



Worship on Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2022
7:00 pm

Prelude

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
A Christmas Celebration

arr. Cindy Berry
arr. Phillip Keveren

The First Noel * *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* * *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words

Liz Monson

One: There is room for you here. If you're weary and worn, or hopeful and patient.

All: If you're tired and lost, or wrapped up in hope.

One: If you're new to this place, or have been here before.

All: Come in, come in. There is room for you here.

One: The angels are singing,

All: "Be not afraid."

One: The angels are singing,

All: "Good news and great joy!"

One: So come in, come in!

All: There is room for us here.

*Carol 133 v. 1, 3

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Kaki, Ben, Molly Schnieders, Erin Kelly, Joanne Kell

Call to Confession

Liz

One: Did you know that a version of the phrase, “Be not afraid” is written in scripture as many as 365 times? That’s one for every day.

God says, “Be not afraid.”

The angels say, “Be not afraid.”

Over and over again, we are told to not be afraid.

Friends, that sentiment carries us into this moment of prayer. During the prayer of confession we are honest with God about the mess of our lives and we are met with God’s grace. God does not meet us with anger. God does not hold a grudge. God does not keep score. Instead, God wraps us in mercy and holds us in love. So be not afraid, and join me in the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving Christ, scripture tells us that you were born in a stable because there was no room in the inn. There was no room in the inn for a woman in need, no room in the inn for an innocent baby. Forgive us. We should have learned our lesson by now, but just as others turned their backs on you, we continue to turn our backs on one another. Teach us how to make room for one another. Teach us how to make room for you. Carve out space in our hearts to love as you love, for we do not want to build hostility here.

We want to build your promised day. Guide us forward.

With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Friends, the angels say, “Be not afraid,” but they also say, “Unto you a child is born.”

Christ is born for you.

Christ walked this earth for you.

Christ forgives you.

That’s what love does. It makes room. It offers grace. It learns your name.

So let’s proclaim these words of hope: Unto us a child is born.

All: Unto us a child is born.

One: Unto us grace is given.

All: Unto us grace is given.

One: May this good news change the very fabric of our lives.

All: Christ has made room for all of us. Amen.

*Sung Response 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

Lessons & Carols

*Carol 140 v. 1, 2	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	IRBY
First Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 <i>For the people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. A child has been born for us.</i>	Rev. Susan Tindall
Anthem	<i>Before the Marvel of This Night</i>	Carl Schalk
Second Scripture Lesson	Luke 1:26-35, 38 <i>An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.</i>	Liz
*Carol 119 v. 1, 3	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
Third Scripture Lesson	Luke 2:1-7 <i>Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child.</i>	Christopher Cock
Carol 145 v. 1, 3 (remain seated)	<i>What Child Is This</i>	GREENSLEEVES
Fourth Scripture Lesson	Luke 2:8-17 <i>Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.</i>	Olivia Hillyer
Anthem	<i>Angel's Carol</i>	John Rutter
Meditation		Rev. Beth Freese Dammers
*Carol 147 v. 1	<i>The First Nowell</i>	THE FIRST NOWELL
Fifth Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12 <i>Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus</i>	Ken Monson
Offering Our Gifts to God		
Invitation		Liz
Music	<i>Gesu Bambino</i> Christopher Cock, Maura Janton Cock	Pietro Yon
*Doxology 607 words / 606 tune	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
*Prayer of Dedication		Liz

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: (prayer continues)...Thank you for every ounce of beauty that marks this season; it has made it possible for us to join our voices with the angel chorus.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and
 earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
 san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
 san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

One: Even in the face of remarkable joy, O God, we still bring weary and worried hearts to you this night.

(prayer continues)...

we might trust in the mystery of the angels' song when they say, "Be not afraid," and, "Joy to the world!":

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

(prayer continues)...

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

*Ushers will invite you to come forward for the receiving of communion.
All are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return via the outside aisles.
The center station offers allergen-free wafers and prepackaged communion elements.*

Communion Music

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Mark Hayes

Angels

arr. Jim Brickman

Still, Still, Still

arr. Jerry Ray

Prayer After Communion (unison)

God of angel choruses, curious shepherds, and expectant parents, there are a million other places we could be, but tonight we wanted to be here. Tonight, we *needed* to be here—worshiping together on this joy-filled Christmas Eve. For when we gather around this Table, we remember the ways that you always make room for us. Help us to carry that inclusive spirit into the rest of our lives, for we know that love like that is what turns weariness into joy. With grateful hearts we pray, amen.

Anthem

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

Sixth Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-5, 9-12, 14

Susan & Beth

*The word of God becomes flesh
and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

*Carol 122 v 1, 3, 4

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

Sharing the light of Christ – lighting of the candles

(The worship leaders will take the light from the Christ Candle and bring the lighted candle to the end of each row. Please hold lit candles upright while tipping unlit candles to receive the flame.)

***Charge and Benediction**

Beth

***Carol 134** v. 1, 2, 4

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Postlude

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

arr. Phillip Keveren

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

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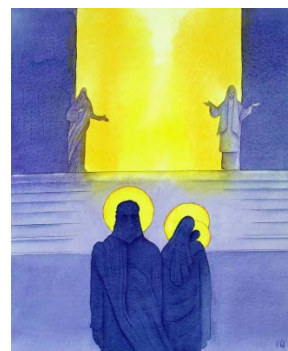
Next Sunday in Worship, December 31

First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 am

Luke 2:21-38

We root ourselves in ritual



***During this holy and joy-filled season,
we extend to you a warm welcome and invite you to a deeper life of faith with God
through the worship and caring ministries we share as a church family.***

Worship:

- Sundays at 9:30 a.m., in person and livestream online
- Communion celebrated at least monthly
- Special worship services for Advent, Lent & Holy Week

Adult Education and Faith Formation:

- *Read * Prayer * Share* (book and discussion group), Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- *Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles*, 4th Tuesday, various times & locations
- Sunday morning Adult Education classes, discussion groups

Children:

- Faith Formation for 3-years through 5th grade on Sundays at 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School, August
- Kids' Academy Preschool, weekdays for children ages 2 ½, 3, 4, and 5
- Kids' Academy before/after school care for children ages 5–12, every day school is in session and some holidays; 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Kids' Academy Summer Day Camp, ages 3-12

Youth:

- Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6th-8th) Sundays
- High School Youth Group (Grades 9th-12th) Sundays, 5:00–7:30 p.m.
- Youth weekend retreat
- Summer Youth Mission Trips, called Caravans, June 8-15 and July 7-13, 2024

Music:

- Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
- Clarion Hand Bell Ensemble, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
- Concert Series; four concerts per season

Support and Concern:

- Stephen Ministry (providing one-to-one confidential compassion and prayers for people experiencing difficulty or change)
- Older Adult Ministries (assistance for older adults and their families to provide resources and support)
- Pastoral Care with pastor
- At Home Communion

Fellowship:

- Presbyterian Women Programs, 1st Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.
- “50+ Friends” Luncheons, held quarterly following worship
- Circle of Voices Women’s Book Group, 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Mission:

- Amos Group: advocating for the dismantling of racism
- Partnership with Iglesia Presbiteriana–Reformada Church in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba
- Mission partners: Association House, LOVE Christian Clearinghouse, monthly food donations support Hinsdale Community Services, People’s Resource Center and more.

**YEAR-END GIVING**

As we approach the end of the year, please consider additional financial gifts to the church. Whether you are completing your pledge for 2023 or providing a year-end gift, all gifts are important and deeply appreciated.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2023 giving please:

- Mail donations with a postmark no later than December 31
- Give on-line by December 28 at <https://onrealm.org/cpc/-/form/give/now>
- Bring your donation to church office by **noon, Friday Dec 29**
- NOTE: Office closed Mon Dec 25, Tues Dec 26

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be

closed Friday, December 22 at noon – Tuesday, December 26, 2023

open Wednesday, December 27 – Thursday, December 28 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

open Friday, December 29; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

closed Monday, January 1, 2024

open Tuesday, January 2, 2024



JEREMY KAHN JAZZ CONCERT
Sunday Jan 21
3:00 pm

As part of the Concert Series, we welcome jazz pianist **Jeremy Kahn**. He will appear in a jazz quintet with three instrumentalists and a vocalist. They will swing and sing to the great Standards, featuring composers like **George Gershwin and Duke Ellington**. Admission is free.

SAVE THE DATES

February 4, Sunday: Annual Meeting

We will worship at 9:30 a.m. with Communion followed by our Annual Meeting and Brunch. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with the church family and celebrate 2023 and our exciting plans for "The Future is Now!" Kris and Jack's candied bacon will be served!

February 11, Sunday: Youth Sunday

Please join us as our high school youth lead worship and the senior class shares their meditations.



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