



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**  
**The Sacrament of Baptism**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude**

Meditation on *In the Bleak Midwinter*

arr. Paul Fey

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always;

People: *and, again, I will say rejoice!*

Leader: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

People: *The Lord is near.*

All: *Let us worship the living God! Alleluia. Amen.*

**\*Processional Hymn 106** Prepare the Way, O Zion

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

Sam and Abby Dowling

The Candle of Joy

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world. Previously we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope that comes in Christ..

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy.

All Sing: *While we are waiting, come;*  
*While we are waiting, come.*  
*Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,*  
*While we are waiting, come.*

\*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

In Advent, we are in a time of waiting.

Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages.

We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!"

We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

Prayer: Spirit of God, on this day we give thanks and remember that you breathe joy into our lives. Hear us as we offer the prayer Jesus taught us:

**The Lord's Prayer** "debts . . . debtors"

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### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*Forgive us when we so quickly blame someone else, but refuse to look inside our own hearts.*

*Forgive us when we convince ourselves that we have been wronged, but ignore the cries of those victimized by injustice.*

*Forgive us when we allow suspicion, fear and distrust to close us off and prevent us from loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

*Encourage us, heal us, and speak through us, Merciful God, that we may be transformed and the offerings of our hands and our hearts may prepare the way for the Christ child to be welcomed among us in peace.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.*

### **Message For All God's Children**

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

#### **Presentation**

**Baptismal Hymn 486** (v. 1, seated) Child of Blessing, Child of Promise KINGDOM

#### **Baptism Promises and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **The Baptism**

Lucy Maxine Carey, daughter of Laura and Matthew Carey

**Baptismal Hymn 486** (vv. 2-4, seated) Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

*(After the Baptism, K-5th graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;  
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalter:** Psalm 146:5-10

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**Anthem**

Soon and Very Soon  
Chancel Choir

arr. Andrae Crouch

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Matthew 11:2-11

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**Sermon** "Are You the One?"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in God, present in every time and place, generating and sustaining all life, nurturing relationships with love. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who lived and loved, taught and was crucified, the One who conquered death and who surprises us with grace, when we least expect or deserve it. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who journeys with us in palpable ways, and turns our hearts to compassion.*

*We believe that even while we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we experience Jesus every day, through the mystery of the Holy Spirit and the love of God. We experience holiness in the serenity of our sanctuary and the sense of God's presence in our hearts, from the sun rising over the Atlantic, to its setting beyond the hills. In the beauty of the earth, the diversity of animal and plant life all around us, and the blessing of a temperate climate, we recognize the majesty of the Holy One. We find our joy being God's beloved children, alive on this wondrous planet, even as we are stewards of it.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

In dulci jubilo

arr. David Schelat

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn 107** Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn REJOICE REJOICE

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns arr. Thomas Keesecker

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*Being baptized this morning is Lucy Maxine Carey, daughter of Laura (Cogswell) and Matthew Carey. Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township grandparents are Miranda and Jay Cogswell. No flash photography, please.*

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Today's preacher is Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot.  
Thank you to our ushers and greeters this morning.  
Our tabulators today are Bob Eager, Julie Bliemel and Gordon Leach  
and our processor is Sandy Batten.  
Special thanks to our technical team for their assistance today.

**THIS WEEK AT PCCT: December 12 - December 17, 2021**

**Monday**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall  
7:15 pm Session, Theos Room

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Mtg., Staff Conference Room

**Wednesday**

5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8  
5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8

**Thursday**

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

**Saturday**

8:30 am Decorating the Sanctuary, Sanctuary  
9:00 am Community FoodBank, Hillside  
10:00 am Music Practice, Sanctuary  
1:00 pm Susan Johnson's Memorial Service and  
Reception, Sanctuary and Mulford Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 18, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Lessons and Carols & Family Sunday**

**10:00 am** Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13  
**11:00 am** Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
Confirmation Luminary Prep  
**4:00 pm** Children's Carols and Live Nativity with  
Corpus Christi, Front Lawn  
**6:30 pm** Senior High Youth Group  
Christmas Party, Young's Home  
AA, Theos Room

# Prepare the Way, O Zion 106

G C D7 G C D Gsus G

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,

G C D7 G C D Gsus G

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Em D G A7 D A D Em A7 D

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain G Em Dsus D Em Am D7 G

O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812, rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;  
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930  
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 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

## 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has  
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our  
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

# 107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is  
el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and  
world is de - pair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and  
win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by  
near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the  
free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break  
light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens  
bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der  
forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be  
love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heaven - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.  
raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

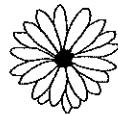
After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**December 11, 2022**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**  
**The Sacrament of Baptism**

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

**TODAY AT PCCT**

- 9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
- 10:00 am** **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9
- 10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am** **Faith Forward: Carols and Coffee, Mulford Hall**  
Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship  
Christmas Party, Zehner's Home  
AA, Theos Room
- 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting  
Halldorson Hall



**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in remembrance of Peter's parents, Kenneth and Marie Meyers,  
from Peter & Claudia Meyers and Family.

**FAITH FORWARD: CAROLS AND COFFEE: Today at 11:00 am**

Join us today for a fun and festive holiday songfest with PCCT's own Sandy Batten! Stop in to sing a few of your favorite Christmas carols and enjoy seasonal refreshments after worship in Mulford Hall. All ages and voices are welcome as we sing well-known and much loved tunes.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**  
**Christmas Party: Tonight, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Join us for a White Elephant Gift Exchange and games of the season. Bring a dessert to share.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday, December 18, 10:00 am**

Join us for this special worship service blending music performed by PCCT music groups, along with youth and adult leaders sharing Scripture and featuring festive music and many beloved carols. Don't miss this family-friendly celebration of Advent and Christmas.

**CHILDREN'S CAROLS & LIVE NATIVITY WITH CORPUS CHRISTI**

**Sunday, December 18, 4:00 pm**

All are welcome to come to our special outdoors live nativity pageant and carol sing. Co-hosted with Corpus Christi Church, led by our children actors and musicians, and including live animals. Special community event!

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

**Christmas Party: December 18, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Young's Home**

We're celebrating the spirit of the season with appetizers, desserts and games. Please plan to bring an Angel Tree gift to help brighten the holidays for a child in need (details will be provided later).

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**



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**Tuesday, December 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Come and enjoy instrumental and piano/vocal music in our beautiful, tranquil sanctuary by Director of Music Matthew Zabiegala. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or the whole time. There will be no reading, speaking, scripture reading, or the expectation to participate. Simply different styles of quiet music from classical to pop, medieval to Avant Garde, everything in between and arrangements of familiar, holiday tunes and hymns.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES**

3:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve worship service with children ensembles and brass  
*(in-person only; Nursery Care available)*

5:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service with adult ensembles and brass  
*(livestreamed and in-person)*

11:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve candlelight worship service  
*(in-person only)*

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December 25, 10:00 am ~ Christmas Day worship service with hymn sing



### **CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS AND GREETERS**

Please sign up on the Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters board in the Lobby if you are able to serve.

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

In your pews you will find two special Christmas offering envelopes, one that helps PCCT in our ministries and one that supports retired clergy and provides educational support for minority students.

### **GIVING TREES**

Today is the final Sunday for dropping off gifts for our Giving Tree recipients! If your plans have changed and you're not able to purchase the item or have missed the deadline, please contact Anne Fields [annekfields@gmail.com](mailto:annekfields@gmail.com) so we can be sure that all the wish list items are fulfilled.

### **ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, January 29, 2022, after worship**

Save the Date! Our Annual Meeting and Winter Breakfast will take place on January 29. More details to follow!

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

2023 pledge envelopes are in the Lobby. Please stop by to pick yours up if you requested them. Thank you to all who have pledged toward 2023.

## **ASPIRING TOGETHER: 2023 Stewardship**

Sincere thanks to all those who have pledged for 2023 thus far. Your financial gifts to PCCT help us invest in our shared and promising future.

As a caring and devoted church family, we aspire to:

- build a vibrant church together
- worship and serve together
- glorify God through music together, and
- learn together.

Our Stewardship goal for 2023 is \$750,000. As a congregation, if we can aspire to pledge 15% more than last year, we can better ensure PCCT remains a welcoming and hospitable place for both members and the community alike.

If you haven't already pledged, we invite you to do so. Go to our website to fill out the Online Pledge Form or fill out the card that was mailed to you. There are also extra cards available as you enter the Sanctuary.

Please know your support for our church family and our many important programs and rewarding mission initiatives is truly valued.

### **Completing 2022 Pledges**

We are most grateful to all members who will fulfill or have already fulfilled their 2022 pledge commitments by the end of December. Your financial support is deeply appreciated and provides a firm foundation for PCCT's future.

## **BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGIATE CHORALE**

**Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm**

PCCT will be hosting The Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale in performance as part of their PA/NJ/NYC Tour! One of 5 curricular choirs from the BGSU College of Musical Arts, the Collegiate Chorale is the university's flag-ship choral ensemble. Members study and perform a wide range of repertoire that spans from the Renaissance period to the modern era. The ensemble's mission is to engage audiences with authentic and conscientious performances of sophisticated and challenging music and seek to connect with listeners and each other intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.



*In the pews this week, you will see our new Music Ministries brochure!*

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