

Third Sunday of Advent



December 17, 2023

THE CHRIST WHO CAME IS THE CHRIST WHO IS COMING

PRELUDE “Maestoso” by Fr. Walczyski
 “Sacred Song” by Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL ADVENT CAROL "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful," vv. 1 & 3
by Johannes D. Falk, Tattersall's Psalmody

GATHERING PRAYER

✝ CAROL OF PRAISE “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #133

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Call: And so we light the candle of joy.

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

Prayer: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Our cup overflows with your mercy. Restore to us today the joy of your salvation. Amen.

CAROL OF JOY “Angels We Have Heard on High” #132

MOMENT FOR MISSION Christmas Joy Offering Chuck Nydam

WELCOME FRIENDS AT HOME

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

KIDS' CLUB SKIT "Wonderful Sight"

CAROL "Away in a Manger" #157

CHORAL ANTHEM “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”
arr. Robert J. Hughes

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON from Genesis 3 pg. 2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1:39-56 pg. 57

MESSAGE Awaken to Joy

✝ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John 3:16-17 NRSV

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Let us hold fast to the faith we profess for he who has promised is faithful.

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF GOD Insert

GIVING OUR GIFTS

✝ DOXOLOGY OF THE NATIVITY “For Unto Us a Child is Born” #146

✝ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

✝ CAROL OF SENDING “Joy to the World!” #125

✝ BLESSING

✝ CHORAL BENEDICTION “In the Bleak Mid-Winter,” v. 3

by Gustav Holst & Christina Rossetti

✝ POSTLUDE

✝ All are invited to stand as they are able.

Credits: GATHERING PRAYER adapted from *Inclusive Gathering Birmingham U.K.* “Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn” text by Marty Haugen, 1983, alt. CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF GOD by Nancy L. Didway based on Philippians 2:6-8, Isaiah 53:3-5, and *Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA. “What Child Is This?” text by William Dix alt. with Traditional English melody, 16th century. All other liturgy from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, Year A, Vol. 1; John Knox Press, 2013.

Welcome to our Church

Thank you for worshiping with us.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate.

Let us know if we can assist you.

Sunday Servants

<u>Ushering:</u>	The Macombers	<u>AV System:</u>	Tim & Dave Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Flowers:</u>	Advent Flowers
<u>Preacher:</u>	Nancy Didway	<u>Kids' Club:</u>	Brenda, Dan & Natalie Carpenter

All for the glory of God

*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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speaking words of peace on earth;
every time we live as shepherds,
risking moments of new birth;
and every time we see God
giving gifts beyond all earthly worth,

In our living, in our giving, we are there.



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



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

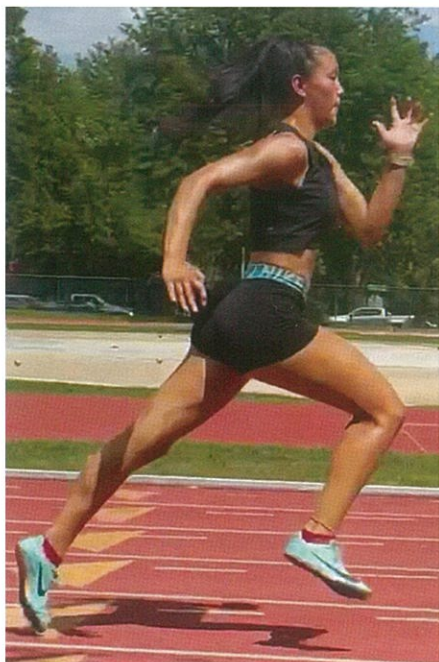
While deeply meaningful in countless ways, the Rev. Peggy Krong's decision to serve the church for many years left her with minimal financial resources for retirement. When she did retire, she was blessed to receive the support she needed through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.



"We're all children of God, and we all struggle," said Peggy. "Thanks to the Board of Pensions and the Christmas Joy Offering, I can now be of more service to the church than I would otherwise have been without this assistance. I just can't express enough how grateful I am."

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.



Mikayla, a member of the Navajo (Diné) Nation, is a high school senior who entered the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)-related Menaul School in the sixth grade. Her life-changing experiences are being made possible, in part, by your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, which helps the school provide scholarships to exceptional students.

“Mikayla exemplifies the mission of Menaul School in that she is strong in mind, body and spirit,” said Melanie G. Davis, Director of Institutional Advancement. “She is

an excellent student, athlete and servant leader. Proud to be Native American, Mikayla also embraces her classmates at Menaul and their cultures from around the world.”

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





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CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF GOD

CAROL OF ADORATION

"What Child Is This?"

#137 v. 1

*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!*



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

On the night when he was to be born,
people came from the east and from the fields,
seeking the one of whom they had been told,
the Prince of Peace, a baby lying in a manger,
who is Christ the Lord, who is Messiah-Yahweh,
who is The Anointed Godself,

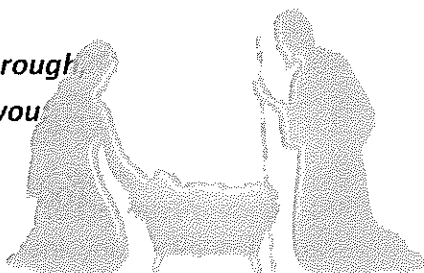
ALL: THIS BABE, THE SON OF MARY.

CAROL OF CONTEMPLATION

"What Child Is This?"

v. 2 alt.

*Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and lamb are feeding?
Good Christian, 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!*



PASSING THE BREAD

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

On the night when he was to be born,
Jesus, being in very nature God,
emptied himself, and took on flesh.



ALL: THIS IS THE BODY GIVEN AND BROKEN.

WE EAT IT, REMEMBERING THIS BABE, THE SON OF MARY.

PASSING THE CUP

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

On the night when he was to be born,
surely, he bore our infirmities and carried our diseases.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities.
Upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

**ALL: THIS IS THE BLOOD POURED OUT TO SEAL A NEW COVENANT,
A COVENANT THAT FORGIVES ALL OUR SIN.**

WE DRINK IT, REMEMBERING THIS BABE, THE SON OF MARY.

CAROL OF EXALTATION

What Child Is This?

v. 3 alt.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;

come, peasant, king, to own him.

The Prince of Peace salvation brings;

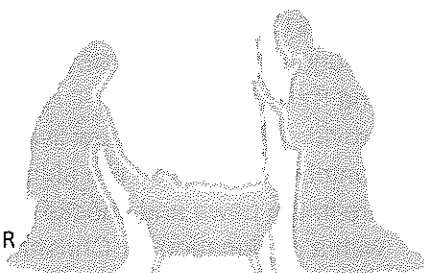
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high,

the virgin sings her lullaby;

joy, joy, for Christ is born,

the babe, the son of Mary!



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bulletin

This week's happenings

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
Mon. Dec. 18	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. Dec. 19		Revelation Bible Study postponed – It will resume January 9, 2024
	6:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer walk
	7:30 p.m.	Session
Wed. Dec. 20	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
		Bulletin Deadline
Thu. Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service
Fri. Dec. 22		Office Closed
	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard



Christmas Cantata

Dryden Presbyterian & United Methodist Churches

Today at 3:00 p.m.

Prayer and Praise

Please continue to pray for peace and safety for God's people in conflict around the world.

We thank God for successful surgery for Dave and Kathleen's daughter **Gretchen** and pray for a complete recovery.

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

May our prayers be with **Cindy Price, Jessica's Aunt Kim, Rhonda Haftman**, and **Sarah Kulas**, who are all in treatment for cancer. Also with Sarah's father, Ken, who has pneumonia and flu and

Barb Davidson requests continued prayer for reconciliation with her son.

Please pray for **Dave Gross** and **Allen and Jane Schenk** as they deal with various health challenges.

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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Verse 1:

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 host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Verse 2:

Christ, by highest heav'n 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 as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Verse 3:

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Text: Charles Wesley, altered

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn, arranged by William H. Cummings

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verse 1:

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Verse 2:

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Verse 3:

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

Verse 4:

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.

Refrain

Text: Traditional French carol

Music: *Gloria*, Traditional French melody

Away in a Manger

Verse 1:

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

Verse 2:

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Verse 3:

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.

Text: Source unknown, stanzas 1, 2; John Thomas McFarland, stanza 3

Music: *Away in a Manger*, by James R. Murray

What Child Is This?

Verse 1:

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?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 2:

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
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Verse 3:

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The Prince of Peace salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain

Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Text: William C. Dix

Music: *Greensleeves*, Traditional English melody, 16th century

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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Joy to the World!

Verse 1:

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2:

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3:

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4:

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.

Text: Isaac Watts

Music: *Antioch*, George Frederick Handel, arr by Lowell Mason