**Messiah Sing-along**

Come and sing favorite Messiah choruses

**WAUS**
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Pioneer Memorial Church

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The Pioneer Memorial Church Sanctuary Choir will be performing Handel’s “Messiah” at Pioneer Memorial Church on Dec. 13, at 4 p.m.

Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, Director of the Pioneer Memorial Church Sanctuary Choir, will be conducting the oratorio. Accompaniment will be provided by organist Kenneth Logan. Soloists performers include Carrie VanDenburgh, soprano; Julie Karpenko-Reid, mezzo-soprano; Charles Reid, Tenor; and Stephen Zork, baritone.

Composed by George Frideric Handel in 1741, “Messiah” is an English-language oratorio with scriptural text from the King James Bible. Reflecting on Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the text begins with the prophecies of Isaiah and ends with the famous “Hallelujah” chorus. Since its first
performance in 1742, it has become one of the most popular and frequently performed choral works in Western music.

The event is free and open to the public.

“We are encouraging anyone who wants to sing along on the choruses in the Christmas portion of the Messiah to come and sing,” says Sharon Dudgeon, General Manager of WAUS-FM. “Messiah sing-alongs have been happening in many places for years … It’s a Christmas tradition, and we welcome anyone who wants to participate or just attend.”

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