Editor's Note: Pilgrim Festival Chorus performances serve the entire region.

High resolution digital images and interviews are available upon request.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Michelle McGrath, PR | Media Relations

339-832-0820, michelle@mcgrathpr.com, mcgrathpr.com

Pilgrim Festival Chorus Presents Remembering Christmas Past

Celebrating the season with treasured choral carols

PLYMOUTH, MA Issued October 25, 2021... Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC), the region's principal not-for-profit community choral ensemble, presents its holiday season concert, "Remembering Christmas Past", on Saturday, December 4, 7:30 pm, and Sunday, December 5, 4 pm, at St. Bonaventure Parish, 803 State Road, Plymouth. The chorus is led by Artistic Directors William B. Richter and Elizabeth Chapman Reilly.

"Remembering Christmas Past" ushers in the holiday season with an appealing collection of treasured carols from the vast choral repertoire. Music selections are familiar to audiences who appreciate the works of John Rutter, Harold Darke, Gustav Holst and Stephen Cleobury. The concerts begin with a festive processional based on a favorite medieval carol, "Gaudete", and conclude with Glenn Rudolph's stirring "The Dream Isaiah Saw", featuring Guest Pianist Christopher Ricci.

Founded in 1999, PFC is an auditioned, volunteer choral ensemble with about 80 active members, representing all skill levels, dedicated to the performance of diverse genres of choral music. The group typically performs major concerts each winter and spring, and often a Messiah Sing in December. Pilgrim Festival Singers, a PFC offshoot ensemble, performs an annual summer concert of lighter music, and occasionally sings at local community events.

Pilgrim Festival Chorus considers the safety of its members and audiences a highest priority. This season, PFC's member singers have committed to being fully vaccinated, wearing masks for rehearsals and performances. PFC leadership expects audience members to be vaccinated, to wear masks while in attendance, and to maintain appropriate social distancing while attending a performance.



Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$15 for students over 14. Children ages 14 and under are admitted for free. Advance tickets may be purchased online at <u>pilgrimfestivalchorus.org</u>; and from PFC members. To reserve tickets by phone, please call Hannah Woodbury at 781-834-8601, and leave a voicemail message. For more information, please visit <u>pilgrimfestivalchorus.org</u>, or follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on Facebook.

About Pilgrim Festival Chorus

Since 1999, Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC) has served the South Shore as a volunteer, not-for-profit community singing ensemble dedicated to performing choral music in public and private concerts; to providing music education to its members and the public; and to encouraging and promoting the performance of quality choral music. More than 80 vocalists of all adult ages fill out the ensemble. Traditionally, PFC presents a major choral work each spring, holiday season concert performances, annual "Messiah Sings" in December, and summer concerts featuring pops-style repertoire. PFC is funded in part by grants from many of the region's Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. PFC performances are produced in part by cooperation with See Plymouth and Plymouth County Commissioners. For more information about PFC, please visit <u>pilgrimfestivalchorus.org</u>, or follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on Facebook.