



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Joy to the World

arr. B. K. Smith

Psalm 15: 13: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

"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: I. Watts, 1719; music (*Antioch*): G.F. Handel, 1742; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2008)

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

Moment for Mission

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Saudager Family

Response - 103

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

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: We gather in preparation

P: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

L: We gather in expectation

P: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

L: We gather in celebration

P: for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.

L: With preparation and in expectation, let us worship God!

****Hymn – 88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
verses 1, 2 and 7

Moment with Children

Lindsey Kim

**Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

*Children ages preschool—third grade dismissed to Sunday Experience
Please see the announcements for special instructions*

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 support!

Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Bell Tree Solo: John McPherson

arr. L. Lamb

Isaiah 21: 6: For thus hath the Lord said unto me, "Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees."

*"God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy."*

(words and music are a traditional 18th century English carol and are public domain)

(this bell tree arrangement: Agape, a division of Hope Publishing Co., 2016)

****Doxology - opposite page**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Word in Music - insert

Darkness into Light

by M. McDonald

Isaiah 60:1: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

(this choral cantata: music by M. McDonald, orchestration by Ed Hogan; published by Alfred Music, 2014)

****Benediction**

Postlude

Hymn to Joy

arr. M. McDonald

John 15: 11: These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

*"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of
immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day."*

(words: H. van Dyke, 1907; music (Hymn to Joy): L. van Beethoven, 1842; public domain)

(this piano arrangement: Alfred Music, 2014)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Cold Weather Shelter

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

For the past couple of years, the CWS program has kept many families housed and fed in a local hotel during the winter season. We had hoped to host the shelter at CMPC this season but due to scheduling complications Grassroots will again use local hotels to accommodate their guests during our seasonal mission. Grassroots is asking congregations to supply daily meals for approximately 35 guests and to provide volunteers to help Grassroots staff deliver meals to guest rooms.

CMPC continues the tradition of supporting the CWS program this year from Tuesday, December 26th through Tuesday, January 2nd. We will need 3 volunteers each day to serve and others to provide 35 breakfasts, 35 lunches, and 35 dinners for program guests residing at the hotel. Packaging for meals will be available after service on December 17th. 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.



Each year, Grassroots helps individuals and families find permanent housing in the area. Let us come together and share a portion of ourselves in support of this transformational ministry.

Many blessings,

CMPC Mission & Local Outreach

**Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:
www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters**

Longest Night Service

Tonight, December 17th, 7 p.m.

"The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness, or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.



Christmas Eve Services

There will be NO morning service

5:00 Family Friendly

This service features a favorite tradition at CMPC, the participatory retelling of the Christmas Story, as well as carols and scripture readings. This is a more casual service and though it is appropriate for all ages, children in particular are encouraged to attend.

8:30 Traditional

For our evening service, there will be plenty of carol singing as well as special music from our choir. The service will conclude with the singing of Silent Night by candlelight!

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

DARKNESS

into

Light

A Christmas Musical Journey

By Mary McDonald



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Come to the Light

Come, All Ye Faithful

Hear the Angels Sing

Sing We All Noel!
Scott Hoffman, soloist

Candlelight Christmas Canon

Rise Up, Children, Arise!
Scott Hoffman, soloist

Darkness into Light

Come to the Light (reprise)

Hallelujah! Lord of Light

Come to the Light

Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King. Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing.

"Glory to God in the highest." Praises to Him we bring. Follow the light of our Savior. Come to the light of our King.

God of glory, Lord of light, sing to Him this Holy night. Come, behold this wondrous sight:
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!

Come to the light of our Savior. Come to the Child, a King. Come to the light of Jesus. Come to the light. Come to the light, our King. Come to the light, our King.

Come, All Ye Faithful

Come, all ye faithful. Come into the light and see this Child who is born tonight. "Glory to God," the angels sing. Come worship Christ, the King! Come, adore Him. Lift ev'ry voice and sing, "Gloria, gloria," to our Savior and King!

Come all ye faithful. Come into the light and see this Child who is born tonight. "Glory to God," the angels sing. Come worship Christ, the King! Gloria, sing "Gloria in excelsis Deo." Gloria, sing, "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" Come! O come!

Congregation may sing here (see insert):

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels. Sing in exultation. O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Come, all ye faithful. Come into the light and see this Child who is born tonight; "Glory to God," the angels sing. Come, worship Christ, the King!

Hear the Angels Sing

It came upon a 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 men, from heav'n'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 heav'nly 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!

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold; when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song, which now the angels sing; which now the angels sing! Ah – Hear the angels singing! Ah, ah – Hear the blessed angels sing. The world in solemn stillness lay. Ah – Hear the angels; hear the angels sing!

Sing We All Noel!

Noel! Now sing we Noel! We Sing! Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel! Sing we Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!

Solo:

See now the shining star that will lead us to One so far. To the earth, it gave great light.
Let's go to see it this holy night! Singing Noel! Singing Noel! Sing we all Noel!

See now this wondrous sight. See the Christ Child that's born tonight. From the darkness
He gave great light. Let's go to see Him this holy night! Singing Noel! Singing Noel! Sing
we all Noel! Noel! Singing Noel! Sing we all Noel!

Noel! Now sing we Noel! We sing! Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel! Sing we Noel! Sing
we Noel! Sing we Noel! Sing we all Noel!

Noel! Sing we Noel! Noel! Sing we all Noel! Noel! Sing we Noel! Noel! Sing we all Noel!
(repeats)

Candlelight Christmas Canon

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. Silent night, holy night, darkness flies, all is light. Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! Hail the King! Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born." Silent night, holy, holy night, all is calm, all is bright!

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.

Silent night, holy, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. 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, our Savior! Christ the Savior is born!

Rise Up, Children, Arise!

Rise up! Rise up! Rise up, children, and follow! Rise up! Rise up! Rise up! Children arise!

There's a Baby born in Bethlehem; Rise up, children! And a star will lead us straight to Him. Rise up, children, arise! Take each other by the hand. Follow, children! Go and tell the news to ev'ry land! Rise up children, arise!

Go and tell that He is born! Tell the news this joyful morn! Take each other by the hand. Follow, children! Go and tell the news to ev'ry land! Rise up, children, arise! (repeats)
Rise up! Follow! Rise up, children and follow. Follow the star now to Bethlehem! Rise up, children, arise!

Go, tell it on the mountain; over the hills and ev'rywhere! Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! Children, go tell it on the mountain; over the hills and ev'rywhere!
Children, go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! Rise, children, arise! Arise!

Darkness into Light

Out of the night, there came a Son; a Holy Child, the Holy One. He came as hope, peace, joy, and love. He brought the Light of God from heav'n above. The Son of God. Emmanuel; the Prince of Peace with us to dwell. God sent His only Son that Christmas night; and turned our darkness into light!

O come to us. Abide, with us; God with us, Emmanuel. With heart and voice, we will rejoice! You are the Light of God sent from above. The Son of God, Emmanuel; the Prince of Peace with us to dwell. God sent His only Son that Christmas night; and turned our darkness into light! He turned our darkness into light!

Come to the Light (reprise)

Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King. Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing. Glory to God in the Highest; Glory to God, our King. Come to the light of Jesus. Come to the light. Come to the light. Come to the light, our King!

Hallelujah! Lord of Light!

(Congregation may sing here, see insert)

Joyful, joyful we adore You, God of glory, Lord of Light! Lord of giving and forgiving, bless us on this holy night. Christ our Savior, bless'd Redeemer, Joy from heav'n to earth come down. Praises sing to God, our Father, for this One who wears a crown.

Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Giver of eternal Light! Glory to the Son of Mary, born to us this holy night.

Sing to God our songs of praises. Hallelujah! Let us sing! Raise to God our joyful chorus,
"Glory to the Newborn King!"

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Sopranos:

Laura Frantz
Licia Gliptis
Allison Miller
Jennifer Weinel
Mary Ray

Altos:

Shelley Clemens
Debbie Jensen
Kathy Koch
Sandy Rowan

Tenors:

Jeff Bloom
Tom Engle
Allen Exner
Karen Hawker

Basses:

John McPherson
John Salkeld
Drew Wardlaw

Guest Musicians:

Jeanette McDonald, Flute
Stephanie Richmond, Clarinet
Rachel Murphy, Oboe
Cleveland Chandler, Violin
Radhi Santos, Violin
Jonathan Terry, Cello
Arielle (Miller) Tobias, Percussion

Narrators:

Bob Ashman
Sue Ashman
Josh Gliptis
Lindsey Kim
Wes Millard
Becky Zordan

HALLELUJAH! LORD OF LIGHT!

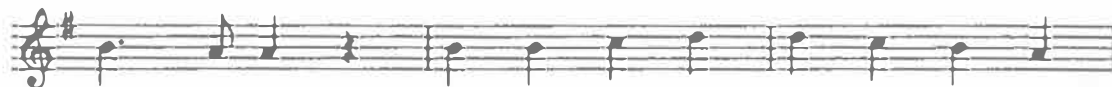
Words by
MARY MCDONALD (ASCAP)

Tune: HYMN TO JOY
by LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)
Arranged by
MARY MCDONALD (ASCAP)

CONGREGATION



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore You, God of glo - ry,
2. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Fa - ther, Giv - er of e -



Lord of Light! Lord of giv - ing and for - giv - ing,
ter - nal Light! Glo - ry to the Son of Ma - ry,



bless us on this ho - ly night. Christ, our Sav - ior,
born to us this ho - ly night. Sing to God our



bless'd Re - deem - er, Joy from heav'n to earth come down.
songs of prais - es Hal - le - lu - jah! Let us sing!



Prais - es sing to God, our Fa - ther. for this One who wears a crown.
Raise to God our joy - ful cho - rus, "Glo - ry to the New - born King!"

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Words by

JOHN FRANCIS WADE (1711–1786)

tr. FREDERICK OAKELEY (1802–1880)

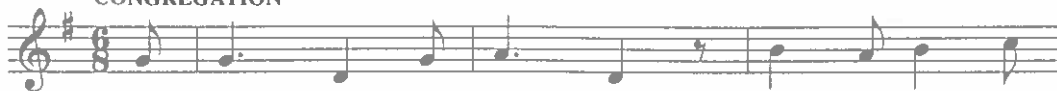
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

by JOHN FRANCIS WADE (1711–1786)

Arranged by

MARY MCDONALD (ASCAP)

CONGREGATION



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels. Sing in ex - ul -



um - phant. O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le -
ta - tion. O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n a -



hem! Come and be - hold Him, born the King of
bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the



an - gels! O come, let us a - dore Him! O
high - est!



come, let us a - dore Him! O come, let us a -



dore Him, Christ, the Lord!