

Second Sunday of Advent



December 10, 2023

THE CHRIST WHO CAME IS THE CHRIST WHO IS COMING

PRELUDE “The Snow Lay on the Ground” by David Paxton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL ADVENT CAROL “Comfort, Comfort Now My People,” vv. 1 & 3 by Johannes
Olearius, *Genevan Psalter*

GATHERING PRAYER Brenda Carpenter, Liturgist

✝ CAROL OF PRAISE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” # 124

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Call: And so we light the candle of peace.

Congregation: Eternal peace is in the Lord, so we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Prayer: God of peace, thank you for the justice and salvation to be found in Jesus Christ. May your kingdom come in our lives and in our prayers. **Amen.**

CAROL OF PEACE "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" # 152

MOMENT FOR MISSION Christmas Joy Offering

WELCOME FRIENDS AT HOME

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS Brenda Carpenter, Liturgist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

KIDS' CLUB LESSON Peace

Children (PreK-5th grade) are invited to Kids' Club for age-appropriate lessons.

CHORAL ANTHEM “No Place for His Head” by Douglas Nolan

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 pg. #889 OT

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8 pg. #34 NT

MESSAGE Awaken to Peace

✠ CAROL OF RESPONSE “Mary, Did You Know?”

By Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

GIVING OUR GIFTS “Gloria” by Ross James Root

✠ DOXOLOGY OF THE NATIVITY “For unto Us a Child is Born” #146

✝ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

✝ CAROL OF SENDING “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

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✝ BLESSING

✝ CHORAL BENEDICTION “In the Bleak Mid-Winter,” v. 2

by Gustav Holst & Christina Rossetti

✝ POSTLUDE “Voluntary: Simply Believe”

by Richard A. Williamson

✝ All are invited to stand as they are able.

Credits: Gathering Prayer adapted from Inclusive Gathering Birmingham U.K. Prayers of the People, Prayer for Illumination, and Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication from Homiletics Online.

Bulletin

This week's happenings

Sun. Dec. 10	9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Why the Nativity*
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Advent 2/Joy Offering
	11:30 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Mon. Dec. 11	9 – 11 a.m.	Pastor at Corner Brew Café
	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. Dec. 12	10:00 a.m.	Quilter
	11:00 a.m.	Revelation Study
		Finance Meeting
Wed. Dec. 13	5:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline
		Kitchen Cupboard
Thu. Dec. 14		Session Reports due
	7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
Fri. Dec. 15	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sat. Dec. 16	6 – 7 p.m.	Lake Road Caroling drive thru
Sun. Dec. 17	9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Why the Nativity*
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Advent 3/Joy Offering
	11:30 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	3:00 p.m.	Cantata



Christmas Cantata

Dryden Presbyterian & United Methodist Churches

December 17th at 3:00 p.m.





CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

What child is this?

THE PERFECT GIFT.



When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The mother-daughter duo of Carla Louca and Susannah LeMay's respective roads surprisingly led them to study in the same place at the same time, Stillman College — a Presbyterian-related school founded in 1876 by a group of Presbyterians led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Allen Stillman.

"Stillman College has long been the place where students, who do not find easy access in other institutions, can find an opportunity to work on making their dreams a reality," said Dr. C. Mark McCormick, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "The fact that they have both flourished in their studies, and their relationship with one another has grown to new breadths and depths, is in no small part due to the nurturing learning community they found here."





50%

*of your gifts assist current and retired
church workers and their families
with critical financial needs.*

Sue Anne Fairman spent years — challenging but rewarding years — as a mission worker in Africa. She went on to become a ruling elder, deacon and volunteer in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. When faced with the financial realities of moving to a continuing care community, Sue Anne felt a growing sense of anxiety. “I was very concerned about living in this new place with the monthly rent going up, and my savings going down,” she said.

From a friend, she learned that financial assistance was available for retired pastors and mission workers through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, supported by our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering. “When I got that letter that said I was accepted,” she said, “I just cried. It meant that much to me.”

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**





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The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



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Prayer and Praise

Long-time members, Allen and Jane Schenk, are dealing with age related health challenges. They are both in their 90s.

Let us continue to pray for peace and safety for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and for our good and gracious Lord to change the hearts and minds of Hamas, Hezbollah and other terrorist groups.

Please continue to pray for safety for **Aleeza Bravershteyn**, who is spending her birthright year in Jerusalem.

We continue to pray for Phyllis Byrn's friend, **Cindy Price**, as she continues treatment for breast cancer.

We pray for our recent guest **Jessica's Aunt Kim**, who has cancer.

Good news and a thank you for your prayers from **Sarah Kulas**. Last week's scare has been fully investigated and found to be benign. Chemo has resumed and, for the very first time, with no complications.

We continue to pray for Larry King's sister, **Rhonda Haftman**, who is in treatment for cancer.

Barb Davidson asks for continued prayer for reconciliation with her son, Thomas D. Stone, of Boston.

Please keep **Dave Gross** in your prayers as he continues to battle long term health issues.

If you would like to list a prayer request, please contact the church office at 607-844-8321 or drydenpresoffice@gmail.com

2023 Christmas Joy

PC(USA) has since the 1930's celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ with a Special Offering, the Christmas Joy Offering, in which this church has long participated, to support our past, present, and future leaders. This offering is divided equally to Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges particularly equipping communities of color. For 2022, \$1.1 million provided critical support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in need; thus 272 income supplements for individuals, 223 housing supplements, and 621 emergency assistance grants were possible. The other \$1.1 million aided future church leaders at Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM, Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, TX, and Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL. Bulletin inserts for 2 weeks provide examples of how lives are touched. We are soliciting contributions as you are able for the next 2 weeks. Offering envelopes are in the pews and checks can be made to Dryden Presbyterian Church with a designation for Christmas Joy. Thank you for your consideration.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Verse 1:

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Verse 2:

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: *Hyfrydol* by Rowland H. Prichard, arr by Robert Harkness

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Verse 1:

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Verse 2:

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Verse 3:

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Verse 4:

Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Verse 5:

Then ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day –
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Text: Henry W. Longfellow

Music: *Waltham*, Jean Baptiste Calkin

Mary, Did You Know?

Verse 1:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you?

Verse 2:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod,
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God?

Oh, Mary, did you know?

Bridge:

The blind will see,
The deaf will hear,
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap,
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb.

Verse 3:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Was Heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I AM!

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given,
Unto us a Son is given:
And His name shall be call-ed
Wonderful, Counselor,
The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

Text and Music: *For Unto Us*, George Frederick Handel;
based on Isaiah 9:6, 7; arranged by Tom Fettke
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It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Verse 1:

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 men,
From heav’n’s all-gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Verse 2:

Still thru the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Verse 3:

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

Verse 4:

For lo, the days are hast’ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav’n and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.