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5 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Luke 1: 47: My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

"Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this! Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!"

(words by J. M. Neale, 1853; music is a 14th century German fold melody) (words and music are public domain) (this organ solo: Word Music, 1995)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear piano/organ duet

Luke 2: 9: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world. Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing." (this instrumental arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1985)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Response

Noel Kylee Hoffman, solo by M. Redman/C. Tomlin/E. Cash

Charlotte and Harper Carmean

(ThankYou Music/WorshipTogether.com, 2015; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing.com)

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: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

P: Let us go with the shepherds: Let us go to find the Savior!

L: Let us go with the wise ones: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

P: Let us go with the poor and humble: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

L: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

P: Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!

**Hymn –see insert

O Come, All Ye Faithful

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world or trusted your good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

arr. J. Innes

FISH Youth

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Isaiah foretold the good news that is now proclaimed to us:

P: The Lord has comforted the people and redeemed Jerusalem.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Al Music Adore arr. J. Haschek/D. Galbraith (composed by M.Chalk/G.Kendrick, 2015; Worship Together Music/SixSteps Songs; admin by CapitolCMGPublishing.com)

The Christmas Story – A Participatory Retelling

Homily

**Hymn – see insert

Joy to the World!

Invitation to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews and then located near the exits of the sanctuary for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your gift!

Offertory

A Christmas Lullaby

arr. M. McDonald

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Psalm 4: 1a: Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

"Savior, hear us, we pray, keep us safe thru this day; keep our lives free from sin, and our hearts free from sin. Jesus, Lord, hear our prayer, may we rest in thy care. Jesus, Lord, hear our prayer, may we rest in thy care." (J. Brahms, year unknown; words and music are public domain)

Luke 2: 7: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay." (words: anonymous, 1885; music: J, Murray, 1887; words and music are public domain) (this piano arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2021)

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 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")

Special Music

Mary, Did You Know? Ashlee Hoffman, solo (Word Music. 1991; admin. by W.C. Music Corp.) by M. Lowry/B. Greene

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.

- d) Silent Night 1. 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.
- 2. 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."

3. 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.

4. 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."

Benediction

Postlude

We Wish You a Merry Christmas Traditional 16th Century English Carol

"We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year." (16th century traditional English Christmas carol; words and music are public domain) (this piano solo published by Hal Leonard Corporation, 1993)

Thank you to Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this evening! Thank you to Kofi Akuoko for operating the cameras!

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From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4–9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Christmas Poinsettia

The Christmas poinsettias that adorn the sanctuary today are given in memory or in honor of friends and relatives of the congregation. Those which are given in memory of loved ones are given in faith that through Christ's life, death, and resurrection those loved ones now live in peace with Him in heaven.

In memory of beloved parents

William Ashman, and Joanne & Richard Scott In memory of Gilbert H. and Eileen Burckart In memory of Donald J. Cardea In honor of our children, Charlotte Reese and Harper Riley Carmean

In honor of our parents, Jerry and Shirley Carmean, Dawn and Norman Malmberg and Art and Deb Knighten In memory of Bette C. Wetson In memory of Alice M. Cole In memory of Betty W. Ceislar In memory of Vella Wenzel In memory of Robert R. (Randy) Lyon In honor of Meaghan, Bruce and Benjamin In memory of Juanita Hoffman In memory of Rev. Scott Hauser In memory of Juanita M. Hoffman In memory of Duane Wattay In memory of Joe and Marge Hughes In memory of Charles and Rene Rooney In memory of Kathy Knott In memory of Susan Harding and Larry Jackson Th honor of Jesus Christ In memory of Art Nienhuis In memory of Sheryl Nienhuis In honor of the Christ Memorial Church Family In memory of Jim Neary, Everette Carlton, Bill and Kitty O'Neal In honor of Mamaw, Caroline, Jessica, Joe, James and Zoey In honor of our children (by birth and marriage) and grandchildren In memory of Marie Phillips In memory of Tom In memory of dear friends and family In honor of Robert and Suester Sowell In memory of Carrington and John Sullivan and Barbara and Robert Gibbs Presented by the Sullivan family

Presented by the Ashman family Presented by Gil Burckart Presented by the Cardea family

Presented by David and Tiffany Carmean

Presented by David and Tiffany Carmean Presented by Shelley and Bob Clemens Presented by Bob and Linda Dunn Presented by Tom and Meg Engle Presented by Scott, Ashlee, Kylee and Natalee Hoffman Presented by Scott, Ashlee, Kylee and Natalee Hoffman Presented by Dennis Hoffman Presented by the Hong family Presented by Tim and Colleen Hughes Presented by Tim and Colleen Hughes Presented by Tim and Colleen Hughes Presented by the Jackson family Presented by Zoe and Evan Kim Presented by the Nienhuis family Presented by the Nienhuis family Presented by the Nienhuis family Presented by the ONeal and Neary families Presented by Debbie and Pat ONeal Presented by Art and Liz Perraud Presented by Jane Preston Presented by grandsons Jack, Zach, Mason and Nicholas Presented by Linda and Jim Shields Presented by the Sowell-Wilson family



