

Carmel Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Word and Sacrament December 24, 2023, at 5:30 pm Prelude at 5:00 pm

* Please stand, as able

Congregation voices **Bold** responses

Prelude (Please adopt a spirit of reflection and meditation during the prelude)

Mindy Cutcher, harp Michele Kelly, flute

Angels Fantasia on Greensleeves Ralph Vaughan Williams/arr. Sumbler and Jones It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Richard Storrs Willis/arr. Brock Winter from Four Seasons, Largo Bernard de La Monnoye/arr. Brock Patapan Flute and Harp Concerto, K299, 2nd movement O Holy Night Adolph Adam/arr. Dressler

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle Rice Family Hymn 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

*Call to Worship

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

P: Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!

L: He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!

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

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

P: We are ready to receive you in our lives! AMEN.

*Hymn 24 "Away in a Manger" Cradle Song

* Prayer of Adoration (In unison)

Glorious God, who presents us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives. We have come to this place in the midst of a busy time. Work in our hearts just now; prepare us for your presence. Work in our lives that we may reach out to others in comfort and compassion; work in our world, that all darkness may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your Gift. In faith and expectation, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The First Lesson Anthem

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, 11:6-9 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Women of the Festival Choir

Michael Praetorius

arranged by Burton

Antonio Vivaldi/arr. Brock

W.A. Mozart/arr. Burton

The Second Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn 16 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Gabriel's Message

The Third Lesson Luke 2:1, 3-7

Anthem O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Philip Ledger

Festival Choir

The Fourth Lesson Luke 2:8-16

Anthem What is This Lovely Fragrance arr. Joseph Flummerfelt

Festival Choir

The Fifth Lesson Luke 2:17-19

Anthem Ding Dong Merrily on High French Tune/Charles Wood

Festival Choir

The Sixth Lesson John 1:1-14

Hymn 49 Once in Royal David's City IRBY

A Pastoral Prayer of Glad Tidings

L: Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ P: Let heaven and earth rejoice!

Meditation Where do We Go from Here? Rev. John M. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation #30 Born in the Night, Mary's Child Mary's Child

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Call to Offering

Offertory "O Holy Night" Adolph Adam

Joelle Stein, soloist

Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Serving Of the Father's Love Begotten Wilbur Held

Prayer: Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn 60 "Silent Night, Holy Night" Stille Nacht

*Charge Titus 2:11-14

*Hymn 40 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

*Benediction

A child has been born for us.

God's grace has been given to us.

From a stable, in Bethlehem, our savior has come. We have seen the glory of the Lord, Revealed in the face of the Christ child. We can hardly contain our amazement.

Tell the world. Treasure the story. Ponder it in your heart.

We will Glorify and praise God, for all we have heard and seen!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ has come!

Amen!

Chimes Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Wilbur Held

"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 sing 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!

HANDHELD CANDLES ARE LIT

God's stupendous sign—a child in a manger, a Light given for our darkness. Just when we think that we have understood all, we are surprised again.

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

God commanded light out of the darkness. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Jesus said,

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

The Spirit of God is with us—here, among us right now. The true light, which enlightens everyone, has come into the world.

He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him, not one thing came into being.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The light of God is given for you—given to you. Continue the joy of giving.

***Please turn to Hymn 60, Silent Night

Anthem Lyrics

Lo, how a Rose e'er Blooming Michael Praetorius Women of the Festival Choir

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
O Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright, Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, The Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Saviour, When half spent was the night.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Philip Ledger Festival Choir

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

What is This Lovely Fragrance

arr. Joseph Flummerfelt Festival Choir

Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance Filling the air this wondrous night? Gentler than all the flowers of springtime Wafting from heaven in sweet delight. Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance filling the air this wondrous night?

What is this light so clear, so brilliant, Filling the sky before our eyes? Brighter than day a star is shining, Never have we seen such radiant skies! What is this light so clear, so brilliant, Filling the sky before our eyes?

In Bethlehem in lowly manger Lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King. Come let us hasten to adore Him, And there to Him our praises sing! In Bethlehem in lowly manger Lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King.

> Ding Dong! Merrily on High French Tune/Charles Wood Festival Choir

Ding dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky is riven with angel singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Even so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime our evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

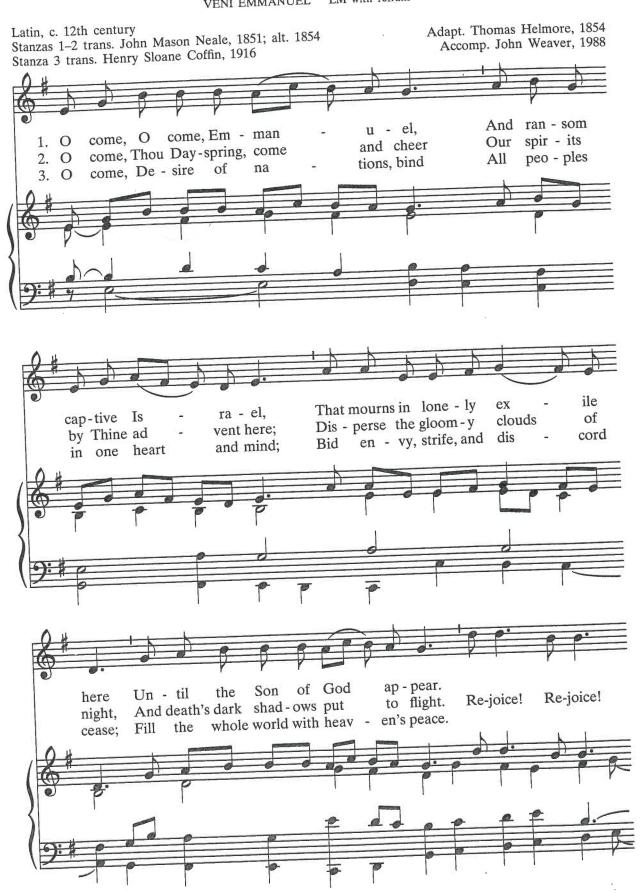
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O Come, O. Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain





Matthew 3.1_3

CHRISTMAS Luke 2:7

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Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11



The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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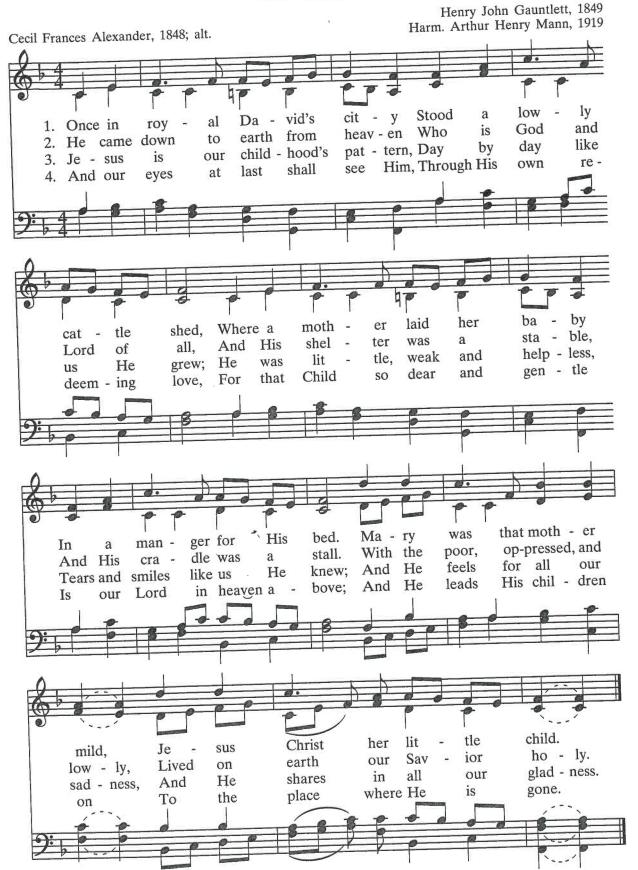
GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10.10.12.10



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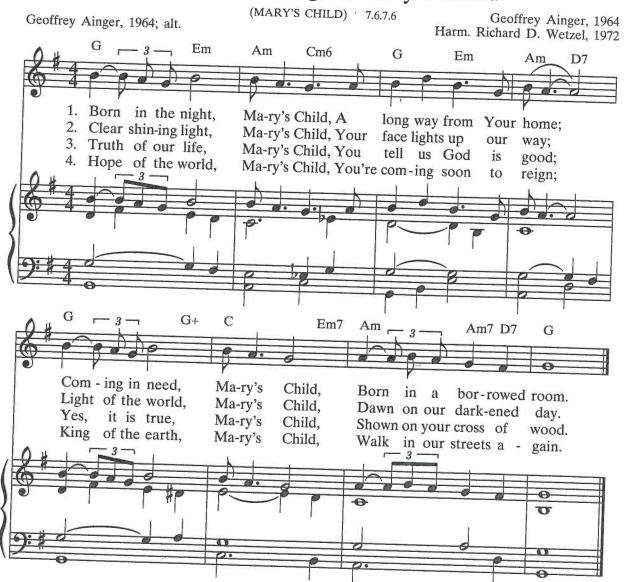
Once in Royal David's City

IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7



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Born in the Night, Mary's Child



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Silent Night, Holy Night

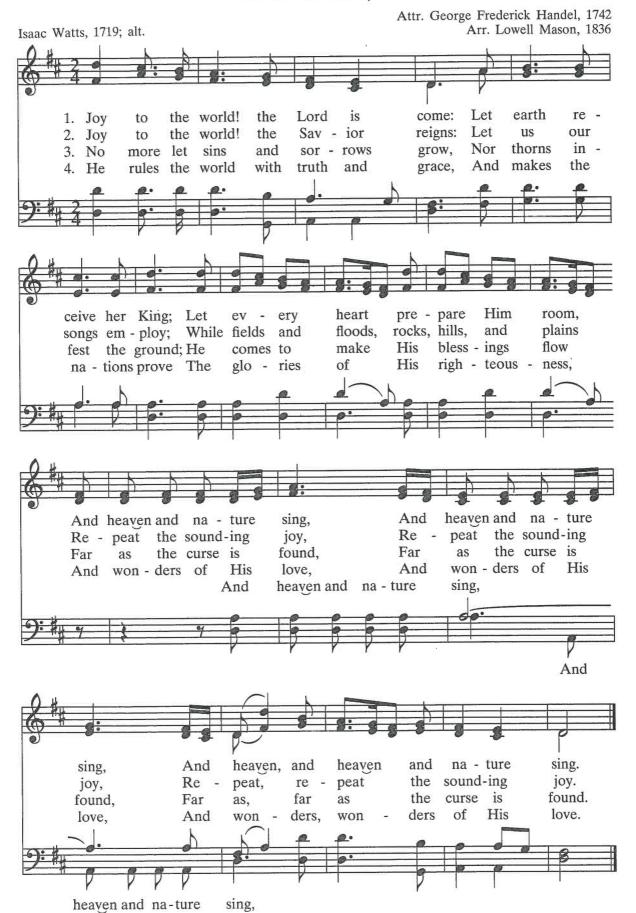
STILLE NACHT Irregular



- 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!

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat



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, 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 Seay 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 * COPYRIGHT PERMISSIONS: Music in this service is streamed and reprinted with permission under One <u>License.net</u> License #735006-A. All Rights Reserve.

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YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw

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 – 1ST 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