



# First Congregational Church

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## Calling All Singers!

My name is Adam Peithmann, and I am the Director of Music Ministry at First Congregational Church in Manchester. I'm writing this letter to invite you to sing with us for our triennial performance of Handel's *Messiah*, Part 1 this Christmas season. Our concert will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 PM at First Congregational Church. Rehearsals will begin in late October for this concert.

I hope that you will consider joining us for this musical and memorable event. We plan to hire an orchestra and soloists to make this concert truly special. We will also sing Holst's "Christmas Day", and Wilberg's "Wexford Carol" and of course, close with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Handel's *Messiah* is a mainstay of the choral and Christian tradition; I look forward to leading you in rehearsal to do justice to this masterpiece. In my years directing and leading church choirs, I've found that singing during Advent is one of the best ways to celebrate and contemplate the season. My hope is that all of us will begin our Christmas season together in a meaningful way by singing this glorious music.

Please indicate your participation in this event by returning the tear-off sheet to First Congregational Church. Please note the rehearsals in your personal planner and let me know of any major conflicts. Also please indicate whether you'd prefer to be contacted by phone or email. I will reach out as we approach our first rehearsal. If you'd like to contact me, please email me at [apeithmann@fccmanchesternh.org](mailto:apeithmann@fccmanchesternh.org) or call the church office at 603-625-5093. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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