



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2022 8:30 p.m.

**indicates to stand as you are able
arr. G. Pollock

Preludes

Carol Medley
Piano/Organ Duet

(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

****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!

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

Allison Miller and Jennifer Haughie

Word in Music

The Shepherd's Song (from *Night of the Father's Love*)
Trinity Choir

by P. Choplin

(this choral arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2010)

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

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

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

Special Music

Christ Is Born, Nowell! (from *Night of the Father's Love*)
Trinity Choir

by P. Choplin

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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 *Glory (Let There Be Peace)* by M. Mauer/R.T. Popadic/C. Stevens
Allison and Hannah Miller, duet

(published under Capitol CMG, 2016; authorized for use by Allison Miller)

Scripture Luke 2: 8-14

Special Music *Messiah* by F. Battistelli/J. Pardo/M. Reed
Kylee Hoffman, solo

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

Scripture Luke 2: 15-20

Special Music *Breath of Heaven* by C. Eaton/A. Grant
Ashlee Hoffman, solo
with Laura Yawney, oboe

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

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 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

**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.*

Hymn – 122 (seated)

Silent Night, Holy 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

Thank you to Jeff Bruce and Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this evening!
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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 honor of the Zordan & Millard grandparents
In memory of Carol A. Roach
In honor of Mamaw, Caroline, Jessica, Joe, James and Zoey
In memory of Linda Lange
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
In memory of Mary Ellen Salkeld Jones
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In honor of our children and family
In memory of Papa/Dad
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