Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2022
7:00 pm

Prelude
Emmanuel
arr. Gary Rhodes
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
arr. Cindy Berry

Words of Welcome
Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Prayer
All: Holy One, as we enter into this time of worship, help our minds to mingle, our creativity stir, and our imaginations take flight. As we hear the ancient stories of faith and celebrate Jesus’ birth, may we experience your presence guiding and inspiring us. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles
Derek, Becky, Dexter, Tristan and Meredith Rush

*Carol 132 v. 1
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
IN DULCI JUBILO
During the carol, young children are invited to come forward to sit in front of the chancel for a special story time.

A Time with Youngest Children
Kristin Duy
Following their time together, children may return to sit with their families.

*Carol 123 v. 1, 4 & 5
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
CAROL
Entering the Christmas Story
Based on A Very Special Christmas Story: an interactive service for all ages created by Rev. Micol I. Cottrell

Present #1

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7
Olivia

*Sharing the Peace of Christ
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers
One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

Present #2

Scripture Reading
Micah 5:2-5a
Olivia

Carol 121 v. 1 & 3 (remain seated) O Little Town of Bethlehem
ST. LOUIS

Present #3

Scripture Reading
Luke 1:26-35, 38
Matthew 1:18-25
Olivia

*Carol 113 Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

Present #4

Scripture Reading
Luke 2:1-7
Olivia

Carol 128 (remain seated) Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
W ZLOBIE LEZY

Present #5

Scripture Reading
Luke 2:8-20
Olivia

Offering Our Gifts to God
Susan

Invitation to Offering
Ancient Peoples Searched the Sky
Words Adam M.L. Tice; Music Sally Ann Morris
Chancel Choir

*Doxology words 607, tune 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication
Holy Communion
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)...As we remember the story, we join with the voices around us and sing praises to you this Christmas night:

On this night, when we sing of the baby in the manger, as the shadow of the cross is cast by the stars, we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:
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.

Prayer Following Communion

Bread of heaven, let us not be unchanged by tonight. Let us not pass by the stable in silence; let us not leave the table empty. Dwell in our hearts, and shine in our lives, that we might know your deep, deep peace, and share it with the world. Fill us with your love, that we might walk hand in hand with you all our days. We pray in the holy name of the Christ-child, born for us this night. Amen.

*Carol 110

Love Has Come
BRING A TORCH

Present #6
Susan

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.

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5
Olivia

*Carol 122 v. 1, 3, 4

Silent Night, Holy Night!
STILLE NACHT

*Charge and Blessing

Susan

*Carol 134 v. 1, 2, 4

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH
Postlude

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type

**USHERS:** Becky Rush, Derek Rush
**LITURGIST:** Olivia Hillyer
**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Michele Vickery, Ingrid Ellithorpe
**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS:** Derek, Becky, Dexter, Tristan, and Meredith Rush
**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Stephanie Rens-Domiano

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**Tomorrow in Worship, December 25**
**Christmas Morning Worship**
9:30 am

Shepherd School
Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20

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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**
We would like to thank the following people for their generous donation of poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for the holiday season & donations for our Share the Love program.

* Richard Bennett in memory of Carol Bennett
* Beth Freese Dammers & Sam Dammers in honor of CPC’s amazing staff
* Kristin & Bill Duy in memory of Skippy, Elfrieda & Kathy
* Donna and Glenn Gabanski in memory of their loved ones
* Erin & Doug James in honor of the dedicated staff of Kids’ Academy
* Cathy Kappos
* Kristin Konar
* Liz and Ken Monson
* Linda Murphy
* Joanna Petersen
* Nancy & Wayne Pritzel in memory of their parents
* The Rush Family
* Tracy Sims
* Ruth & Derek White in memory of Martin Ohrenberg, Alvin & Nina Ohrenberg and Harold & Lois White
* Wendy Wilhelm
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 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:
- Thursday Morning Devotions (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:
- Sunday School for 3-years through 5th grade on Sundays at 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School, Aug 14 - 17, 2023
- 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 6-8) Sundays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 9th–12th grades youth group Sundays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- High School weekend retreat in the Spring
- Two High School Youth Mission Caravans in Summer

Music:
- Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
- Clarion Hand Bell Ensemble, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
- Concert Series; three 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: anti-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.
THE CHURCH OFFICE will be
closed Friday, December 23 at noon – Tuesday, December 27, 2022
open Wednesday, December 28 – Thursday, December 29 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
open Friday, December 30; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
closed Monday, January 2, 2023
open Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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 2022 or
providing a year-end gift, all gifts are important and will help us end the
year with a balanced budget.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2022 giving please:
● Mail donations with a postmark no later than December 31
● Give on-line by December 29 at https://onrealm.org/cpc/-/form/give/now
● Bring your donation to church office by noon, Friday Dec 30
● NOTE: Office is closed Mon Dec 26, Tues Dec 27

On Sunday, January 29, we will welcome CHAI Collaborative
Ensemble, a Chicago-based collective engaging with communities
through performances of mixed vocal and instrumental chamber
music. The ensemble offers beloved classics in the chamber music
canon alongside underperformed works from the past and present.
Expect to be inspired by the experience!

SAVE THE DATES
February 5, Sunday: Annual Meeting
We will worship at 9:30 a.m. with Communion followed by our Annual Meeting. Don’t miss this opportunity to
gather with the church family and review last year and our plans for the future.

February 12, Sunday: Youth Sunday
Please join us as our high school youth lead worship and the senior class shares their meditations.
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