

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24, 2022
4:30 pm



A Child is Born

Order of Worship

We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

** Please stand, as able.*

*Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in new ways and reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Prelude

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Cradle Song

Paul Manz
Malcolm Archer

***Call to Worship (Spoken responsively)**

He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the World is coming!

Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!

He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring us!

Praise be to God for God's mighty gift to us.

O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!

*** Processional Hymn 41**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you come among us as a light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Help us remember that God continually calls us to spread the good news of Jesus' birth to others. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love knows no bounds. This love is given to you. To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. God's Son, Jesus was born to die for our sins. In Jesus' name, we are forgiven. Amen

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

With the first candle of Advent, we celebrate hope, for we have been watching and waiting for our Savior to come to us. The book of Isaiah tells us a child will be born, to us a son is given and his name shall be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. We light this candle because our hope is in the one who comes this night.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

The Birth of Jesus Foretold – Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you!" But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end". Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God". Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Anthem

**"He is Born"
Il Est Ne
Junior Choir**

**Arr. Trevor Manor
(Traditional French Carol)**

*He is born the divine Christ Child; Play on the flute and the bagpipes merrily!
He is born the divine Christ Child; Sing we all of the Savior's birth.*

*Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold His coming;
Through long ages of the past; Now the time has come at last!*

*He is born the divine Christ Child; Play on the flute and the bagpipes merrily!
He is born the divine Christ Child; Sing we all of the Savior's birth.*

*In a stable He was born; in a manger was His cradle.
In a stable He was born, humble Babe of Bethlehem.*

*Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a Child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heavenly peace.*

*He is born the divine Christ Child; Play on the flute and the bagpipes merrily!
He is born the divine Christ Child; Sing we all of the Savior's birth.*

The Birth of Jesus – Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

***Hymn 24**

“Away in a Manger”

Cradle Song

The Shepherds and the Angels – Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE among all those with whom God is pleased. We light the candle of peace to remind us that God has brought peace to the world, through his Son, the most perfect gift.

***Hymn 31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Mendelssohn

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies, with angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” We celebrate the Joy that the shepherds felt as they witnessed the babe lying in a manger and told all who would listen what the angel said of this good news of great joy,

The Visitation of the Shepherds – Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*** Hymn 40**

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

Christmas happens when God comes to us in love through Jesus Christ and fills us with love for all people. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. We light this candle to spread love throughout the world this night and every day after.

Children’s Gift

(All children welcome – For all the joy the children bring to us, we give a gift in return.)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God’s Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God’s work as we move into God’s week.

Invitation to the Offering

Come now before the Christ child bringing all that you are and all that you have. Offer your gifts in wonder, hope, and peace. Offer your gifts in joy and love.

Offertory

“O Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam

Joelle Stein, soloist

*O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night O night divine!*

*Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, Our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love, and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name;
Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

*** Doxology 592**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

*** Prayer of Dedication**

God with us: you came as a baby to a manger. You come again in daily blessings. Enable us to go out into your world offering our lives, our gifts, and our talents, for your glory. Help us to bless the lives of others through the strength of your Holy name. Amen

Lighting the Christ Candle

We have recalled what the good news means... Hope... Peace... Joy... Love. Jesus Christ is the greatest gift. Jesus makes all these other gifts possible. So, we light the Christ candle now, as we think about what his coming means to each one of us. Jesus the Christ has come into the world! The world is filled with the glory of God. The light of Christ shines everywhere!

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

*** Hymn 60**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Stille Nacht

*** Benediction and Charge**

God's stupendous sign—a child in a manger, a Light given for our darkness.

We are included—there is room for us in this picture, at this manger, in God's house—there is always room.

The Spirit of God is with us—here, among us right now. It is in the faces of each of the people in our unique Nativity scene. It is in your faces!

The light of God is given for us—given to us—and by us, it is given to others.

Amen.

Amen.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship participants recess.)

Postlude

"God Rest You Merry"

Wilbur Held

Announcements

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TONIGHT. We pray your experience with us in worship will be one filled with the Holy Spirit. We invite you to worship with us on Sunday mornings at our 10:00 am service of worship or participate via our YouTube channel at "Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside".

WE ARE THANKFUL to our Junior Choir and Joelle Stein for their lovely voices, to **Lynne Schutt**, for accompanying the choir, and to **CYM Leaders and parents** for assisting with the service.

OUR WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: Jocelyn Agbadan, Bea Clayton, Dex Clayton, Gabriella Keshishian, Sophia Keshishian, Liv Lin-Ralph, Shealyn O'Gara, Isla Orner, Liam Smith, Alice Stein, Max Stein

OTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES include our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service tonight at 9:00 pm and Christmas Day service at 10:00 am. Also, both services will be available on YouTube.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! **Live Streaming Worship** is available on **YouTube** or via **Zoom** on the phone for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. You can find our Sunday morning worship live streaming Sundays at 10:00 am with links below:

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>

Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
 *3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
 dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

*Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42

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Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11

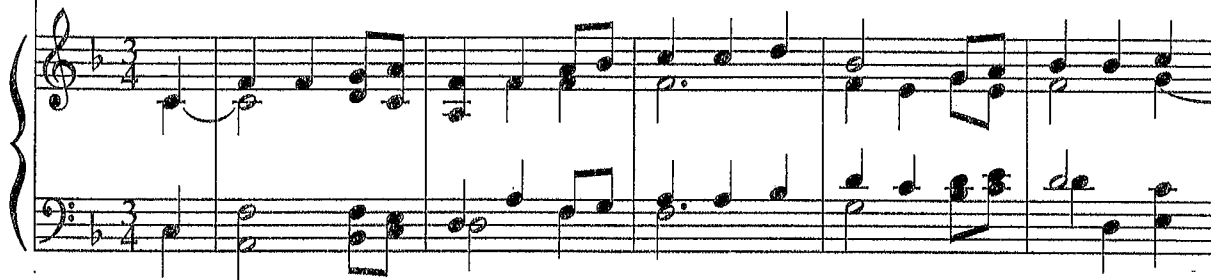
Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book*
for Schools and Families, c. 1885

Stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892

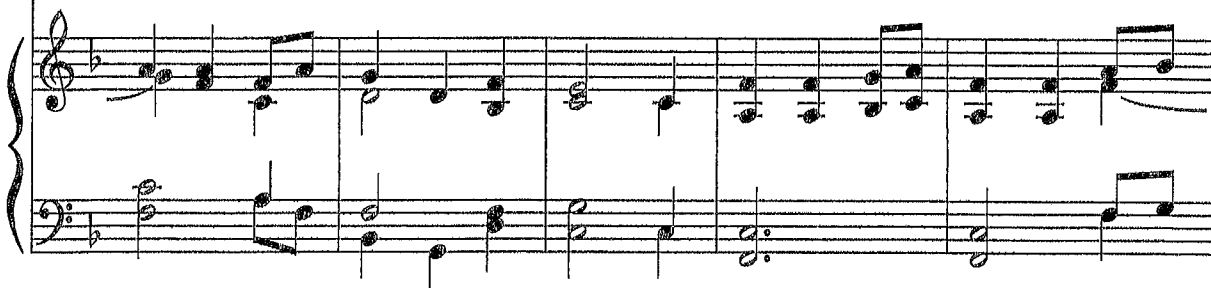
William James Kirkpatrick, 1895



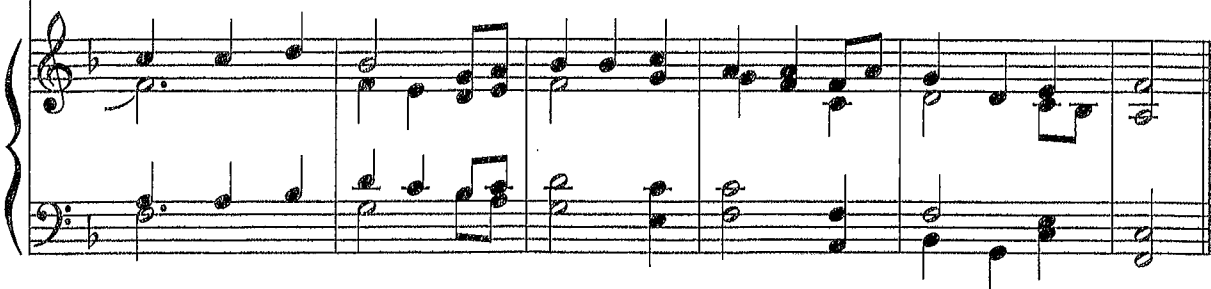
1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 *3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
 And heaven and na - ture sing,



And



sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



heaven and na - ture sing

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

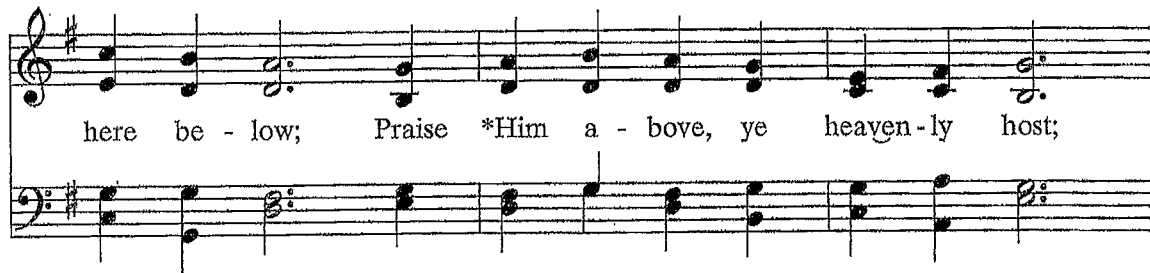
OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures



here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

B \flat F B \flat E \flat

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

B \flat E \flat B \flat

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heaven-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

F B \flat F B \flat

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh',
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'!

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da,
 Christ der Retter ist da!

3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!