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### **A Holiday Musical Celebration for the Entire Family!**

*Performances by Adult, Youth and Children; Audience Caroling, and Holiday*

*Reception to Mark "Christmas with the Choral Society"*

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SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE, PA: The full array of choral ensembles sponsored by the Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania will combine to present the Society's traditional *Christmas with the Choral Society* on **Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm** in the sanctuary of Scranton's historic Covenant Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Madison and Olive Streets. Audience caroling will alternate with performances of holiday music by each of the Society's five children's and youth choirs, their adult Symphonic Chorus, soloists, and organist, Dr. Timothy Smith. The afternoon will conclude with a festive holiday cookie reception. General admission for adults is \$15.00 and \$5.00 for ages 18 and under. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling the Choral Society at (570) 343-6707. A \$2.00 discount will be given for adult students, seniors, and WVIA members.

The concert will also serve as a regional collection point for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve's *Toys for Tots* program, and all attending are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped, non-violent toy. Cash donations for the program will also be collected at the conclusion of the concert.

Formed in 1999 through the merger of the former Singers Guild of Scranton and the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society, The Choral Society of NEPA serves as “the region’s voice for choral music and education,” sponsoring a series of graded choirs for children age 5-18, as well as large and small ensembles for adults. Choral Society ensembles regularly collaborate with the NEPA Philharmonic; are featured in broadcasts on the region’s public radio affiliate, WVIA-FM; and perform regularly in the region’s finest and most historic venues. Society ensembles and singers have toured internationally; performed by invitation at important state, regional, and national events and honor choirs; and participated in a number of recordings. Additional information on the Choral Society and its offerings is available by calling (570) 343-6707 or visiting the organization’s website at [www.choralsociety.net](http://www.choralsociety.net).

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