

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

THE GATHERING

CAROL-SING

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains: "Gloria in excelsis Deo!"**

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

SUSSEX CAROL

**On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring. *repeat*
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth!**

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**Gentle Mary laid her child, lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.**

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

I wonder as I wander

trad. Appalachian carol, arr. Rutter

The Octet; Krista Heckmann, soloist

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall;
The promise of the ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King.

11 a.m. PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:30 a.m. Larry & Bonnie Boram

read responsively

11 a.m. Johnny, Rob, Emily, Ella, & Zachary Burrice

As we light our fourth Advent candle,
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has come.
Let us share in the wonder. Come now, O light in the darkness.
Come now, O Lord of Love.

*HYMN 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *read responsively*

O promised Christ, your love is from everlasting to everlasting.
We are full of good intentions of sharing your love, but weak at keeping our promises.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We confess to you, O God of love,

our passive acceptance of your profound presence.

We confess to you, O God of love,

our selfish impulses that keep us from seeing others as you see them.

We confess to you, O God of love,

our abuse of the creation that you have shared with us.

Forgive us, we pray.

Restore in us renewed visions of your eternal kingdom.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your love

Time for silent prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward during the Passing of the Peace.

Children will then be dismissed through the side door for activities.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

11 a.m. **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Micah 5:2–5a

11 a.m. **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae
et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.*

The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.*

Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord.
Do to me according to your word.

Ave Maria ...

Hail Mary ...

*Et verbum caro factum est
Et habitavit in nobis.*

And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us.

Ave Maria ...

Sancta Maria, mater Dei,

ora pro nobis peccatoribus.

Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis

nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Amen.

Hail Mary ...

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Angelus & Ave Maria, trad.

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 1:39–55

SERMON

Dancing to God's Song

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:1–9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news, which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please see the information on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin about ways to give. You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Glory to God from MESSIAH

G.F. Handel

The Sanctuary Choir; Christina Bouras Recktenwald, soloist

Recitative:

There were shepherds abiding in the field,
keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about
them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for
behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a
Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude
of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

Chorus:

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth,
good will towards men."

Luke 2:8–14

***DOXOLOGY 143**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory stanza 4

REGENT SQUARE

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

Stanzas 1 & 4

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Rhapsody on HELMSLEY

Lloyd Webber

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

**Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

For our worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Linda and Wayne Rudloff in honor of our children, and in memory of our parents and Linda's nephew, Robert F. Stuart III.

USHERS

8:30 a.m.—Bonnie Boram, Larry Boram

11:00 a.m.—Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Sallye Pence, Jane Roth, Jennifer Scott

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgist; Jennifer Scott, lay reader
The Octet (8:30 a.m.); Sanctuary Choir (11:00 a.m.); Jim Rittenhouse, Director;
Samuel Libra, Organist; Evan Vivic, Audio/Video Engineer; Mike Beasley, Camera

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Brad Williamson and his family on the death of his father, Bill, 12/16/21.

Susan Schmidt and her family on the death of her husband, Steve, 12/14/21.

Kelly Seiler and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Nick Strong, 12/10/21.

Priss Hovious and her family on the death of her father, Nelson D. Rodes Jr., 12/01/21.

The family and friends of Bill Brittain on his death, 11/21/21.

Jean Herp and her family on the death of her aunt, Elizabeth (Betsy) Gray, 11/19/21.

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his brother, Henry Castner, 11/19/21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID PROTOCOL: The church's Re-opening Task Group, consistent with CDC and Presbytery advice, emphasizes that regardless of vaccination status, wearing masks while gathering inside the building is strongly encouraged. All individuals are strongly encouraged to mask for their own protection and as an additional layer of protection for those around them. Masks are required in the Weekday School spaces.

On November 18, Session approved the Task Group's recommendation that January 2, 2022 be set as a target date to adjust our masking protocol. The intention is to then strongly encourage masking for the unvaccinated and at-risk members of the congregation when in worship. The Task Group, composed of active elders, at-large members, and members of the church staff, will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to recommend any necessary changes.

CHILDCARE: Childcare is available in room 117 for children ages 5 and under during 9:00 Worship and for children ages 3 and under for the 11:00 Worship. Room 117 is in Hilbert Hall, adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium, entrance #1 or #9.

Parents may pick up their children from the lower-level educational space after 11:00 Worship has ended. Educational space is best accessed through the double doors near the Narthex marked 2PK. PreK – 3rd grades rooms 150-154. 4th & 5th grades – room 180.

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that enhances your provider's security system and simplifies the check-in process. KidCheck helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent. Signing up for KidCheck is easy and free for parents, guardians, and workers! Visit <https://go.kidcheck.com> or download the KidCheck app on an iOS or Android device. Stations can be found at the nursery outside Hilbert Hall and in the Common Space near door 6. For you and your child/ren's safety, beginning today, all doors except for door 3 and the main Sanctuary doors will be locked at 11:15. Please use one of these entrances if you will be arriving after this time.

STEWARDSHIP: We are blessed to have many generous donors in our congregation, which has been so important during this challenging year. As a reminder, if you have not fulfilled your 2021 pledge, we would ask that you do so by the end of the year, if possible. We would also ask that your 2022 pledge be turned in by that time, if you have not already made it. Should you have questions about your gift or your pledge, please contact Jackie Grimley, our Bookkeeper, in the office. Thank you to all for supporting our church and its important mission! —*The Stewardship Committee*

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The Missionary Christmas Fund is our December Mission of the Month. Please consider contributing a special gift to our missionaries who are faithfully serving our neighbors throughout the world. Donations can be made to Second Presbyterian Church. Designate Missionary Christmas fund on the donation.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of December 19, 2021

CAROL SING TONIGHT in the Chapel, 6 p.m. We invite you and your families to enjoy some carol singing and hot cocoa, then caroling to our good neighbors in the streets surrounding the church. Wrap up!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE, Tuesday, December 21, 7 p.m., Chapel. The Longest Night Service is for all who are living with sorrow, grief or doubt this Christmas season. Through prayer, song, lighting of candles, and assurances from Scripture, we will walk the path of darkness to light. There will be an open time for prayer and silence following the service.

CHRISTMAS AT SECOND

December 24 - Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service, 5 p.m. in Sanctuary
(Live streamed beginning with pre-service music at 4:50 p.m.)*

Lessons & Carols Candlelight & Communion Service, 9 p.m. in Sanctuary
(Live streamed beginning with pre-service music at 8:50 p.m.)*

December 26 - First Sunday of Christmas
One Service at 11 a.m. in Sanctuary *(Live streamed)*

January 2 - Second Sunday of Christmas with Communion
One Service at 11 a.m. in Sanctuary *(Live streamed)*

*LIVE STREAMS AT YouTube 2ndPresLou

BEGINNING DECEMBER 19, CANDLES & COMMUNION SETS AVAILABLE
FOR PICKUP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE LIVE STREAM WORSHIPERS UNDER PORTICO

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor

Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth

Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship &
Music Ministries

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries

Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School

Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant

Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Rick Farrow, Facilities

Samuel Libra, Organist & Communications
Assistant

Tanner Williams, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant

Chelsea Beasley, Interim Formations Assistant

Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper

Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator

Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator

Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator

Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate

Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita



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Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

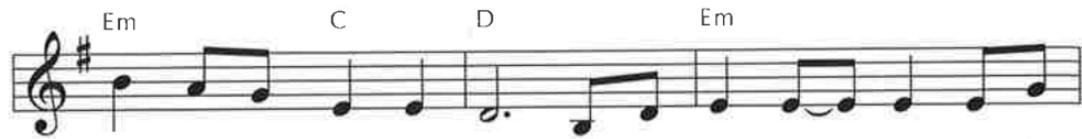
Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



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 -



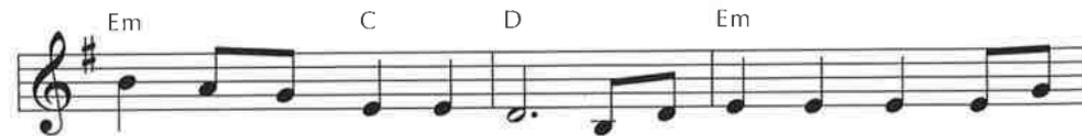
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



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



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 our fore - bears 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.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, D, Em, C, Em.

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

A musical staff in G major with a treble clef. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, D.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

A musical staff in G major with a treble clef. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em, C, D, Em.

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

A musical staff in G major with a treble clef. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, D, Em, C, Em.

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.