

GCCP Community News

- A Different Kind of Christmas -



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Music Minister

There is nothing more wonderful for the Chancel Choir than leading worship at our church's annual Christmas Eve Candlelight services. It is one of the most anticipated events on our church's calendar. While choir members often return home with sore muscles, having stood for four hours and singing 20 songs, it is always worth it seeing the Sanctuary filled to the brim as people come to worship the newborn King Jesus. But this year would be different as this annual on-site gathering would not take place. In its place would be a virtual celebration, and the choir rose up to the challenge. Volunteers from each of the church's six choirs were invited to join this unique celebration, and 120 adults and children answered that invitation and submitted audio and video recordings for the virtual choir as early as November.

There is one story I laughingly but fondly recall. Back in October the choir had an online workshop with a sound engineer about ways to record their voices at home. The sound engineer mentioned that all background noises should be minimized, including sounds such as dogs barking, cars passing, birds chirping, or even children screaming. A few weeks after that workshop, I happened to meet one of the choir members who excitedly told me she was already recording her fourth song. But she expressed how difficult it was to record at home because it was very hot and dark. I wondered if perhaps it was because she turned off the fan or air-conditioning, which made it hot; but why was it dark? She went on to tell me that she had to hold a flashlight in one hand to shine on the music pieces in her other hand. To my surprise, the reason she needed a flashlight was because she was recording INSIDE her clothes cabinet (having taken out all the clothes)! She had misheard the instructions!

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But her effort was surely appreciated and showed the the lengths to which our choir members are willing to go in order to serve the Lord and give Him their best. There are countless other stories of how the choir members faithfully and with excellence prepared for the virtual Candlelight Celebration. By God's grace, the Candlelight Celebration worship video was used by many around the world as their Christmas Eve family worship time. We praise the Lord! Based on the feedback received, the video blessed many. To God be the Glory!



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new year Communion & Prayer

What to Prepare:

BREAD: Use crackers (i.e. skyflakes or unflavored white crackers) or bread.

CUP: Use grape juice or red wine. If unavailable, any juice will do.

January 2, 2021 (Saturday)

January 3, 2021 (Sunday)

8:00~8:30pm • via Facebook Live



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