

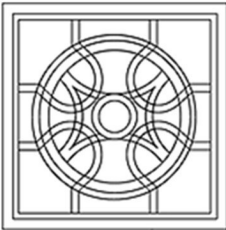
# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

*An inclusive community of faith*

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## WELCOME!

*Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!*

*Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!*

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

We encourage you to fill out the black fellowship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

# A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

## 4:30 P.M.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Christmas Medley*

arr. Mark Hayes  
(b. 1953)

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Leader: Through every prophet, God promises to come and live with us and in us.

**People:** **God, who calls us, sent a gracious Son to be our Savior, to teach us a better way to live.**

Leader: We light again the candles of Advent. We light one for the prophets and people who watched and waited hundreds of years for God's Messiah. We light one for all the preparing we have done in our hearts. We light one for Mary and Joseph who said yes to God, waiting for Jesus to be born. We light one for all the people who are still waiting for God's love and justice and peace.

Tonight, we finally light the Christ candle, giving thanks for Jesus, whose name means "God is with us."

Jesus Christ is born! He comes to show us the way to love God and our neighbor.

**People:** **Let us walk in the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*CAROL**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTES FIDELES

*(Pageant participants will sing verse 1)*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O 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!

*(All)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

*Refrain*

*(All)*

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*

**OPENING PRAYER** *(congregation seated)*

**Leader:** We gather this night to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior.

**People:** O come, all ye faithful!

**Leader:** We gather as Mary and Joseph, the holy family, gathered in Bethlehem.

**People:** O come, all ye faithful!

**Leader:** We gather as the shepherds came from the fields where they were  
keeping watch over their sheep.

**People:** O come, all ye faithful!

**Leader:** Gracious God of Christmas, we rejoice with the shepherds at the good  
news of Jesus' birth. We join our praises with the choir of angels who  
sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on  
earth!"

**People:** O come, all ye faithful! Amen.

CAROL (*remain seated*)

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o’er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lonely plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’

CAROL (*remain seated*)

*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;*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

**CAROL** (*remain seated*)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

*I.*

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.

*II.*

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.

*III.*

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessing 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.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**CAROL** (*remain seated*)

*Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”

**CAROL** *(remain seated)**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild.  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King!

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



**\*CAROL**

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

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.

**GOSPEL LESSON** (*congregation seated*)

Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## INVITATION TO VISIT BABY JESUS

**CAROL** (*remain seated*)

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

KINGS OF ORIENT

I.  
We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*Refrain*  
*O star of wonder, star of night,*  
*star with royal beauty bright;*  
*westward leading, still proceeding,*  
*guide us to thy perfect light!*

II.  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever,  
ceasing never  
over us all to reign.

*Refrain*

III.  
Frankincense to offer have I:  
incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising  
we are raising,  
Worshiping God most high.

*Refrain*

IV.  
Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone cold tomb.

*Refrain*

V.  
Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Natalie Sleeth  
(1930-1992)

Were you there, were you there on that Christmas Night,  
when the world was filled with a holy light,  
were you there to behold when the wonder foretold came to earth?

Did you see, did you see how they hailed him king,  
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring,  
did you see how they bowed, as they praised him aloud at his birth?

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the glory of the sight?  
Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang all through the night?

Did you know, did you know it was God's own son,  
the salvation of the world begun,  
did you know it was love that was sent from above to the earth?

## OFFERING PRAYER

We give because you, most loving God, have given so much to us in Jesus, who is both powerful enough to be our Savior and small enough to fit in a manger. Be with us as we are gathered in worship this night, and be with those we love near and far. Be present especially to your children who feel forgotten and alone this night, the ones who feel unloved and lonely.

We give because of Jesus. We give you our lives to build the right kind of relationships with all people. We give to spread the gift of your love with the people of West Kensington Ministry, Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry; Face to Face; and Philadelphia Interfaith Housing Network.

Bless the gifts we bring, bless our thoughts and our actions, that Christ may be glorified through them, that we might bring hope into this community and into your hurting world. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the newborn king, saying together the prayer he taught us...

**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.**

## GOSPEL LESSON AND PRAYER *(congregation seated)*

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Risen Christ, light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now. Amen.

**CAROL** *(remain seated)*

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

*During the introduction to the carol, the ushers will light the candles of those seated on the outside aisles. Please pass the light down your pew until all candles are lighted.*

*(Pageant participants will sing verse 1)*

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.

*(Congregation joins)*

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.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*In dir ist Freude*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Please extinguish your candles as you leave the sanctuary and place them in baskets outside each exit door.*

*You are welcome to take this bulletin when you depart. If you would like to leave it here, so that it can be used again at tonight's later service, simply leave it in your pew. Thank you.*

## **LEADING WORSHIP 4:30 P.M.**

### **Liturgists:**

Morgan Evans, Cade DePasquale, Ella DePasquale, Anna Pendse, Will Pendse, Caroline Baughman, Charlotte Baughman, Brady Welsh, Helen Lutz, Elisa Lutz, Wesley Bishop

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** Anna Atkinson, Sarah Finbow, Kate Magid

**Mary:** Sara Olson

**Joseph:** Doug Olson

**Baby Jesus:** Doug Olson III

**Gabriel:** Helen Lutz

**Innkeeper:** William Baughman

**The Star:** Lilly Baughman

**Herod:** Colin Welsh

### **Angels/Shepherds/Cattle:**

Annika Andrews, Teddy Atkinson, Elowen Ciprioni, Louisa Ciprioni, Maddie Dickinson, Shirley DuBois, Taylor Evans, Sadie Finbow, Jack Lisko, Chip Magid, Lizzie Pendse, Anika Phillips, Keira Phillips, Sam Pretz, Seth Russo, Gavin Welsh

**Wisepeople:** Natalie Bishop, Sam Magid, Natalie Pretz

## **MUSIC**

**Joyful Noise**

**Julie Snyder** Conductor

**Jeffrey DeVault** Organist, Associate Director of Music

## **GREETERS**

**Christen Webber and Kevin Welsh** Elders

**Emily Barth and Kelly Baughman** Deacons

## **USHERS**

**Kevin Raphael** Team #1 Leader; **Carolyn Manwaring, Barbara Spause, Sarah Wright, Beth Wrigley**

## **PCCH FLOWER GUILD**

**All Team Members**

### **COVER ART**

Pupil of Rembrandt, *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, 1646, National Gallery, London. Public domain. A burst of brilliant light shines on the newborn Christ, who is watched over by Mary, Joseph and a gathering of worshippers and onlookers. The source of the light is hidden, so it seems to radiate directly from the sleeping child, illuminating the faces of all around him. The scene represents the episode in the Bible when shepherds arrived to pay homage to the Messiah. One kneels, raising his hands in wonder. Another is silhouetted against the light, while a third stands reverently to one side. Along with the animals in the background, this was the traditional cast of an Adoration of the Shepherds. But the artist added other figures, including the two women holding up a small child, to give the scene a more informal atmosphere. A closely related version of the Adoration known to be by Rembrandt is in the Alte Pinakothek, Munich. Analysis suggests that it is likely that the London picture is a study inspired by the Munich one, made by a highly competent apprentice.

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### **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

Tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.  
A service of carols and readings.

### **NEW YEARS'S DAY WORSHIP**

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!

## **REVERSE ADVENT BOXES**

Thank you for gifts placed in the Reverse Advent Boxes:

For the cold weather clothing, particularly for adults, such as hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, warm socks, long sleeve t-shirts for people served by West Kensington Ministry

For the canned meats (chicken, tuna, salmon) and hearty soups to be given to Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry

For travel size toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, feminine hygiene products to be used by the people of Face to Face.

For the gifts for newborns and infants (blankets, diapers and wipes, clothing, bottles, formula, any baby care item). Families who are served by Philadelphia Interfaith Housing Network will receive these gifts.

Reverse Advent Boxes will continue to be received at the church until January 1.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING**

This year, the offering received on Christmas Eve will be distributed to our local mission partners. Thank you for your generous support.



# A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

10:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR BRASS (*beginning at 9:30 p.m.*)

*All stand at the ringing of the bells.*

## \*OPENING CAROL

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

I.

*Solo*

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

II.

*Choir*

He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and scorned, the lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

III.

*All*

For he is our lifelong pattern;  
Daily, when on earth he grew;  
He was tempted, scorned, rejected,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness,  
And he shares in all our gladness.

IV.

*All*

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child who seemed so helpless  
Is our Lord in heaven above,  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

V.

*All*

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
where his saints his throne surround:  
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,  
Set at God's right hand on high.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*congregation seated*)

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the babe lying in the manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which Christ died, and especially in this country and within this city...

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in Christ's name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children...

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

*(Unison)*

**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 FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

*Adam and Eve sin and are expelled from the garden*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR CAROL

*There Is No Rose of Such Virtue*

Steven Sametz  
(b. 1954)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia*.

For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space;  
*Res miranda*. (marvelous thing)

By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three,  
*Pares forma*. (of equal form)

The angels sungen the shepherds to: *Gloria in excelsis deo*:  
*Gaudeamus*. (let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus*. (let us cross over)

*Alleluia, Res miranda, Pares forma, Gaudeamus, Transeamus*.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises to Abraham that in his offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR CAROL

*What Child Is This*

Andrew Gant  
(b. 1963)

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.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
come peasant, king to own him;  
the king of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise a song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
the silent word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

## THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

I.

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.

II.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.

III.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

IV.

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 Immanuel!

**THE FOURTH LESSON** (*congregation seated*)

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The prophet foretells that peace that the Messiah will bring*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fawn shall graze together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR CAROL**

*A Child is Born*

Leo Nestor  
(1948-2019)

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia!  
Wherefore rejoice, Jerusalem, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
With joyful hearts in praise,  
Christ, the new-born King adore now as new-found songs we raise.

*Hic jacet in praesepe, Alleluia! Qui regnat sine termino, Alleluia, Alleluia!*  
*In cordis júbilo, Christum natum adoremus cum novo cantico.*

*De matre natus virgine, Alleluia! Qui Lumen est de Lumine, Alleluia, Alleluia!*  
*In cordis júbilo, Christum natum adoremus cum novo cantico.*

*In hoc natali gaudio, Alleluia! Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia, Alleluia!*  
*In cordis júbilo, Christum natum adoremus cum novo cantico.*

Now praise the Blessed Trinity, Alleluia!  
Who reigns for all eternity, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
With joyful hearts in praise,  
Christ, the new-born King adore *cum novo cantico.*

## THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The angel Gabriel visits Mary and foretells the birth of Jesus*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY CAROL

*O Holy Night!*

*arr. John E. West  
(1863-1929)*

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;  
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
till he appeared 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, O holy 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 pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
 His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

## THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Luke's gospel recounts the birth of Jesus*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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## \*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the newborn King:  
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled!"  
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
 join the triumph of the skies;  
 with th' angelic hosts proclaim,  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain:*  
*Hark! the herald angels sing,*  
*"Glory to the newborn King."*



Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th' incarnate deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Refrain*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

*Refrain*

**THE SEVENTH LESSON** (*congregation seated*)

Luke 2:8-20

*The shepherds go to the manger*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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## CHOIR CAROL

*My Lord Has Come*

Will Todd  
(b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels;  
no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;  
no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me,  
his love will cradle me. My Lord has come.

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;  
no place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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## CHOIR CAROL

*I Wonder as I Wander*

arr. Steve Pilkington  
(b. 1972)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die  
for poor on'ry people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall  
with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all  
but high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall  
and the promise of 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 heaven to sing  
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die  
for poor on'ry people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

## THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*John's gospel unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL** *(remain seated)*

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

*During the introduction to the carol, the choir will light the candles of those seated on the outside aisles. Please pass the light down your pew until all candles are lighted.*

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.

*(Congregation joins)*  
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!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**GREETING AND COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS**

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O 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!*

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*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, Glory in the highest!

*Refrain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*In dir ist Freude*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

**LEADING WORSHIP 10:00 P.M.**

**LITURGISTS**

**John Wilkinson**  
**Brian D. Russo**

**READERS**

Victoria Baccini  
Mark Bernstein  
Landon Jones  
Ryan Mann  
Emily Camp McCahery  
Zachary Raphael  
Margaret Spencer

**MUSIC**

**PCCH Festival Brass**  
**Gallery Choir**  
**Daniel Spratlan** Conductor  
**Jeffrey DeVault** Organist  
**Andy Thierauf** Timpani

**GREETERS**

**Margaret Spencer and Beth Nell Vaccaro** Elders  
**Edie Russo and Beth Vaccaro** Deacons

**USHERS**

**Harry Spaeth** Team #2 Leader; **Troy Foxworth, Jason Jones, Emily Camp McCahery, Ray McCahery, Linda Pettengill**

**PCCH FLOWER GUILD**

**All Members**

## **COVER ART**

Pupil of Rembrandt, *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, 1646, National Gallery, London. Public domain. A burst of brilliant light shines on the newborn Christ, who is watched over by Mary, Joseph and a gathering of worshippers and onlookers. The source of the light is hidden, so it seems to radiate directly from the sleeping child, illuminating the faces of all around him. The scene represents the episode in the Bible when shepherds arrived to pay homage to the Messiah. One kneels, raising his hands in wonder. Another is silhouetted against the light, while a third stands reverently to one side. Along with the animals in the background, this was the traditional cast of an Adoration of the Shepherds. But the artist added other figures, including the two women holding up a small child, to give the scene a more informal atmosphere. A closely related version of the Adoration known to be by Rembrandt is in the Alte Pinakothek, Munich. Analysis suggests that it is likely that the London picture is a study inspired by the Munich one, made by a highly competent apprentice.

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## **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

Tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.  
A service of carols and readings.

## **NEW YEARS'S DAY WORSHIP**

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Our parents	Martha and Will Agate
Departed loved ones	Anonymous
Margaret Friel	Mark, Rebecca, Frances and Taylor Bernstein
Harriet and Jim Ahstrom	Jill and Randy Bown
Dr. Tom Brobyn	Laura Leeds Brobyn
Ken Knight	Laura Leeds Brobyn
George Butler	Barbara Butler
Peter and Jim Van Blarcom and George Butler	Lisa and Tom Butler and family
Loved ones	Ann Carr
Mildred S. Owen, Harris A. Carr and Owintier Charles	Emilie H. Carr
Our loved ones, our parents and grandparents, brother, Joel and sister, Betty Jean	William and Susan Cobb
Carol Manser, Ernestine Manser, Anne Dickinson and Caroline Morrison	Greg and Maddie Dickinson and Jon Manser
Shirley Rose Leach	Kevin, Maura and Shirley Rose DuBois
Jane Beatrice Finbow and Nancy and Robert Innes	Their loving family
Terry Frazier and my parents	Barbara Frazier
Our fathers, Terry Frazier and Bob Spahr	Becky and Graeme Frazier



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>
R. F. Hawley	Barbara Hawley
Dr. Spurgeon S. Johns Jr.	His family
Francis M. Knight	June Knight
Thomas N. Lawton and Fritz and Beverly Dorer	John and Kristin Lawton
Jeanne Lutz and Andy Csizmadia	The Lutz family
James F. Currie	Mary D. Nahan
Jean Benjamin	The Olson family
Loved ones	The Shuchat family
Barbara Spaeth	Harry Spaeth
Blair and Jacquelyn McKillip, Richard Lewis Thornburgh, Peter Lewis Thornburgh	Rebecca and David Thornburgh
Audrey and Russ Van Riper and Cheryl Van Riper Allen	Debbie Van Riper Harper
Peter and James Van Blarcom	Mary Anne Van Blarcom
<i>In Celebration of</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Merry Christmas Grammy and Poppy	Love Billy, Sam and Sloane Agate
The beautiful music program, not just at this season but all year long!	Anonymous
Todd and Craig Armbruster	John and Barbara Armbruster
The marriage of Alice Thornburgh-Lind and Eric Lind	Rebecca and David Thornburgh

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

### *In Honor of*

Brian Russo  
Our children and grandchildren  
Rev. and Mrs. David and Hope Warren  
Ned and Rujean Mitinger  
Our parents and grandparents  
Our parents and grandparents  
My wonderful family

### *Given by*

Barbara Butler  
Jane and Russ Kaufman  
Joy Kushner and family  
Their family  
Jeff and Liz Podraza  
The Stewart and Brown families  
Alice Lea Tasman

### *In Thanksgiving for*

Grandchildren (Blake Brown and  
Harper and Flynn Herlihy)  
George Lyons and our family  
Our wonderful family  
Emily McKillip  
The inclusive community of PCCH

### *Given by*

Diane Cornely  
Anne Lyons  
Frank and Taylor Slaughter  
Rebecca and David Thornburgh  
Elsbeth Wrigley

### *In Gratitude for*

The PCCH staff

### *Given by*

Anonymous

## ABOUT PCCH

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL** is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

### SESSION

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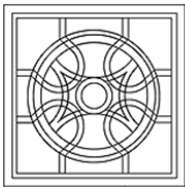
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