, "Ulysses")

Tundra

(Vocalizations throughout)
Wide, worn and weathered,
Sacred expanse
Of green and white and granite grey;
Snowy patches strewn,
Anchored to the craggy earth,
Unmoving;
While clouds dance
Across the vast, eternal sky.

Believe

(Ooo...)

Children sleeping
Snow is softly falling
Dreams are calling
Like bells in the distance

We were dreamers not so long ago
But one by one, we all had to grow up.

When it seems the magic slipped away,
We find it all again on Christmas day

Believe in what your heart is saying
Hear the melody that's playing
There's no time to waste,
There's so much to celebrate

Believe in what you feel inside
And give your dreams the wings to fly
You have everything you need,
If you just believe.

Trains move quickly to their journey's end
Destinations are where we begin again.
Ships go sailing far across the sea,
Trust in starlight to get where they need to be.

When it seems that we have lost our way
We find ourselves again on Christmas day.

Believe in what you feel inside
And give your dreams the wings to fly
You have everything you need,
If you just believe. (4x)
Just believe. (2x)

Winter With You

Evening light doesn't linger now quite as long as before
And the snow softly coats the ground,
Nature sleeps once more.

In this quiet place time finds a slower pace,
And I will not mind at all the cold outside
If I could share this winter with you.

We can walk through the fields of white,
Watch the world on display.
See the stars fill a cloudless night,
All our cares fade away.

In this quiet place time finds a slower pace,
And I will not mind at all the cold outside
If I could share this winter with you.

Fires burn bright on December nights,
Embers softly glow.
All is calm in the fading light,
Gently falls the snow.

In this quiet place time finds a slower pace,
And I will not mind at all the cold outside
If I could share this winter with you. (I could share this winter)

We could share this winter.

Auld Lang Syne

(Ooo)

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
For auld lang syne?

CHORUS

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

(Ooo... Auld lang syne)

We two have run about the braes (hills)
And pulled the gowans (flowers) fine,
But we've wandered many a weary foot,
Since auld lang syne.

We two have paddled in the burn (brook)
From morning sun 'til dine (night)
But the seas between us broad have roared
Since auld lang syne.

REPEAT CHORUS

And there's a hand, my trusty friend.
And give us a hand o' thine,
And we'll take a deep draft of goodwill
For auld lang syne.

REPEAT CHORUS

We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.



Sing-along lyrics

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

'Tis the season to be jolly

fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Don we now our gay apparel

fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la

Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol

fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Fast away the old year passes

fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Hail the new year, lads and lasses

fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Sing we joyous, all together

fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Heedless of the wind and weather

fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la



Sing-along lyrics

Joy to the World

Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing!
And heav'n and nature sing!
And heav'n and nature sing!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove!
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love!
And wonders of his love!
And wonders of his love!



Sing-along lyrics

Jingle Bells



Dashing through the snow,
In a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way!



Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing,
A sleighing song tonight!



Jingle bells, Jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun, it is to ride,
In a one-horse open sleigh!



Jingle bells, Jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun, it is to ride,
In a one-horse open sleigh!

Brightest and Best

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger
Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. (2x)