

A *King* is born



### Thank you, LOGOS Participants!

Children and youth in our LOGOS program are providing leadership and musical offerings during our Christmas Eve service. The LOGOS program is a mid-week inter-generational experience for children and youth. LOGOS can be found in churches all over the US and Canada under the umbrella of GenOn Ministries ([www.genonministries.org](http://www.genonministries.org)).

Every Wednesday from October through March, about 150 children and adults gather here at CMPC to share a meal together (Family Time), study scripture (Bible Time), sing in choirs and prepare other offerings for our Worship Service (Worship Arts), and play (Recreation). Our age designations for the various children and youth groups are as follows:

- BUGS (preschool) – Bringing Up God's Servants
  - FROG (elementary) – Fully Rely on God
- ROCK (middle school) – Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom
  - FISH (high school) – Fellowship in Senior High

CMPC has enjoyed an active LOGOS program now for 30 years. Contact our Director, Carrie Jenkins at [logos@cmpcusa.org](mailto:logos@cmpcusa.org) or visit [www.cmpcusa.org/logos](http://www.cmpcusa.org/logos) to learn more!

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5 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017  
CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Processional** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. M. Hayes

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** *Away in a Manger* Traditional  
BUGS Choir

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** FISH Youth

**Response** *Christ Is Born!* by M. Bedford  
FROG Choir

**Passing of the Peace** (L: Leader; P: People)  
L: The peace of Christ be with you.  
P: **And also with you.**

**\*\*Call to Worship**  
L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
P: **Celebrate the coming of the Light.**  
L: O sing to the Lord a new song, God’s salvation is at hand.  
P: **Celebrate the coming of Salvation.**  
L: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.  
P: **Celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace.**  
L: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people.  
P: **Celebrate the coming of Christ!**

**\*\*Hymn** –see insert *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**  
**God of Joy, we come to celebrate again the arrival of Love Incarnate here in our very midst. Your glorious arrival is enough to cause the forests to sing for joy, yet we still find reasons to complain and sigh. Your light of salvation is bright enough to illuminate every corner of our lives, yet we still find ourselves shrouded in worry and doubt. Your gift of Love is big enough for the whole world, yet we still find ourselves resentful that your love extends to those whom we deem to be unworthy. God, you invite us into the light of the stable where the overlooked and forgotten have gathered to celebrate the miracle of your love. Give us the strength and courage to join you at the manger. Amen.**

**\*\*Assurance of Pardon**  
L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...  
P: **...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music** *Carol of the Bells* arr. C. Wiltse  
ROCK Bell Choir

**The Christmas Story** – A Participatory Retelling

**Homily** Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn** – see insert *Joy to the World!*

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** *O Little Town (The Glory of Christmas)* by M. Redman/B. Harms/J. Myrin  
The Band

*This evening, along with our regular offering, we will collect the Christmas Joy offering—one of the special offerings of the PC(USA). The monies collected as part of the Christmas Joy offering will be used to provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families as well as to enable deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. If you wish to give to the Christmas Joy offering please place your donation in the envelope included in the bulletin.*

**\*\*Doxology** 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.  
O Star of Wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Christmas Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)** ROCK Youth

**Special Music** *Breath of Heaven* arr. C. Eaton  
Ashlee Hoffman, voice  
Laura Yawney, oboe

**Lighting of the Candles (seated)**  
*The Christ candle represents Jesus, the Light of the world. The candle lighting ceremony is symbolic of the spreading of the Gospel Light from one life to another. The lighted candle is never tilted, but always held upright when giving light to another. The candles of the congregation should be extinguished after the last stanza of Silent Night.*

<b>Hymn</b> – 122 (seated)	<i>Silent Night</i>
1. <i>Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.</i>	3. <i>Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.</i>
2. <i>Silent Night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”</i>	4. <i>Silent Night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, “Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”</i>

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* Traditional

**Thank you to Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this evening!**