



Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
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A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

PRELUDE God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Jim Bastien
Erin Wensorski, piano
 Prelude on Greensleeves Richard Purvis
 In Dulci Jubilo Marcel Dupre
 Charles Miller, organ

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT Come, All Ye Shepherds German Carol
Come, all ye shepherds, O come follow me! Fathers and mothers and children, come see! Born is the Christ, the Lord of Creation, Chosen by God to work your salvation: Be not afraid! Truly the angels glad tidings revealed unto the shepherds in Bethlehem's field. Tidings of joy to all men are given; peace on the earth proclaimed from the heaven. Praise be to God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid, I have good news for you!
 What? What good news? Tell us!
Tonight, in the City of David, a Savior has been born to us - the Messiah –
Christ the Lord!
 Come, we must go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing that happened.
Christ the Savior is born!
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

***CAROL** O Come, All Ye Faithful *Adeste Fideles*
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
 Refrain: O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come, let
 us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Sing, choirs of angels, sing exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
 Refrain:
Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
 Refrain:

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, with Mary and Joseph, the angels and the shepherds, and the magi, we too sing praises to the newborn King. We marvel at the greatness of Your love for us, a love prepared to take on our flesh and be born in the humblest of circumstances. Each year, the breath of Your love brings forth joy from us as we sing carols and hear familiar words of scripture. We praise You for Your great gift of love - Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord - who brings to birth in us love for You and love for one another. Come, Lord Jesus, be light in our darkness and empower us with Your spirit to be faithful bearers of Your light into all the shadowed and clouded areas of our world.

SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

GIFT OF MUSIC

Torches

John Joubert

Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping: Come and sing your song to Him! Ah, ro-ro, ro-ro my baby, Ah, ro-ro, my love, ro-ro; Sleep you well, my heart's own darling, while we sing You our ro-ro. Sing, my friends, and make you merry; joy and mirth and joy again; Lo! He lives, the King of heaven, now and evermore, Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-7

***CAROL**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by,
Yet in the dark street shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to all on earth.
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;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:8-20

GIFT OF MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God,
heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain: heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to
reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
Enough for Him, whom cherubim worshipped night and day, a breast-ful of milk and a manger-
ful of hay. Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.
What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a
wiseman, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.*

MEDITATION*Love Shows Up*

Text: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. – Luke 2:12

GIFT OF MUSIC

O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

Randall Nicholls, Tenor

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

*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! O praise His Name forever, His power and glory evermore proclaim.
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THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY***THE HYMN OF THE NATIVITY**

Silent Night, Holy Night

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin Mother and Child!
Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing,
"Alleluia to our King;" Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

***PRAYER**

**This night, O God, the soles of your feet have touched the earth. This night, O God,
the backstreet and the forgotten place have been illuminated with significance. This
night, O God, the household of earth welcomes the King of Heaven. For You have
crept in beside us, You have come among us, You are one of us. So may our songs rise
to your throne as our knees bend at Your cradle. Amen.**

***CAROL**

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.

Joy to the World! The Savior reigns: let us our songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol

Gerald Near

Worship Leadership

The Rev. Mark F. Phillips, Minister

Mr. Charles Miller, Director of Music & Organist

Vocal Quartet: Tracey Turbett, soprano; Anna Bosler, alto; Randall Nicholls, tenor;

David Hufford, bass

Marcy Osborne, Media



WELCOME! We joyfully welcome all who share in our celebration of God's best gift to humanity, the gift of the Child Jesus. While we deeply regret that we are unable to be together in person tonight, we pray that the spirit will be the same. You are encouraged to enter into the service and join with us as once again, in heart and mind, "we go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." A blessed Christmas to all!

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: On Sunday, December 27, 2020, Cherry Hill will celebrate the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols patterned after the service from King's College, Cambridge. The service will include traditional carols and music by an octet of singers under the direction of Charles Miller. This service may be viewed on Facebook and YouTube anytime after 10:15 am. Please join us as we continue our celebration of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: The session and staff of the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church wishes our wonderful congregation and friends a blessed Christmas and a Hopeful, Health, and Joyous New Year!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are grateful to all who have donated the poinsettias which beautify our
chancel.

IN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Harvey & Sharon Dean

Bob & Michelle Wahl

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Charles Miller

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Janet Hollingsworth & Ray Hiatt
Family, friends, & co-workers
The supportive & generous Cherry Hill
Church congregation, staff, and choir.
Rudy & Janet Phillips, parents
Larry Cereso
My church family & friends

IN MEMORY OF:

Our parents & John Banks
Loved ones
Jim & Yulon Smith
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Our loved ones in heaven
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Corky & Gerry Houghan,
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Virginia Nicholls
Phyllis Thrush Bruce
Melvin & Florence Wallace

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John & Jan Porath



STAR GIVING

What I'd really like to give you for Christmas is a star...

Brilliance in a package,
something you could keep in the pocket of your jeans
or in the pocket of your being.

Something to take out in times of darkness,
something that would never snuff out or tarnish,
something you could hold in your hand,

something for wonderment,
something for pondering,

something that would remind you of
what Christmas has always meant:

God's Advent Light into the darkness of this world.

But stars are only God's for giving,
and I must be content to give you words and wishes
and packages without stars.

But I can wish you life
as radiant as the Star

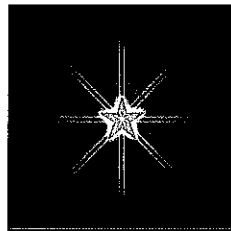
that announces the Christ Child's coming,
and as filled with awe as the shepherds who stood beneath its light.

And I can pass on to you the love

that has been given to me,
ignited countless times by others
who have knelt in Bethlehem's light.

Perhaps, if you ask, God will give you a star.

-Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, The Westminster Press, 1980.



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The doors of this church are as wide as God's love.

- The Rev. Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Founding Pastor, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church