

Carmel Presbyterian Church Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023 10:00 a.m.

\*Indicates please stand as you are able. **BOLD** type is for congregation to respond.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Pastoral Welcome & Announcements** 

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

(1833-1897)

Advent Journey from Darkness to Light

Choral Introduction:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
May the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

The Candle Lighting with Reading

Scripture Reading by Drama Team

Luke 1:46b-55

Hymn 9, Stanza 1 and Refrain O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Prayer

Congregational Response

Canticle of the Turning

(see insert)

(verse 4, with refrain)

#### Prayer of the Day

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again: keep us in steadfast hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*Hymn 433,

There's a Spirit in the Air

Lauds

(Stanzas 1, 3, 5-6)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Hear now our silent prayers of confession. (pray silently)

\*Choral Response

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

<sup>\*</sup>Call to Confession

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Confession

## \*Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the promise of the Lord:

See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken. Amen in the name of Jesus. Again I say, (together) **AMEN** 

\*Gloria Patri Hymn 579

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

Passing of the Peace

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons Romans 16:25-27

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Anthem

Sing We Nowell!

Terry D. Taylor

(see insert)

Children's Choir and Junior Choir

Luke 1:26-38

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Sermon

"About to Turn

Rev. Diller

A Reflection on "Canticle of the Turning"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Preparation

"Canticle of the Turning"

(see insert)

Children's Gifts

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory

Gabriel's Message

Nancy Grundahl

(see insert)

Festival Choir

## The Great Thanksgiving

"Where God Is Made Known"

A Communion Liturgy, with story, dialogue, and poetry for Christmas Eve

Players, in order of appearance:

Kai Orner, Gabriella Keshishian, Jocelyn Agbadan, Isla Orner, Shealyn O'Gara, Liv Lin-Ralph, Alice Stein, Sophia Keshishian, Steven Pawlowski

Hymn #34

In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born

Discovery Mendelssohn

Hymn #31

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Unison Prayer: Thank you, loving God, for sending us with your love- the only tool we need to share hope with the world. Now make each heart willing to make room for your coming, in all kinds of ways, and faces, and challenges, and opportunities. The strength of your church, saved and equipped, will bear witness to your coming. In the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice In dulci jubilo

\*Charge & Benediction

Chimes

\*Hymn 28

**Postlude** Tell Out My Soul

Paul Manz

## Announcements Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Should you wish for Hearing Devices and/or Large Print Bibles & Hymnals, they are available from an usher. Please sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). Restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering Children's Worship (Grades K-3) during the Sunday 10:00 AM worship service. Children's Worship does not require reserving ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary after the Children's Message and go with their leader to the Children's Worship Room in the nursery. An usher can be of assistance.

**CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 3-8.** The Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) meets each Wednesday night in Carmel Hall from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. It is a jam-packed hour of food, fellowship and fun! We look forward to seeing you there!

**THERE ARE FREE BLUE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNALS** in the Church Office for anyone to take to keep at home. These hymnals were given to Carmel by the Philadelphia Presbytery Office and

are a great thing to use at home for online streaming or for personal devotions. Stop by the church office today to get a free hymnal or deliver a copy to a shut-in who cannot come to worship.

**THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** are for glory of God and all of God's creations. **CARMEL'S LIBRARY** will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:45 AM-12:30 PM during the Nursery School year. The library is also open before and after worship on Sunday mornings.

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**WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE!** Explore the wealth of information at <a href="www.presbycarmel.org">www.presbycarmel.org</a>. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, and the daily lectionary, or send a prayer request or make financial donation—and not miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar.

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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw</a>

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist: liturgist, ushers, greeters, and host for coffee hour. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! To sign up please email Deb Gates at <a href="mailto:gatesdl@comcast.net">gatesdl@comcast.net</a> and indicate what you'd like to help with and on which date. Thank you for your service.

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#### Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor
Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Lynne Schutt, pianist for young choirs
Children's Choir, Junior Choir & Festival Choir
Eric Krieg, Worship Assistant
, Usher & Greeter
Lynne Schutt, Communion Elder
, Advent Candle Lighting
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators
Nancy Pinkowicz & Melissa Deacon, Coffee Hour (11:00 AM)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee; thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady. Gloria.

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:

"Most highly favored lady." Gloria

Anthem

Sing We Nowell!
Children's Choir and Junior Choir

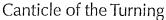
Terry D. Taylor

Nowell, nowell we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring! Christ has come with us to dwell. Jesus, our Emmanuel. Nowell, nowell we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring! With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father. Jesus, Messiah, the Prince of Peace, come to reign forever.

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## 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout





- 1 My soul cries out with a joy ful shout that the
- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
- 3 From the halls of power to the for tress tower, not a 4 Though the na tions rage from age to age, we re-



God of my heart is and my spir - it great, work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the Let the king be - ware for your stone will be left on stone. mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de



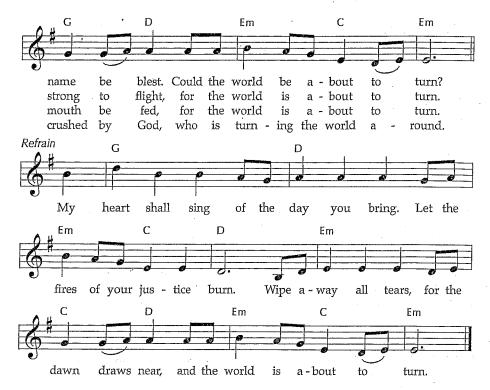
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. depths of the past to the end of the age be. jus - tice tears ev - ery from ty - rant his liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the This sav - ing word that fore - bears our heard is the



weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the food they can nev-er earn; there are ta-bles spread; ev-ery prom-ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

TEXT: Rory Cooney, 1990 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Rory Cooney, 1990 Text and Music Arr. © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc. STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN Irregular

# O Come, O. Come, Emmanuel

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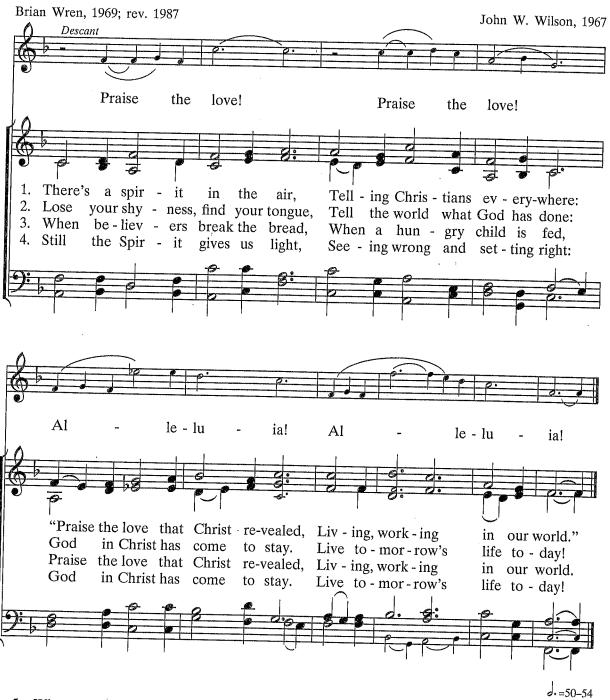




Matthew 3.1\_3

## There's a Spirit in the Air

LAUDS 7.7.7.7



- 5. When a stranger's not alone,
  Where the homeless find a home;
  Praise the love that Christ revealed,
  Living, working in our world.
- 7. There's a Spirit in the air,
  Calling people everywhere;
  Praise the love that Christ revealed,
  Living, working in our world.
- 6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
  Guide our thoughts and change our ways.
  God in Christ has come to stay.
  Live tomorrow's life today!

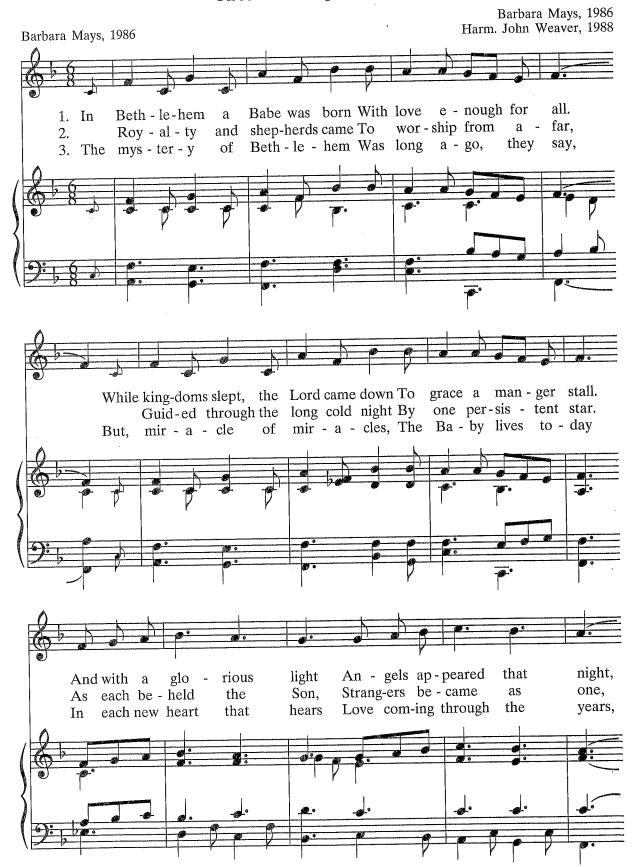
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# Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 Son, and to the the Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, to and As it was in the be - gin-ning, is Ghost; world with-out end. A - men, A - men. now, and ev-er shall be,

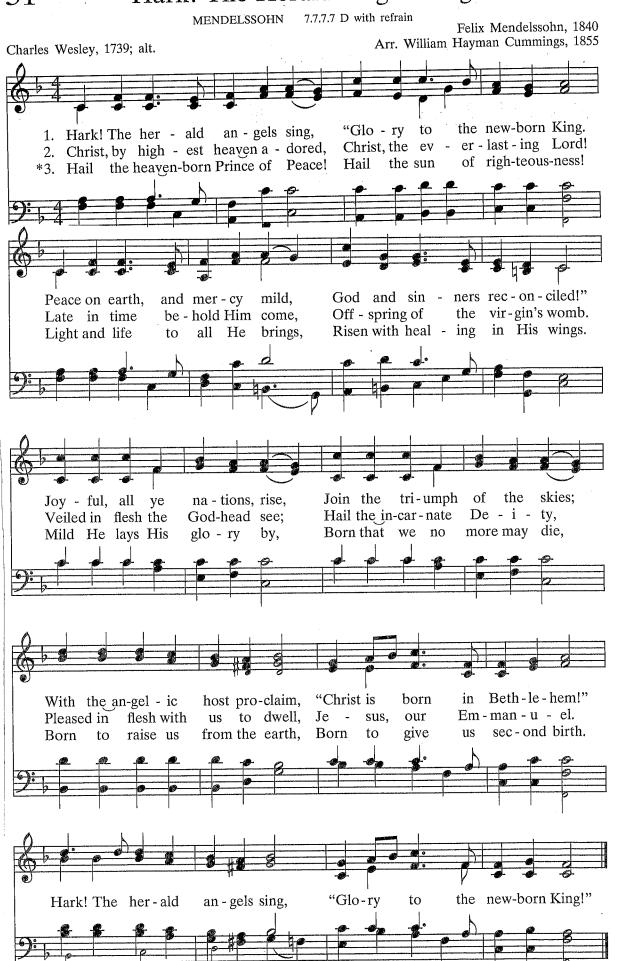
## In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born

DISCOVERY Irregular with refrain



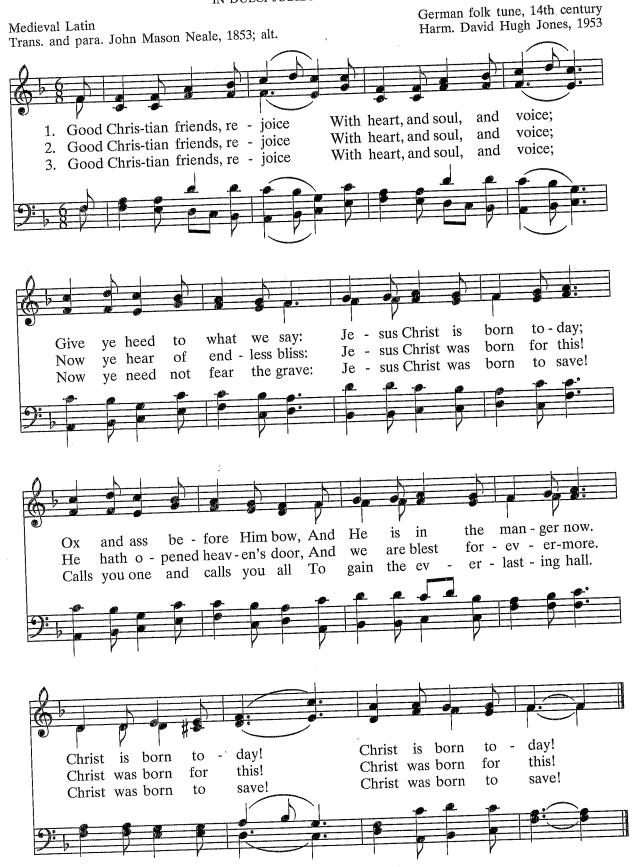


## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2023

The Poinsettia Plants delivered to members are given to the glory of God by the congregation of Carmel Presbyterian Church, in celebration of Christmas and God's many blessings.

In Memory of our parents and grandparents, Paul and Edith Ankrum and Martin and Elise Simon, by Georg, Janet, Jeanne and Linda Simon

In Memory of Arthur T. and Gloria S. Armstrong by the Armstrong family

In Memory of Arthur and Gloria Armstrong by Joy Brown

In Memory of Craig Badger by Jean Badger, and the Lohoefer, Kozak, and Mahon families

In Memory of Jack Badger by Jean Badger, and the Lohoefer, Kozak, and Mahon families

In Memory of Laura Bates by her daughter Lynne Schutt

Our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. McKeown, sisters Margaret Beck and Katherine Helm, our brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beck, Jr., and our friend Larry Clark by Charles and Mary Ann Beck

In Memory of George T. Beck, by his wife Peggy Ann, Linda and John Flynn, and Katey, Ken, and Andrew Schuyler

Our grandparents, Mary and George Bennett by Jan Heckman and family

Bertha and Ronald Cheesman, her sister and brother-in-law, by Pat Morris

My parents Kenneth and Barbara Cooper, by Lorrie Raquet

In Memory of Leslie A. Degen by the Gates Family

My parents, Leonard and Irene by Leslie Donaghy

In Memory of Walter Selden Gates, Jr. by the Gates Family

In Memory of June Garrett and Helen Metter by William Garrett, Sr. and Jr.

In Memory of our parents, Bob and Jane Gerhard, by their children Bob, Jr., John, Susan, and their families

In Memory of Arlene G. Hackman by Rod Hackman, Ellen Krieg, and Miriam Fitz

In loving memory of Anna Heimbrook and Kate and Albert Willis by their granddaughter, Anne Newman

Her parents, Edward O. Hetherington and Bertha R. Hetherington, by their daughter, Pat Morris

Edward O. Hetherington and Bertha R. Hetherington, by their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Beth, John, John, Valerie, Maria and Michael Santangelo, Devon, Jennifer, and Sophia McKee and Kelly, Dan, Danny, Sheamus, Kellan, Broghan and Madlyn Sweeney

In Memory of Joey and Cheryl Kalinoski by Joy Brown

In Memory of our parents and grandparents Patricia Rosenzweig and Joseph Chiavolanza by Cindy, Gabriella, and Sophia Keshishian In memory of Steven Kornfeld, Ed Knox, and Natalie & Ed Kornfeld by Joyce Kornfeld and family.

In Memoriam: Courtland and Laura Lamphere by their family and friends

Rev. John A. Lampe, Elizabeth P. Lampe and Esther J. Lampe by their children

Edmond V. Morris by his niece, Pat Morris

Eugene H. and Alice M. Morris, by their daughter-in-law, Pat Morris

Eugene H. and Alice M. Morris by their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Beth, John, John, Valerie, Maria and Michael Santangelo, Devon, Jennifer, and Sophia McKee and Kelly, Dan, Danny, Sheamus, Kellan, Broghan and Madlyn Sweeney

Gene Morris by his wife, Pat Morris

Gene Morris by his daughters, Beth and Kelly, their spouses, John and Dan and his 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter

Scott Morris by his mother, Pat Morris

Scott Morris by his sisters and their husbands, John and Beth Santangelo and Dan and Kelly Sweeney

In loving memory of my parents, Horace and Mildred Neff by Barbara Thompson and family

In loving memory of Leona and Charles Newman, Sr. and Patricia and Charles Newman, Jr. by Anne Newman

Our grandparents, Leona and Charles F. Newman by Jan Heckman and family My parents, Patricia and Charles F. Newman Jr., by Jan Heckman and family

In loving memory of Emily Rae and Samuel David Newman by their grandmother, Anne Newman

In loving memory of Walter Newman by his wife, Anne

Elaine J. Rice and Willard F. Rice, Sr., by David, Christina, Nicole and Matthew Rice Our parents Alfred and Harriet Robinson, and siblings Joan and Bill Miller, Donald and

Myrle Robinson, and Louise Robinson by Harriett Spinnraker and Beth Cherry

In memory of Wes Rose by The Rose Family with Love

In Memoriam: Albert and Hannah Schweikle by their family and friends

In Memory of Elizabeth Seav by her sister Gail

In Memory of Hans M. Simon, our brother and uncle, by Georg, Janet, Jeanne and Linda Simon

In Memory of Patricia Sorber by Meg Sorber

My husband Bill Spinnraker and children Kathy and Stephen by Harriett Spinnraker In loving memory of my husband, Jim Thompson and his parents, Marguerite and John Thompson by Barbara Thompson and family

In Memory of her parents, Richard Lewis Willis and Alice Heimbrook Willis by Anne Newman

THE WREATH IN THE MEMORY GARDEN is given in honor of those who are remembered there.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC MEMORIAL GIFTS 2023

The special music of the Holy Season is given to the greater glory of God in thanksgiving for the gift of His Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In loving memory of Louise Robinson by her sisters Beth Cherry and Harriet Spinnraker

In loving memory of our parents, grandparents, and dear friends by Rich and Ruth Kucera

In loving memory of my brothers, Donald and Douglas Donaghy

In loving memory of Patricia Newman by Jan Heckman

In loving memory of Patricia Newman by her grandchildren, Annalise, Bennett, and Layna

In loving memory of Paul Ankrum and Elise Simon, our parents and faithful choir members

In loving memory of my dear husband, Jim Thompson by Barbara Thompson

In loving memory of Chester and Janet Schuyler from their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

In loving memory of Guy and Peg Gilbert from Peggy Ann Beck, Linda and John Flynn, and Katey, Ken and Andrew Schuyler

In loving memory of Eunice and Paul Bohlander from Nicole and Tom Bohlander

In loving memory of Ruth S. Detweiler from Jean Badger, and the Lohoefer, Kozak, and Mahon families

In honor of All the choir members who bring joy to the service by Bonnie Miller

In loving memory of Arlene Hackman from Rod, Ellen Krieg, and Miriam Fitz

In loving memory of Gloria and Arthur T. Armstrong from Nancy Weiss and Margery Reith

In loving memory of Walter D. Monts from Lynne Schutt

In loving memory of Douglas Warburton from his wife Gail

In loving memory of John Sorber from Meg Sorber

In loving memory of our parents, Arthur and Cherry Lefferts, from their children Cynthia, Jon, Roger, Carol, Peter, Nancy, Barbara and Susan, and their families

#### **COMING EVENTS**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM Youth Choir, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM

#### **Christmas Eve Service of Lights**

Special Prelude Music by harp and flute, Sanctuary, 5:00 PM Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 5:30 PM

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Merry Christmas!

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

Worship in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

ICGC - Sanctuary: 4:00 PM