



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**December 18, 2022 10:30 a.m.**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### **Prelude**

*For Unto Us (a Child Is Born) with Joy to the World*

arr. K. Christopher

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 Joy to the World, by G.F. Handel, 1742  
(this organ solo: Word Music, 1992)*

### **Introit**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Janene Holzberg and Karen Hawker

### **Response - insert**

*The Candle of Hope*

The candle of love tells what we are worth:  
God loves us so much, God came to the earth!  
An angel brought news of a child who would be  
The one who would save us and set us all free.

### **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: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

**P: Let your gentleness be evident to all.**

L: The Lord is near.

**P: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.**

L: Let us worship God!

### **\*\*Hymn – 118**

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

## 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 using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your gift!*

## Offertory

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

arr. S. Pethel

Luke 2:13-14: *A great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."*

(words by C. Wesley, 1739; music (*Mendelssohn*) by F. Mendelssohn, 1840; both are public domain)

## \*\*Doxology - 710

### *We Lift Our Voices*

We lift our voices;	All that we have,
we lift our hands;	all that we are,
we lift our lives up to you:	all that we hope to be,
we are an offering.	we give to you,
Lord, use our voices;	we give to you.
Lord, use our hands;	We lift our voices;
Lord, use our lives;	we lift our hands;
they are yours:	we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.	we are an offering;
	we are an offering.

## Word in Music - insert

### *Night of the Father's Love*

by P. Choplin

2 Corinthians 9:15: *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

(this Christmas Musical Celebration: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2010)

## \*\*Benediction

## Postlude

### *How Joyfully with Joy to the World*

arr. C. Berry

Psalm 96:11, 12: *Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.*

"Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily, Christmas comes with its grace divine! Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming; hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time."  
(words are from a Latin carol; music (*O Sanctissima*) translated by J. Falk, 1816; both are public domain)

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing."  
(words by I. Watts, 1719; music (*Antioch*) by G.F. Handel, 1742; both are public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music Co., 2008)

The words for the candle lighting response, sung to the tune of *O Worship the King*, were written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, who gives permission for churches to use them during worship.

Guest Musicians:  
Jeanette Donald, Flute I  
Norreen Friedman, Flute II/Piccolo

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### **Cold Weather Shelter**

Greetings in Christ,

This month, CMPC once again joins with local churches and partner organizations to support the Grassroots Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) program.

Last year, the CWS program kept many families housed and fed in a local hotel during the winter season. This year, Grassroots will once again use local hotels to accommodate their guests. Grassroots plans to have staff onsite 24/7 and is asking congregations to supply meals for about 25 people as well as a few volunteers to support Grassroots staff each day.

CMPC continues the tradition of supporting the CWS program this year from December 26th through January 2nd. We would like to be able to provide 3 volunteers per day and 30 breakfasts, 30 lunches, and 30 dinners for the program guests residing at the hotel each day. If you are interested in volunteering and/or donating meals, please visit the SignUp Genius page below. If you have questions, please contact Todd Stubbs at [todd.stubbs@gmail.com](mailto:todd.stubbs@gmail.com), or call 520.266.9276.



Each year, Grassroots helps individuals and families find permanent housing in the area. The work this organization does is critical and often times transformational. CMPC has been a faithful partner in this work for years and will continue to support for years to come. Let us come together and share a portion of ourselves in support of this transformational ministry.

Many blessings,  
CMPC Mission & Local Outreach

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, 6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD 21044

### CMPC Annual Holiday Drives

**The final Food Drive collection will be TODAY Sunday, December 18,** following worship. Monetary donations can be made through the Church website.

Proverbs 19:17 says: "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

### Children in Worship

In the narthex, worship bags are available (in baskets labeled "pre-readers" and "readers") for young children to use during worship. Also, hardback Bible Infographic books are on the shelf for about ages 9 and older. Please enjoy and return before leaving church.

A banner for the Longest Night Service. The background is a dark blue night sky with wispy white clouds and a thin, bright crescent moon in the upper right corner. The text "Longest Night Service" is written in a large, elegant, white cursive script across the center.

# Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 18th

7:00 pm

A banner for Christmas Eve Services. The background is a warm, golden-brown glow, possibly from a fireplace or a sunset. On the left side, there is a small, rustic wooden manger filled with straw and a white cloth. The text "Christmas Eve Services" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script on the right side.

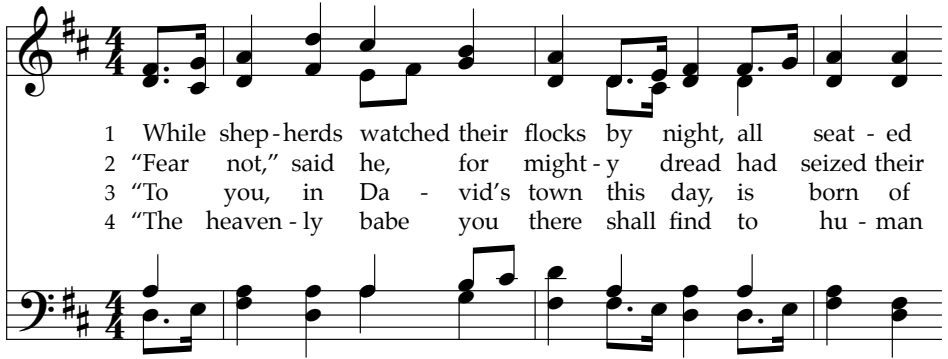
# Christmas Eve Services

5:00 Family Friendly

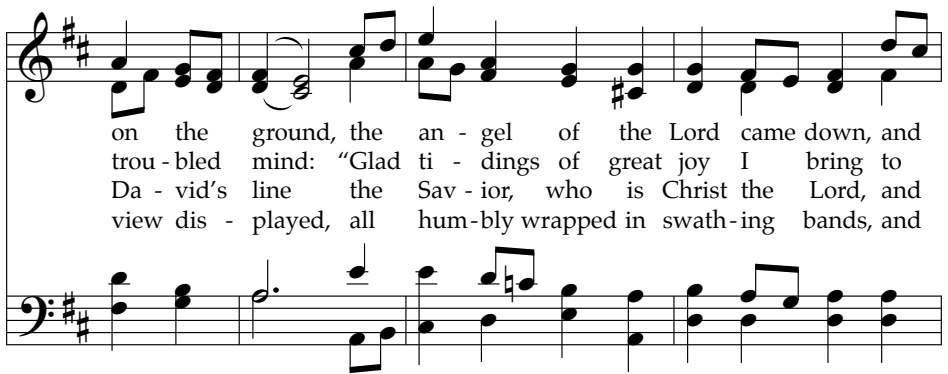
8:30 Traditional

First come, first seated in sanctuary  
Livestreamed on our Facebook page

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 118



1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed  
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their  
 3 "To you, in Da-vid's town this day, is born of  
 4 "The heaven-ly babe you there shall find to hu-man



on the ground, the an-gel of the Lord came down, and  
 trou-bled mind: "Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring to  
 Da-vid's line the Sav-ior, who is Christ the Lord, and  
 view dis-played, all hum-bly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and



glo-ry shone a-round, and glo-ry shone a-round.  
 you and hu-man-kind, to you and hu-man-kind.  
 this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:  
 in a man-ger laid, and in a man-ger laid."

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith  
 appeared a shining throng  
 of angels praising God, who thus  
 addressed their joyful song,  
 addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,  
 and to the earth be peace;  
 good will to all from highest heaven  
 begin and never cease,  
 begin and never cease!"

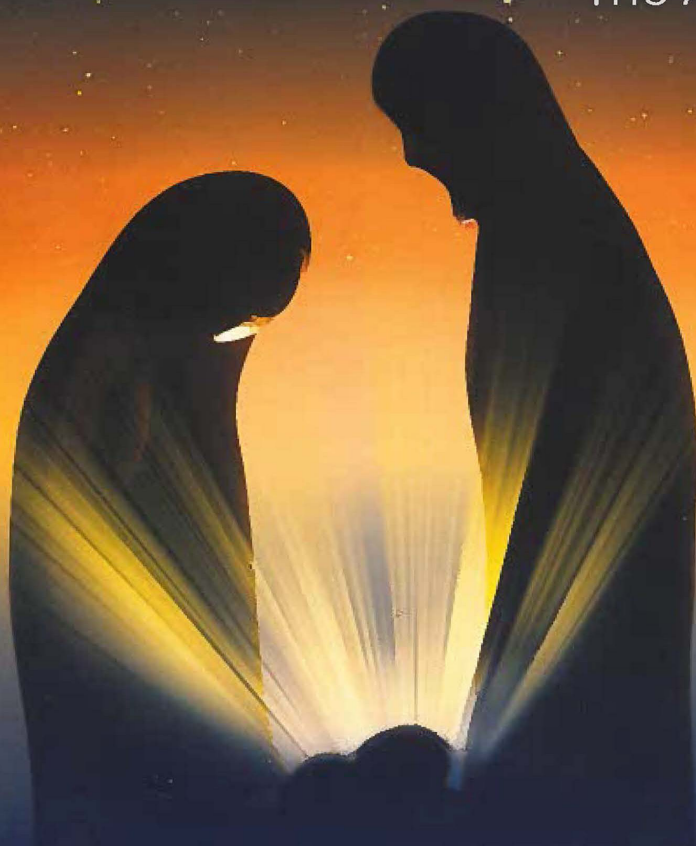
The publication of this text in the late 17th century marked an important moment in the transition from the older practice of psalm-singing to the newer style of hymn-singing. This tune was not originally written for church use but was derived from an operatic aria.



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# Night of the Father's Love

The Awe and Mystery  
of God with Us



A Christmas Musical Celebration for  
Choir, Speakers, and optional Orchestra

by **Pepper Choplin**

***Night of the Father's Love***

The Awe and Mystery of God with Us

by Pepper Choplin

(with orchestration by M. Lawrence/M. Hayes)

The Coming of the Lord

Waiting

Angels Are Making Their Rounds

Night of the Father's Love

The Shepherd's Song

Seeking the King

Fall on Your Knees

Christ is Born, Nowell!

### ***The Coming of the Lord***

Lift up your heads, O gates, and make the highway straight, prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord. Your waiting soon will end, God's glory will descend, rise up and welcome in the coming of the Lord, the coming of the Lord! Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! Prepare the way for coming of the Lord! The ancient words foretell, God with us, He will dwell, Christ our Emmanuel, and all will see the glory of the Lord!

O come, O come, prepare the way! O come, prepare the way! Prepare the way, O come, prepare the way, way of the Lord. And then the deaf will hear, the blind will see Him clear, the mute will find their voice, the lame will leap for joy, prepare the way of the coming of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, our God, will come to us. Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord!

### ***Waiting***

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Fill the mind 'til we find Your light, Your truth. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord, Fill the mind 'til we find Your will, Your way. Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God, be with us. We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us. God be with us. Emmanuel.

Listening, we are listening, Lord. Listening, we are listening, Lord. Draw near, let us hear Your Word for us. Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God, be with us. We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us. God be with us. Emmanuel.

Patience, give us patience, Lord. Patience, give us patience, Lord. When we pray, give us faith that You hear ev'ry prayer. As we're waiting . . . we are waiting . . . we are waiting.

### ***Angels Are Making Their Rounds***

Angels are making their rounds, O what a beautiful sound, angels are making their rounds, angels are making their rounds. Fear not, Zechariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer. Elizabeth will bear a son.

Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God. O blessed one, you have found favor with God.

Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds.



Fear not, Joseph, go and take Mary to be your wife, for she carries a holy Child. Unto you is born a savior, glory to God and peace on earth, for now the Lord is with you. Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds.

Fear not Zechariah, fear not Joseph, hail O blessed one. The Lord is with you, The Lord is with you.

### ***Night of the Father's Love***

*This piece combines Of the Father's Love Begotten and Silent Night.*

*The congregation is invited to sing Silent Night when invited.*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega. He, the source, the ending, He. Of the things that are, that have been and the future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

**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.**

### ***The Shepherds' Song***

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came near and glory shone around. He said, "Fear not for I bring good news, it shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day a Savior, Christ the Lord. Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

For unto you is born this day, there in Bethlehem, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be your sign: for you shall find the baby, there, all wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

The angel then was surrounded by a great and glorious throng, and while the shepherds watched by night, the angels raised their song: Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

***Seeking the King*** (Scott Hoffman, soloist)

Seeking, seeking the newborn King. Seeking, seeking the newborn King.

The road is dark, the dust is dry. We find our path by starlight. We are seeking, we are seeking. Though we are tired, the journey's long, we walk in faith to carry on. We are seeking, we are seeking.

We bring gold to crown Him with royalty, frankincense to show His divinity. We bring myrrh, the fragrance used when someone dies, though we're not sure the reason why. Seeking, seeking the newborn King.

Now we are so tired, we've come so far, but now, once again, we see the star. We see the star, now we rejoice with great joy. We're rejoicing, for now we see the star of wonder, star of night, star of royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

And when we find the newborn King, our greatest gift we then shall bring when we worship the King. We will worship the King. When we worship the King, we will worship. We'll worship the newborn King.

***Fall on Your Knees***

Come, see the Child, He is here by the fire, silently come, draw near the manger side. Look in His face and see the world's salvation, and feel the holy peace, fall on your knees.

Open your eyes, now the holy star is rising, rays of the light will shine to touch your soul. Open your heart to the glory and the wonder. Feel the holy peace, fall on your knees. Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Come now and fall on your knees as you worship in His presence. Thanks be to God you have found the holy Child. Blessed are all who have seen the Lord's salvation. Come and lift your voice. Let your heart rejoice and praise the Prince of peace, fall on your knees.

## ***Christ Is Born, Nowell!***

*This piece quotes Hark! The Herald Angels Sing and Angels We Have Heard on High.*

*The congregation is invited to sing Hark! The Herald Angels Sing when invited.*

Hark! The herald angels, Angels we have heard on high, "Glory to the newborn King."  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains. Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King."  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Nowell! Heaven's angels  
come to tell, "Christ is born, Nowell!"

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains. Nowell!

Joyous news we come to tell, "Christ is born, Nowell!" Joyous news we come to tell, "Now  
Christ is born! Now all is well!"

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!**

**Hail the Sun of Righteousness!**

**Light and life to all He brings,**

**Ris'n with healing in His wings.**

**Mild He lays His glory by,  
born that man now more may die,**

**born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."**

Nowell! Joyous news we come to tell, "Christ is born, Nowell." Nowell! Now Christ is born!  
Sing Nowell!