



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP



Lessons and Carols Worship

Sunday, December 17, 2023

The Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M.

Families are invited to worship together for this special service. Expanded nursery care will be available during the entire service for preschoolers, toddlers, and infants.

Prelude

"Good King Wenceslas"
Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

*Call to Worship

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord.

People: My spirit rejoices in God. The Lord is my savior!

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things.

People: Holy is God's name!

*Processional Hymn 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

(verse 1—duet; verse 2—choir; verses 3 and 4—all)

Congregation with Margaret Zehner and Elizabeth Monkemeier, *soloists*

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

The Sanctuary Ringers

Congregation sings:

(see insert)

*As we light the Advent candle
with the light of hope burning bright,
faithfully we wait for his coming;
faithfully it shines through the night.
In our humble hearts a fire burns as well;
hear the prayer these flames would tell.
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel.*

*Those who are able, please stand.

Reader 1: Deeply planted in the mystery of life is a breath
whispering hope in the silence.

Reader 2: Three candles shine as God's promise draws near,
beckoning us to speak for voices long silenced and stand for those bent over
by life's burdens.

All: Justice awakens in us, a spark to brighten the way.

Reader 3: Deeply planted in the mystery of life
is God's love;
gracing the world with presence and purpose.

Reader 4: Let us pray...
We wait, Holy God, longing for the dawning of a new day.
We prepare, trying to make room,
expectant yet worried; hopeful yet wondering.

Reader 5: God, we believe you long for the world's transformation,
and are preparing us for it even now,
making us into vessels of light and love.
Help us get ready to receive the gift of Jesus anew. Amen.

Second Lesson

One Who Is to Rule

Scott Heller

Micah 5:2-5a

*"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel."*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We
confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your
promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and
refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome
your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.
Amen.*

Anthem "Away in a Manger"
Children's Choir Anonymou's

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts . . . debtors) Hymnal Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"
Chancel Choir arr. Alan Smith

***Doxology**

*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**

Ninth Lesson **God With Us** The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot
Matthew 1: 18-25

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'"

Anthem "O Come, Little Children"
Children's Bell Choir arr. J.A.P. Schultz

*Hymn

"God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"

ENGLISH CAROL

(verse 1—all lower voices, verse 2—all upper voices; verse 3—choir; verse 4— all)



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth-ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth-ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with-in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



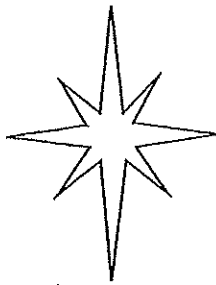
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

*Benediction

Postlude

"Variations on an Old Basque Noel"

arr. Marco Lo Muscio



CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m. Worship Service

Worship service with children's ensembles and brass
"A Narrated Christmas Story"
Child care for infants and toddlers will be provided.
In-person, not livestreamed

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Worship service with adult ensembles and brass
"Born to Be Extraordinary"
The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot
Worship service with adult ensembles and brass
In-person and Livestreamed

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

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The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot
In-person, not livestreamed

*Please come early to avoid traffic congestion, secure
a parking spot and seats, and to enjoy pre-service music.*

December 24, 10:00 a.m. ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 31, 10:00 a.m. ~ First Sunday of Christmas with hymn sing,
Nursery care not provided.

January 7, 10:00 a.m. ~ Worship service with the Sacrament of Communion

Origins of the Lessons & Carols Service

"A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" was introduced to King's College in Cambridge, U.K., on Christmas Eve 1918 to offer solace to people who were distressed, exhausted, injured and, in many cases, bereaved at the end of the First World War. This Carol service, and others like it (notably the 12/24 Carol Service at the Cathedral of Truro in 1880) introduced the new college Dean, Eric Milner-White, who had been an Army Chaplain in WWI. Dean Milner-White wanted a different and more positive way of celebrating Christmas for the choir and people in the college. In 1919 he changed the opening hymn/carol to be "Once in Royal David's City" and set the main order and structure of the lessons/readings as it stands as tradition today. It is also a King's College tradition that the opening verse of the hymn be sung by a single treble chorister.

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols features nine Bible readings that tell the Christmas story; interspersed with carols or songs between each reading. This creative telling of scripture and song continues to allow for interpretation and musical variety and an opportunity to encounter the birth of the Savior in this glorious tradition.

"He Shall Feed His Flock" from 'Messiah' by George Frederic Handel

He shall feed his flock like A shepherd, And He shall gather The lambs with his arm.
With his arm He shall feed his flock like A shepherd, And He shall gather The lambs
with his arm.

With his arm And carry them in his bosom And gently lead those That are with
young.

Come unto Him All ye that labour, Come unto Him, ye That are heavy laden And He
will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you And learn of Him For He is meek and lowly of heart And ye
shall find rest Unto your souls.

"The Wexford Carol" arr. Mack Wilberg

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind,
A tiny child to us is born in Bethlehem this blessed morn.

Now let our hearts and voices raise a song of gladness this Christmas Day.

Let all the earth rejoice and sing the birth of this, our newborn King.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;

To whom the angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.

(Continued)

*"Prepare and go," the angels said, "to Bethlehem be not afraid,
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a holy babe, sweet Jesus born."
With hearts of love and hymns of joy, come let us greet the baby boy,
and as the angels had foretold, let all the tiny child behold.
Within a manger he was laid, and by his side his mother stayed.
Let all the earth sing with delight, the holy child is born this night.*

"Christ's Lullaby" by Sally Ann Morris

*Come see the small one cradled in straw. God's whole creation gathers in awe.
Worlds hushed in silence hear from on high, morning stars singing Christ's lullaby.
Wind of God's Spirit, new baby's breath, mingle in drawing life out of death.
Empty and yearning, earth fills with song, no longer waiting, wondering how long.
Through hills and valleys, crying will cease. God's holy promise shines forth in peace.
Night full of splendor! Tame beasts and wild bow down together, worship the child.
God never slumbers, yet, at the breast Jesus the Christ child nestles at rest.
Angels are watching, hovering on high, echoing Glory! Christ's lullaby.*

"Variations on an Old Basque Noel" arr. Marco Lo Muscio

A Basque folk carol, originally based on 'Angelus Ad Virginem', a 13th or 14th Century Latin carol, it was collected by Charles Bordes and then paraphrased into English by Sabine Baring-Gould, who had spent a winter as a boy in the Basque country. It quotes the biblical account of the Annunciation (Luke, Chapter 1, verses 26–38) and Mary's Magnificat (Luke Chapter 1, verses 46–55) with the opening lines:

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail", said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady." Gloria.*

The arranger, Marco Lo Muscio, is an internationally accomplished concert organist and composer. He arranged six variations on this tune; Song, Meditation, Medieval Dance, Ostinato, Pedal Solo, and Song of Gabriel. Each variation showcases varying and exciting colors of this versatile tune. This morning you will hear every variation with the exception of the pedal solo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Welcome!

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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are presented in thanksgiving for the PCCT music staff, the Chancel Choir and the Sanctuary Ringers, by the MacCallum Family.

THE POINSETTIAS AND GREENS in our chancel have been contributed by many to the Glory of God and in memory or in honor of family and friends. Specific names are in today's insert.

OUR MUSIC FILLED SANCTUARY! Thank you to all who so generously donated to our music program and helped fill our sanctuary with beautiful Advent music.

THANK YOU to all who are ushering and greeting today.

SPECIAL THANKS to our tech team for their assistance today.

STEWARDSHIP: All 2023 PCCT contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2023. 2024 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 2024.

CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS & GREETERS: We still need ushers and greeters for our Christmas Eve services. Please sign up on the Ushers & Greeters boards in the Upper Lobby or call the church office if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: In your pews you will find two special Christmas offering envelopes, one for a contribution that helps PCCT in our ministries and the other for a contribution to support retired clergy and provide educational support for minority students.

2024 FLOWER CHART: Please stop by the Flower Chart in the Lobby to pick up a form, add your name to the chart, or go to our website to sign up online if you would like to donate and dedicate sanctuary flowers in the new year. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Deacon's flower ministry and also provide the sanctuary with beautiful flowers all year.

ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST: January 28, 2024—Save the Date! More details to follow.

CHILDREN'S CAROLS AND LIVE NATIVITY WITH CORPUS CHRISTI—TODAY!

All are welcome to come to our special outdoors live nativity pageant and carol sing this afternoon at 4:00 pm. Co-hosted with Corpus Christi Church, the event features kid participants and live animals. Special community event! Please join us!



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Ceri Gilpin, Church Administrator
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Lynn Apolinaro, Director of External Communications
Mark Van Nest, Sexton

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

IRBY
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"Light the Advent Candle"

PICARDY
VENI EMMANUEL

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
ad. Matthew Zabiegala

$\text{♩} = 120$



As we light the Ad - ve - nt can - dle with the light of hope burn - ing bright,

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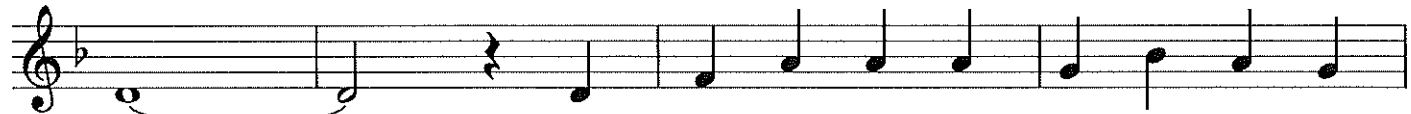
faith - fu - lly we wait for his com - ing; faith - fu - lly it shines through the night.

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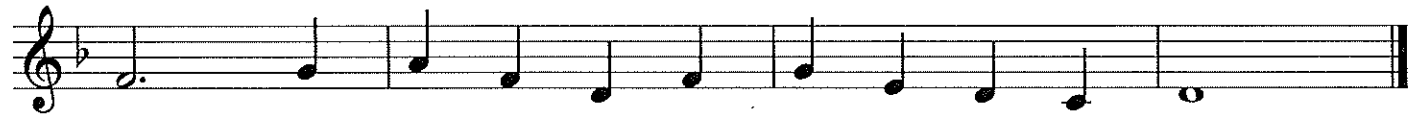
In our hum - ble hearts a fi - re burns as well; hear the prayer these flames wou - ld

19



tell - - - O come, O come Em - man - - u -

23



el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el.

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

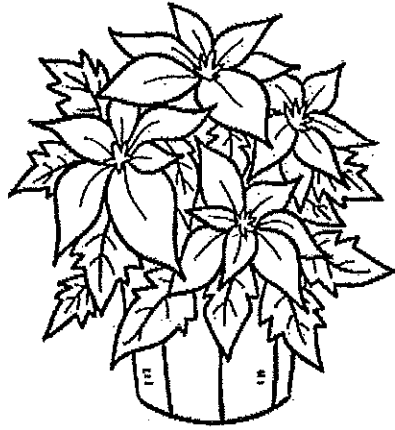
a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

east and sing to - day:

Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.



**POINSETTIAS AND GREENS IN OUR CHANCEL
have been contributed to the glory of God . . .**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF . . .

Teedee Carroll, wife, by Steve Carroll.

*Elinor and Alan Knowles and Rachel and Edward Carroll, parents,
by Steve Carroll.*

*Elizabeth, William and Willie Knowles, sister, brother and nephew,
by Steve Carroll.*

Bob Hageman, friend, by George and Brenda Shepherd.

Dee Shelley and departed loved ones, by Penn Shelley.

*Betty and George Graham and Gloria and Frank Leitner, our parents,
by Betty and Frank Leitner.*

Our Parents and Grandparents, by The Hoffman Family.

Paul and Isabel Broshek, parents, by Carolyn Smith and Family.

*Betty and Charles Moore and Bert Paine, parents and grandparents,
by Mike, Jeneé, Coleman and McCall Moore.*

Willibald and Ute Bliemel, parents and grandparents, by The Bliemel Family.

*Vincent and Jeanne McAuliffe and James and Amelia Post, parents,
grandparents and great-grandparents, by The McAuliffe Family.*

Anne and John Wislocky, parents and grandparents, by Bob, Gail and Richie Wislocky.

Jack Gesell, beloved husband, father and grandfather, by Marcia Gesell.

David Gesell, beloved son and brother, by Marcia Gesell.

Teedee Carroll, by Evan Skinner.

Treasured Family Loved Ones, grandparents, parents, son, husband, by Marilyn Granger.

Eldon and Midge Dixon, Founders of PCCT and dear friends since 1957, by Marilyn Granger.

Gloria and Jarvis Badgley, grandparents, by The Whitman Family.

Robert F. von Hoffmann, W. Schuyler Tompson and Gloria Tompson, parents, by Steven and Susan Tompson.

Susan Daggett, Mother and Grammy, by Katie, James, Jack, Charlie and Harry Bealer.

Grace and John Farley and Antoinette and Paul Nolle, our parents and grandparents, by The Nolle Family.

Gertrude and Ian MacCallum, parents and grandparents, by The MacCallum Family.

James Meyers, husband and father, by Ann Meyers and Rob Meyers.

Jonathan Drury, brother and uncle, by The Dowling Family.

Marla Drury, sister-in-law and aunt, by The Dowling Family.

Louis and Lucille Babic, Jr., parents and grandparents, by Lisa, Craig and Natalie Duke.

Andy Patten, husband, by Linda Patten.

Loved Ones, by Dick and Dorie Simon.

Our departed parents, by Maury Gately and Songquian Lu.

William Schlager and Patricia C. Schlager, parents, by Pat and Doug Frank.

Loved Ones, by Barbara Collins.

Jim Collins and Nancy and Fred Montefusco, parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, by The Montefusco Family.

Ralph and Susan Johnson, parents, by Nancy Johnson.

Dick and Kathy Benoit, parents and grandparents, by The Nester Family.

David and Shirley Kearns, parents and grandparents, by The Fields Family.

Sara Kelly Fields, sister and aunt, by The Fields Family.

Jack Sr. and Sara Nell Fields, parents and grandparents, by The Fields Family.

Christine Egner, mother, by Carla Bond.

Loved Ones, parents, by Lisa and Andrew Boles.

George and Ann Ross and Dick and Sally Deatly, our parents, by George and Cindy Ross.

Beloved Family - Thaelers, Penners and Smiths, all our extended family, by Gary and Deborah Smith.

Mary Ann and Edwin Pomeroy, parents, by Barbara Murphy.

Christopher Blackman, our beloved brother-in-law and uncle, by The Birdsall Family.

George and Virginia Eberhardt, parents, by Wendy Hart and Family.

The PCCT Saints who have gone before us, by Joslin and Jack Ruffle.

Ann and Jim Doyle, sister and brother-in-law, by Margie and Tom Tompkins.

Powell and Evelyn Hofler and Ben and Ruth McKnight, our parents, by Peck and Virginia Hofler.

C. Dale Steinmetz, husband, father and Pop-Pop, by Sally Steinmetz and the Alan and Peter Steinmetz Families.

Family and Special Friends, by Sally Steinmetz.

Lauren Fairley and Mima and John Fairley, by Pamela and Alex Fairley.

Alice Thoman, sister, by Martha Hellriegel.

Ruthanne Kirk Stauffer and Hans-Fred Stauffer, parents, by MaryAnne and John J. Collins.

Molly B. Wilson, mother and grandmother, by The McCann Family.

IN HONOR OF . . .

Anne P. von Hoffmann, parent, by Steven and Susan Tompson.

Our 8 wonderful grandchildren, by Jon and Gayle Dierks.

Our Moms, by the Zehner Family.

Justin & Bridget and Andrew & Calyn, our adult children, by

Cliff and Valerie Moodie.

Melissa Bergesen Tackett, sister-in-law, by Story Savage and Doug Bergesen.

Rolland, James, Teddy and Charlie, our grandsons, by Deb and Rick Ahsler.

My Family, Kelly, Jeff, Robert, Katharine, Ann and Drew, sons,

daughters-in-law and grandchildren, by Linda Patten.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED FOR THE CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY...**

Jack and Joslin Ruffle, Lori Soffer, Pamela and Alex Fairley, Lisa and Andrew Boles,
Kris Nester, Maury Gately and Sonqian Lu, Lissa and Ian MacCallum, Steve Carroll,
George and Brenda Shepherd, Susan and Steven Tompson, The McCann Family,
Penn Shelley.

...Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED . . .

IN LOVING MEMORY OF . . .

Christine Egner, my mother, by Carla Bond.

Michael Hazzard Bergesen, by Story Savage.

*Donna and Bob Cooper and Harry Lynn Cooper, aunt and uncle and grandfather,
by Julie Cooper Bliemel.*

William W. Howell, father, grandfather and music lover! by the MacCallum Family.

Kenneth Fowler and Robert Zehner, by the Zehner Family.

Ann and John T. Collins, parents, by Mary Anne and John J. Collins.

IN HONOR OF . . .

*The men and women of the United States Coast Guard,
by George and Brenda Shepherd.*

Matt and Elizabeth, our music directors, by Rae and Arnold Wade.

The Choir, Matthew and Elizabeth, by the Fairley Family.

Matthew Zabiegala and all our choirs, by Joslin and Jack Ruffle.

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Our mothers, by Lisa and Andrew Boles.

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Donnie McAuliffe.*

Cooper, Lottie, Eli, and J.J., our grandchildren, by Steven and Susan Tompson.

Matt Zabiegala and Elizabeth Monkemeier, by Lucy and Gary Deutsch.

The Chancel Choir, by Ann Meyers.

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