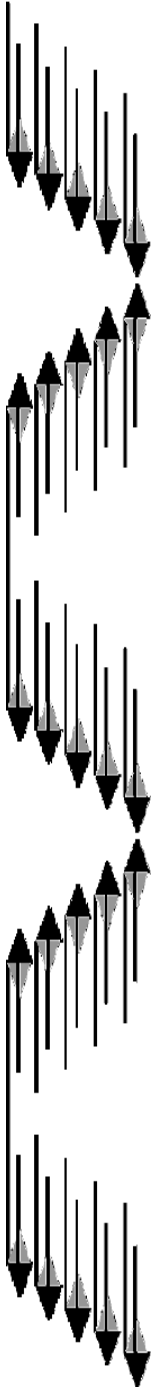


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## **DEAN'S MESSAGE**



I am delighted to hear of two significant pipe organ projects coming “down the pike” in Tucson. The new organ by Paul Fritts being built for St. Alban’s Episcopal Church will lend a distinctive Baroque voice to Tucson’s organ scene, while the proposed new Quimby pipe organ at Catalina United Methodist Church will provide a more eclectic American-symphonic voice to a church with a fine, multi-faceted music program. Congratulations to both of these congregations for making a leap of faith in these challenging economic times, and investing in a “sound”(pun intended) musical future!

Our recent Organ Showcase demonstrated that there is both an audience and a future for the King of Instruments in our community. Let us set as our goal a way to find young musicians among our students and colleagues, to become the future organists and church musicians of our communities of faith and teaching!

My wish for all of us is for a wonderful, music-filled Advent season! And to rejoice in the presence of friends and family as we celebrate anew the wondrous Birth of our Lord.

*“O come thou Root of Jesse, rise; A sign before thy servant’s eyes; Before whom kings shall silent be, O haste to set all nations free. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!((Antiphon of Advent, translated H.M. Helms)*

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## January Event

### *Post-Christmas Carols and Cadenzas*

**Sunday January 8, 2012, 4 p.m.**

Members are invited to the home of Derek & Carolyn Redmore, 5646 N. Genematas Drive for a post-Christmas celebration and pot-luck. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite CD to enjoy a relaxing evening.

Reservations should be made to Joyce Swinehart, [joyceehart@gmail.com](mailto:joyceehart@gmail.com) by Monday January 2.

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**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
FEATURING CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**Catalina United Methodist Church,**  
2400 East Speedway.

**December 11, 2011 4:30 PM**

***"An Evening in December"***

This annual concert features the Choirs and Orchestra of Catalina UMC performing seasonal music of J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Charles Wood, Conrad Sousa, Alice Parker, Ton Fette and Larry Shackley. The concert is free and open to the public. Child care is provided. Early arrival is suggested.

***Christmas Music at Northminster Presbyterian Church***

2450 East Fort Lowell Rd.

**December 11, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria!***

**with Soloists, Chamber Ensemble & Organ**

The Sanctuary Choir presents this perennial favorite at two morning services of worship. Soloists are Gloria Day, Gabrielle Carrillo and Mackenzie Romriell.

**Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m.,  
Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols  
Music for Organ & Instruments.**

Dr. John T. Brobeck presents Christmas music for organ, brass quartet and harp. Christine Vivona is guest harpist.

**11:00 p.m., Choir Processional**

This service features the traditional processional carol, *Once in Royal David's City*, scriptures, traditional carols sung by the congregation and anthems sung by the choir, a brief homily and closing with the singing of *Silent Night* in candlelight.

**Sonoran Bells**

Concert Dates:

**Sunday December 4, 3 p.m.**

Northminster Presbyterian Church 2450 E. Fort Lowell

**Tuesday December 6, 7 p.m.**

St Marks United Methodist 1431 W. Magee

**Tuesday December 13, 7 p.m.**

St Albans Episcopal Church, 3738 Old Sabino Canyon Road

## **Trinity Presbyterian Church,**

400 University Avenue

Advent Mini-Concerts take place each Sunday in Advent at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Each lasts approximately 20 minutes:

**Dec. 4** -- Praise on the Pipes -- features holiday music on Trinity's pipe organ played by Lynn Moser

**Dec. 11** -- Handbell Hallelujahs -- features the sparkling sounds of the Trinity Ringers

**Dec. 18** -- Celebration on the Strings -- features the inspiring sounds of the Kingfisher String Quartet.

Also on **December 18**, the 10:30 worship service will include "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem," a cantata by Pepper Choplin with the Trinity choir and chamber orchestra directed by Dr. Bruce Chamberlain.

## **St. Philip's in the Hills**

4440 N. Campbell Avenue

**Sunday December 4**, 9:00 & 11:15 am services,  
Lessons & Carols for Advent with St. Philip's Choirs & organ

**Thursday December 8, 7 p.m.**

Trumpet Spectacular! A Celebration of all things trumpet features Jason Carder, Jeff Haskell and the U of A Trumpet Ensemble led by Edward Reid. Admission by donation (\$15 suggested)

**Saturday December 17, 7:30 p.m., Sunday December 18, 2 p.m.**

Tucson Chamber Artists, Eric Holtan director, with Jeffrey Campbell, organist: "Joyful, All You Nations Rise!" Christmas around the World. Admission charge

**Sunday December 18, 5:30 pm**

Choral Evensong, with the traditional Evening Canticles by Philip Moore, sung by the lower voices of the Schola Cantorum

**Christmas Eve 5:30 pm**

All Generations Eucharist features carols sung by the St. Nicholas Children's Choir

**Christmas Eve 7 pm**

Candlelit Eucharist features Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" with harpist Patricia Harris, and the Schola Cantorum trebles.

**Christmas Eve, 9 & 11 p.m.**

Mozart's "Sparrow" Mass and traditional carols with St. Philip's choirs, organ and chamber orchestra feature in the 9 & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Festival Eucharists.

## **El Camino Baptist Church**

7777 East Speedway

**Sunday, December 11, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

A Christmas program, "Light Looked Down", with the adult choir and orchestra. The services can also be viewed during those times by going to the website [elcamino-church.org](http://elcamino-church.org) and clicking the Streaming tab.

## Community Messiah Sing-along

**Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

**- 939 W. Chapala Drive**

**Tucson Arizona North Stake Center**

The singing will be accompanied by pipe organ and orchestra

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Limited Messiah scores will be on free loan or purchase at the door for \$10.

If you own a score please feel free to bring and use it.

Free and open to the public

Non-Singers are also invited to come and enjoy the music

For more information: Brad Johnson (297-2539)

Stan Kartchner (742-3696) Visit Facebook Page at: Community Messiah Sing-along 2011

## JANUARY EVENT

***Presbyterian Choir Festival***

**Sunday, January 22, 3 pm**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

A special choral concert involving choirs from nine of the city's Presbyterian Churches will take place the afternoon of January 22. Choirs will sing individual anthems and combine in singing some anthems together, such the Franck *Psalm 150*, composed for choir and organ. The program is a fund raiser for the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the U of A. Everyone is invited.

## Showcase Recital November 20; a great success.

The well attended event at Christ Church UMC featured organists Carolyn Smith and David Gay and harpsichordist Jeffri Sanders. Carolyn Smith played preludes based on hymn tunes by British composers, Parry, Rawsthorne and Edwards, *Carillon-Sortie* by Mulet, and *Joshua fit de battle of Jericho* by Sowande. Jeffri Sanders contribution included composers Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Couperin and Bach. David Gay played *Homage a Frescobaldi* by Langlais and the world premier of *And the idols shall suddenly pass away* by Jay Vosk. The composer and music was greeted warmly. A reception followed.

## Tracker Organ for Sale

St. Alban's tracker organ (Walker 1991) is for sale. For details visit [http://www.stalbansaz.org/Tracker\\_Organ\\_for\\_Sale.html](http://www.stalbansaz.org/Tracker_Organ_for_Sale.html) or contact Steve Keyl, [skeyl@simplybits.net](mailto:skeyl@simplybits.net) or 296-0791.

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