



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2021 8:30 p.m.

Preludes

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

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

**indicates to stand as you are able
arr. D. Torrans

"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

arr. J. Innes

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

**Opening Sentences (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

P: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

L: Our souls sing out God's praise!

P: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

L: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

P: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.

L: Let us worship Emmanuel!

**Hymn - 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment. We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful. May your angels sing again to us of peace for body and soul. We acknowledge that we have foolishly let our desires lead us astray. May your star once more set our course firmly in your direction. We have turned our faith into a lifeless ritual. May your manger call us again to expressions of love and devotion. We have carefully kept our gifts and have not freely given our goods and our hearts to you. May the Magi show us the spirit of giving. Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts and bring renewal in our lives. Amen.

****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!

Response - 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verse 3)

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gil and Mae Burckart

Word in Music

Christmastime with Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. L. Larson

Luke 2: 13: *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.*

(Christmastime composed by M.W. Smith/J. Carlson, 1998)

(Angels composed by E. Sears, 1849; music by R. Willis, 1850; words and music are public domain)

(this choral arrangement: Deer Valley Music/admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Responsive Litany

L: Come and stand amazed, you people, see how God is reconciled!

P: See his plans of love accomplished, see his gift, this newborn child.

L: See the Mighty, weak and tender, see the Word who now is mute.

P: See the Sovereign without splendor, see the Fullness destitute;

L: the Beloved, whom we covet, in a state of low repute.

P: See how humankind received him; see him wrapped in swaddling bands,

L: who as Lord of all creation rules the wind by his commands.

P: See him lying in a manger without sign of reasoning;

L: Word of God to flesh surrendered, he is wisdom's crown, our King.

P: See how tender our Defender at whose birth the angels sing.

L: O Lord Jesus, God incarnate, who assumed this humble form,

P: counsel me and let my wishes to your perfect will conform.

L: Light of life, dispel my darkness, let your frailty strengthen me;

P: let your meekness give me boldness, let your burden set me free;

L: let your sadness give me gladness, let your death be life for me.

P: Amen

Call to Prayer (sung)

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

Congregational Response (sung)

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Prayer for Illumination

Glorious God, in Jesus your grace appears, bringing salvation to all. Help us to ponder your words of love by the light of your Spirit, that we may proclaim glad tidings of peace and welcome Christ in our world. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 2: 1-7

Special Music*Adore*

arr. J. Haschek/D. Galbraith

(composed by M.Chalk/G.Kendrick, 2015; Worship Together Music/SixSteps Songs; admin by CapitolCMGPublishing.com)

Scripture

Luke 2: 8-14

Special Music*Noel*
Kylee Hoffman, solo

by M. Redman/C. Tomlin/E. Cash

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

Scripture

Luke 2: 15-20

Special Music*Mary, Did You Know?*
Ashlee Hoffman, solo

by M. Lowry/B. Greene

(Word Music. 1991; admin. by W.C. Music Corp.)

Homily

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn – 113***Angels We Have Heard on High***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

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 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.

(this piano arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2021)

****Doxology**

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

The Festival of Light

Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

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.

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

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

CCLI Copyright License #1280964; streaming license #20314021
SongSelect Premium license # RG20-1496988
One License # A-719136



Christmas Poinsettias

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

Presented by the Ashman family

In memory of Gilbert H. and Eileen Burckart

Presented by Gil Burckart

In memory of Donald J. Cardea

Presented by the Cardea family

In honor of our children, Charlotte Reese and Harper Riley Carmean

Presented by David and Tiffany Carmean

**In honor of our parents, Jerry and Shirley Carmean,
Dawn and Norman Malmberg and Art and Deb Knighten**

Presented by David and Tiffany Carmean

In memory of Bette C. Wetson

Presented by Shelley and Bob Clemens

In memory of Alice M. Cole

Presented by Shelley and Bob Clemens

In memory of Betty W. Ceislar

Presented by Shelley and Bob Clemens

In memory of Vella Wenzel

Presented by Shelley and Bob Clemens

In memory of Robert R. (Randy) Lyon

Presented by Bob and Linda Dunn

In honor of Meaghan, Bruce and Benjamin

Presented by Tom and Meg Engle

In memory of Juanita Hoffman

Presented by Scott, Ashlee, Kylee and Natalee Hoffman

In memory of Rev. Scott Hauser

Presented by Scott, Ashlee, Kylee and Natalee Hoffman

In memory of Juanita M. Hoffman

Presented by Dennis Hoffman

In memory of Duane Wattay

Presented by the Hong family

In memory of Joe and Marge Hughes

Presented by Tim and Colleen Hughes

In memory of Charles and Rene Rooney

Presented by Tim and Colleen Hughes

In memory of Kathy Knott

Presented by Tim and Colleen Hughes

In memory of Susan Harding and Larry Jackson

Presented by the Jackson family

In honor of Jesus Christ

Presented by Zoe and Evan Kim

In memory of Art Nienhuis

Presented by the Nienhuis family

In memory of Sheryl Nienhuis

Presented by the Nienhuis family

In honor of the Christ Memorial Church Family

Presented by the Nienhuis family

In memory of Jim Neary, Everette Carlton, Bill and Kitty O'Neal

Presented by the O'Neal and Neary families

In honor of Mamaw, Caroline, Jessica, Joe, James and Zoey

Presented by Debbie and Pat O'Neal

In honor of our children (by birth and marriage) and grandchildren

Presented by Art and Liz Perraud

In memory of Marie Phillips

Presented by Jane Preston

In memory of Tom

Presented by grandsons Jack, Zach, Mason and Nicholas

In memory of dear friends and family

Presented by Linda and Jim Shields

In honor of Robert and Suester Sowell

Presented by the Sowell-Wilson family

In memory of Carrington and John Sullivan and Barbara and Robert Gibbs

Presented by the Sullivan family