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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022
CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preludes

Carol Medley
Piano/Organ Duet

arr. G. Pollock

(this medley includes: *Deck the Halls*, 1800; *Joy to the World*, 1742; *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, 1868; and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, 1751; all are public domain)

(this instrumental duet: Harold Flammer Music, 1981)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sarah Trodden and John Keister

Response

Each Little Lamb
FROG/BUGS Choir
Soloist: Sam Thomas

by D. Beckstead

Narrators: Luke Jenkins, Tristan White, Lucy Dowgiewicz

(from the musical *No Crib for a Bed*; Musicals for Change, 2014/2018; this arrangement: Choristers Guild, 2022)
(arrangement includes *Away in a Manger (Cradle Song)*, by W.J. Kirkpatrick, 1895; the song is public domain)

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Mollie Thomas

**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 –133

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.

**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

Prince of Peace
ROCK Chimes

arr. B. Ingram

Isaiah 9: 6: *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

the medley includes:

For Unto Us a Child is Born, from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel, 1741, and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, by J. Wade. 1743

(this instrumental arrangement published by Choristers Guild, 2012)

The Christmas Story – A Participatory Retelling

Homily

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Special Music

Messiah
Kylee Hoffman, solo

by F. Battistelli/J. Pardo/M. Reed

(published by Meaux Jeux Music/Word Music/Dayspring Music, 2017; admin. by CapitolCMGPPublishing.com)

Invitation to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory 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. Thank you for your gift!

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 placed in the bulletin.

Offertory

Away in a Manger

arr. J. Van Der Pol

(medley includes both tunes for the carol: *Cradle Song* and *Mueller*; both are public domain)
(this organ solo: The H.W. Gray Company, 1999; admin. by Warner Bros Publications, Inc.)

**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

Breath of Heaven
Ashlee Hoffman, solo
with Laura Yawney, oboe

by C. Eaton/A. Grant

(this choral arrangement: Clouseau Music Ltd., 1992; Age to Age Music; Riverstone Music, Inc.)

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.

Hymn – 122 (seated)

Silent Night

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| 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 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)

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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 William Ashman
In memory of Joanne & Richard Scott
In memory of Gilbert H. and Eileen Burckart
In memory of Dr. Donald J. Cardea
In honor of our children, Charlotte and Harper
In honor of our parents, Jerry and Shirley Carmean,
 Dawn and Norman Malmberg and Art and Deb Knighten
In memory of Mike, my loving husband and best friend
In memory of Bette and Tom Wetson
In memory of Alice M. Cole
In memory of Wayne Clemens
In memory of Vella and Bob Wenzel
In memory of Betty and Ed Ceislar
In memory of Henry & Mary Lee McGinty
In memory of George & Margaret Fieldsend
In honor of Jane and Terry McGinty
In memory of Art & Sheryl Nienhuis
In memory of Pete Gallagher
In honor of Judy Gallagher
In memory of Alfreda Gill
In memory of Ron Schlauch and Ron Laske
In memory of our Papa and Dad
In memory of Juanita Hoffman
In memory of Rev. Scott Hauser
In memory of brothers Keith and Duane Wattay
In memory of father Leslie Wattay
In honor of Hannah, Mark, Allison, Hailey and Emily
In memory of Kathy Knott

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In memory of South T. Lynn, Sr.
In memory of Marie Phillips
In memory of Mary C. Lyman
In honor of my family
In memory of Bill Vest and Ashley Vest
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