



# Christmas Gymanfa Ganu

Sponsored by

The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu  
Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

and

The St. David's Society of Racine

Sunday, November 10, 2024

First Presbyterian Church  
716 College Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin



Director:	Rev. Joseph G. Corbin Montello, Wisconsin
Organist:	Steve Jensen Bayside, Wisconsin
Welsh Harp:	Ann E. Lemmenes Waupun, Wisconsin

Organ Prelude – Steve Jensen  
Welcome and Devotions

**Opening Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful ..... #133, Pew Hymnal

**Advent**

Hyfrydol.....#2  
Bydd Canu yn y Nefoedd .....#9  
Aberystwyth .....#3  
Llef ..... #12

Special Music – Ann E. Lemmenes

**The Announcement**

Telynu Aur Y Nef ..... #17  
Vilda .....#6  
Cwm Rhondda.....#5  
Hwiangerdd Mair.....#8

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**The Birth**

Margaret..... #22  
Noel .....#19  
Stille Nacht ..... #13  
Llanbedr ..... #14

Offering and Announcements

**Christ Lives in Us**

Blaenwern ..... #18  
Bryn Myrddin .....#7  
Tôn Garol ..... #23  
Deck the Hall.....#1

Closing Announcements and Benediction

Joy to the World ..... #134, Pew Hymnal

Organ Postlude – Steve Jensen

~ Everyone is cordially invited to the te bach after the service. ~

## Welcome

The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association is pleased that you have joined us today to sing your praises to God and to also celebrate Christmas and the Welsh culture. You don't have to be Welsh to attend!

Our board meets several times a year to plan and promote our sponsored events, and to include, discuss and promote the other Welsh events held in Wisconsin and beyond.

We continue to exist through your participation and donations. Funds collected pay our musical artists for their talents, and pay the venues that host our events. We also provide donations to organizations and individuals that promote Welsh culture within Wisconsin, and we advertise in the program for the North American Festival of Wales each year.

Contact me or one of the board members if you would like to be added to our email distribution, or if you have any questions.

President: Rev. Joseph Corbin joecorbin50@gmail.com

## The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin

The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc. (WGGAW) sponsors and runs the Welsh Weekend for All, the State Gymanfa Ganu and the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu which take place at various churches in the state. If you are interested in hosting a cymanfa ganu at your church, contact President Rev. Joseph Corbin, joecorbin50@gmail.com.

All other cymanfaoedd canu (plural for cymanfa ganu) in Wisconsin are independently run and are usually at the same church and the same weekend of the month every year. Wisconsin is proud of this fact. No other state has as many cymanfaoedd canu every year.

Check our website after the first of the year for 2025 Welsh events.

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## Thank You's

The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc. extends its thanks to First Presbyterian Church and The St. David's Society of Racine for their hospitality. We especially thank Katie Humphrey who coordinated all aspects of this event. Many thanks also to members of the Society, Rev. Darren Utley and the staff and members at the church. We also thank everyone who contributed food for the Sunday te bach. Finally, thanks to both organizations for sharing their time and talents to continue the cymanfa ganu tradition in Wisconsin.

## Our Talented Musicians



Rev. Joseph G. Corbin, Director. Joe is a retired Presbyterian minister. He now serves as a supply pastor for several churches. He received his formal training at The University of Wisconsin, School of Music, where he studied vocal performance. He earned a B.A. in Music from the University of Dubuque and a Master of Divinity degree from The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Joe is well known for directing Cymanfoedd Canu and St. David's Day festivities throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Ohio, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota. He has also helped lead many late-night informal singing sessions at the North American Festival of Wales (NAFOW) gatherings.

Joe and his wife Kim have two grown children and five grandchildren. Joe and Kim have been active in theater and musical theater, acting and directing. Joe has been active in various vocal performing groups. Winter sports and the out of doors top their favorite activities.



Steve Jensen began playing the piano and organ at the age of nine. He had his first regular church job at the age of thirteen. During grades 9-12 he studied at Lawrence Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin. He continued his organ study during college at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

His first Gymanfa Ganu was in 1977 in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The conductor was Lyn Harry of Canada. Mr. Harry requested that Mr. Jensen play the following year at the National Gymanfa Ganu in Minneapolis in 1978. Since then Steve has played for many local, state and national Cymanfaoedd.

Mr. Jensen is currently employed as a financial consultant and serves as Organist at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Ann E. Lemmenes studied music at The Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, Wales, G.B. where she studied voice, piano and took lessons on the Llandaff Cathedral pipe organ. Recently, she accepted the organist position at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Fond du Lac.

While attending Welsh Heritage Week, she took harp lessons, but was self-taught many years prior. Her vocal trio, Ecclesiastes III, recorded her harp arrangement of "Away in a Manger" on its Christmas album in 1990s. Directing Cymanfoedd Canu since 1992 is always an inspiring venture locally or out of state.

After retiring from her music teaching position, Ann has enjoyed coaching students for Solo & Ensemble at Waupun High School.

Over the years, our Association has been blessed with the generosity of faithful followers, most recently from our long-time Board member, the late Janet Morgan. As we strive to continue the Cymanfa tradition (Festival of Sacred Songs), we ask you to prayerfully consider the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin (WGGAW) in your qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and in your estate plans. Diolch yn fawr.