

Third Sunday of Advent



December 15, 2024

Order of Worship – Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude	“Holy Is the Lord”	by Chris Tomlin
Welcome & Announcements		
Choral Advent Carol	“How Great Our Joy”	(# 144) Traditional German Carol
Lighting the Candle of Joy & Prayer		The Nydam Family
✠ Carol of Joy	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	#133
Moment for Mission	Christmas Joy Offering	
Welcome Friends at Home		
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns		
Prayers of the People		
Children’s Message	“How Sweet It Is”	Brenda Carpenter

Children (PreK-5th grade) are invited to Kids' Club.

Choral Anthem		
Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 37:24-28	OT p. 807
	Matthew 1:18-25	NT p. 1
Message	“He Shall Be Called... Emmanuel”	
	<u>CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF GOD</u>	
Carol of Joy	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	#141, v. 1-2

Invitation to the Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. ***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, ***this Holy Child of Bethlehem.***

Carol of Contemplation	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	#141, v. 3
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Passing the Bread

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. ***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. *(Bread is served.)*

This is the body given and broken. We eat it, remembering this Holy Child of Bethlehem.

Passing the Cup

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. ***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. (*Cup is served.*)

This is the blood poured out to seal a new covenant, a covenant that forgives all our sin. We drink it, remembering this Holy Child of Bethlehem.

Carol of Devotion	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	#141, v. 4
Giving our Gifts	“Celebration”	by Dietrich Buxtehude
✠ Doxology for the Nativity	“For Unto Us”	# 146
✠ Thanksgiving Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer		
✠ Carol of Sending	“Angels We Have Heard on High,” v. 1, 3	#132
✠ Blessing		
✠ Choral Benediction	“Lo, How a Rose, E’er Blooming,” v. 3	by Michael Praetorius
✠ Postlude	“Voluntary”	by François Couperin
✠ All are invited to stand as they are able.		

Credits: Celebrating the Gift of God by Nancy L. Didway based on Philippians 2:6-8, Isaiah 53:3-5, and *The Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA. All other liturgy from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, Year A, Vol. 1; John Knox Press, 2013.

Prayer and Praise

Our prayers are with **Kathleen** and the family of **Dave Gross** who passed away last Sunday. Services will be January 11 at the church, time tbd.

Aiden Payne is slowly on the mend. Still no visits or phone calls, please, but cards and continued prayers for her and her family are appreciated.

We continue to pray for all affected by cancer, including:

Joyce Day's daughter-in-law, **Robyn Day**, and her family

Sue's brother, **Arthur Barry**

Jacqui Ryan's friend, **Carl**

Larry King's sister, **Rhonda**

Barb Davidson needs prayer to walk through difficult challenges in her life. She also asks for continued prayer for her son, **Tom**.

Let us continue to pray for **healing and peace in our nation** – that what is divided may become united under God.

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

Deacons' Prayer Circle

Alternatively, or additionally, the Deacons welcome you to share your prayer request by filling out the **Deacons' Prayer Circle** pew card and dropping it in the offering basket. Requests shared this way will not be made public or added to the bulletin unless you wish them to be.

2025 Pledge Cards

If you have not submitted your pledge card for 2025, please do so soon. Additional cards are in the fellowship hall. Thank you.

Calendar

Sun. 12/15	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/3 rd Sunday Advent/Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Choir
		Joe & Doughs
	11:45 a.m.	Deacons Meeting
Mon. 12/16	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. 12/17	10:30 a.m.	Advent Study – final week
Wed. 12/18		Bulletin Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Thu. 12/19		Newsletter articles Due
	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawls
	7:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas - Methodist Church
Fri. 12/20	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sun. 12/22	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/4th Sunday Advent/Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Choir
		Joe & Doughs
	3:00 p.m.	Cantata



Blue Christmas

Thursday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.

Dryden United Methodist Church



Christmas Cantata

Dryden Presbyterian & United Methodist Churches

December 22nd at 3 p.m.



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. Cumm

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 1:

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.

Verse 2:

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 men on earth.

Verse 3:

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.

Verse 4:

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 Emmanuel.
Amen.

Text: Philip Brooks

Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner

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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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 3:

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

Refrain

Text: Traditional French carol

Music: *Gloria*, Traditional French melody



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of our gifts smooth the path for current and
retired church workers and their families in their
time of need.

Jenni Whitford's whole world turned upside down when her husband unexpectedly passed away, leaving her and her young children with many financial challenges. At that time, Jenni was serving as a Christian-educator at the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Michigan. Thanks to her pastor's referral, at a time of "chaos, upheaval and huge emotions," Jenni found just the support she needed through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. The peace of mind that the Offering provided her meant everything.

"It's that great cloud of witnesses that I think about. People who I don't know or never will meet who gave generously to the Christmas Joy Offering to help support people like me."

—Jenni Whitford



Jenni Whitford above, and the
Whitford family.



Isabella Pérez Sanchez
at left and center right.

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

Isabella Pérez Sanchez, raised in a Christian household in Bogotá, Colombia, was the first person in her family to attend school in the United States, at the Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, Texas. Once she arrived on campus, she thrived and dreamed of being a doctor. Unexpectedly, she underwent emergency brain surgery and spent nearly two months in the intensive care unit. During this difficult time, she received her calling for life; to help others and to be God's hands in the world. Returning to school prepared her to move ahead and today, more than five years after her huge medical scare, Pérez is completely healed.

Isabella says, *"I am completely thankful to everyone who has donated to the Christmas Joy Offering to keep our school running. I hope more people have the opportunity to grow as I have grown, not only in knowledge but also in faith."*

**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.



HEAVEN BROWN



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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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>Usher:</u>	Chuck & Linda Nydam	<u>AV System:</u>	Dave & Tim Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Organist:</u>	Michael Singbusch
<u>Kids' Club:</u>	Fran Sincerbeaux	<u>Flowers:</u>	Flower Committee
<u>Preacher:</u>	Nancy Didway		

All for the glory of God.