



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 15, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

Bob Curtis

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Huron Indian Carol"

arr. Anthony McDonald

Caron Treon & Elise Treon, flutes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anita Lawson

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us sing praises to the Lord, for God has done glorious things.

People: Let us shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Anita Lawson

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin. With humility and hope, let us make our confession.

All: **Great God, as we prepare to behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things of little significance, we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope, and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

Silence

Leader: The angel tells Joseph that the child forming in Mary's womb is to be named Jesus. "Call him Jesus," the angel says, "For he will save the people from their sins." From his birth through his resurrection, from age to age, Jesus is about salvation. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Wait for the Lord"

No. 90
Glory to God

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!" The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Anita Lawson, Bette Johnson, & Terry Sakuda

ADVENT READING FROM PHILIPPIANS

Reader: "Let your gentleness be known to everyone

People: The Lord is near.

Reader: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

We delight in the joy found in your presence, a fullness of joy that the world cannot give nor take away. This joy is a blessed assurance sealed with your love by the foretold birth of your son. This is a joy once discovered, can be made known to all and shared. Nothing else can fill the spaces of waiting; nothing else can light the path.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

*(Children are invited to the front of the church.
Afterwards, they may return to their seats for the Christmas Pageant.)*

THE GOOD NEWS FLASH

based on a play by Kendra Smiley

WELCOME

Elise Treon

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

(Please join in singing as the cast enters.)

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say

News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!

Ox and lamb before Him bow and He is in the manger now

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice

Now ye hear of endless bliss

Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this

He hath opened heaven's door and we are blessed evermore

Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.

SCRIPTURE READING

Clarke Stokes

CPTV NEWSROOM

Chief: Donovan Parker

Reporters:

Maya Calderon, Harper Leslie, Zora Leslie,
Lizzy Moborez, Koraline Niemi, & Nathaniel Parker

OUT IN THE FIELDS

Shepherds:
Cass Dye, Ryan Stoffel, & Elise Treon

“The First Noel”

(Please sing the second verse with us.)

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Cass Dye, solo

(Please sing the third verse with us.)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Angels:
Abby Grace, Winnie Hidalgo, & Mackenzie Parker

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Mackenzie Parker, solo

THE INN

Innkeeper: Rigsby Burns
Innkeeper’s Wife: Miriam Bitar

“No More Room”

Rigsby Burns and Miriam Bitar, solos

by Charlton D. Boza

THE KINGS

Star: Abby Grace
Kings: James Grace, Kai Stokes, & Aiden Westbrook

“We Three Kings”

(Please join in the refrain.)

Keith Atwater, Dave Mathews, Dave Studer, & Jim Wurz

O, Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

THE STABLE

Mary: Nell Treon and Joseph: Gabriel Calderon

“Who Is This Child?” and “What Child Is This?”

by Mary Donnelly & George Strid

Gabriel Calderon and Nell Treon, soloists

(Please join in singing “What Child Is This?” the second time.)

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

“O Come, Little Children”

Maya Calderon and Elise Treon, soloists

Little Children: Eleri Hidaalgo, Charlie Petersen, & Gabe Stoffel

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

“Hey, Hey, Anybody Listening?”

by Richard Avery & Donald Marsh

CLOSING REMARKS AND BENEDICTION

“Joy to the World”

(Please sing along.)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

POSTLUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Traditional

Mikhail Sumarakov, organ

*(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving,
or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner
on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service
for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Call to Worship from *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Online* <https://hymnal.pcusastore.com/>

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