

THE  
CHANCEL  
CHOIR  
and Chamber Ensemble

Su Sunday, December 15th  
11:00 AM

"Uns Ist Ein Kind Geboren"  
("Unto Us a Child is Born")  
- Anonymous - BWV 142



Linda Gilmour, Music Director. Soloists: Mathena Page and Dave McElhaney  
Chamber Ensemble: Violin, Liana Austin, Maria Stefanova. Viola: Luis DeVargas.  
Cello: Beth Purvis. Oboe: Amy O'Brien. Michael Wostmann. Flute: Joshua Aguirre,  
Cody Kurr.

# About the Music

"Uns Ist Ein Kind Geboren" ("Unto Us a Child is Born") is a cantata often attributed to Bach, though its authorship remains uncertain. Unlike many of Bach's clearly cataloged cantatas, this work does not appear in any of his well-documented collections, and stylistic analysis suggests it might have been composed by another contemporary, possibly from Bach's circle or a follower.

The cantata follows the traditional structure of a sacred composition suitable for the Christmas season, with text based on biblical themes celebrating the birth of Christ. The attribution to Bach is largely circumstantial, stemming from similarities to his style, particularly in the orchestration and choral arrangements. However, the absence of clear documentary evidence connecting it to Bach has led scholars to consider it anonymous. It is often enjoyed for its Baroque elements that resemble Bach's music—rich harmonies, intricate counterpoint, and expressive choral writing.