

Prelude, “What Child is This?”

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Call to Worship (from Psalm 72)

Endow the king with your justice, O God. May he judge your people in righteousness.
For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.
He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.
May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.
Joy to the world the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her king and every heart prepare him room.

† Song of Praise, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Gathering Prayer

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 11:1-3, 6, 9-10

Children’s Message—Lighting the Advent Wreath

Children: May God Bless You Here
Congregation: **May God Bless You There**

Christmas Cantata

On This Silent Night

Frosty fields are laid to rest.
In the air, an arctic breath brings snow,
Blowing snow is drifting deep.
Frozen trees, protectors, see me safe in sleep,
Wrapped in dreams while the cold winds blow,
Cloaked in slumber with firelight dancing, and all is calm on this silent night.
Frosty fields, frozen trees, sleep in heavenly peace.
Cloaked in slumber with firelight dancing, yet all is calm while the storm blows on.
Cloaked in slumber with firelight dancing, wrapped in sleep with dreams enchanting,
Yet all is calm, while the storm blows on, on this silent night.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-3a, 6-7

Christmas Pipes

Christmas pipes, calling us, calling on Christmas night,
Call us from far, call us from near, oh, play me your Christmas pipes.
Christmas bells, over the hills and over the dells,
Ringing out bright, ringing out clear, oh, ring me your Christmas bells.
Christmas strings, playing the peace that Christmas brings,
Fiddle and bow, gentle and low, oh, play me your Christmas strings.
Christmas pipes, Christmas pipes, calling us, calling on Christmas night,
Call us from far, call us from near, oh, play me your Christmas pipes.

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of our dearly Savior’s birth.
Holy night, angels on high, round up your Christmas choir.
Christmas band, Christmas band. You’re waiting for me with your Christmas band.
Cymbal and drum, rattle and hum, march out your Christmas band.
Good to be home to your Christmas band.

Christmas pipes, calling us, calling on Christmas night,
Call us from far, call us from near, oh, play me your Christmas pipes.
Good to be home to your Christmas pipes.

Scripture Reading John 1:1-5, 14

See Amid the Winter’s Snow

Alleluia
See amid the winter’s snow, Born for us on earth below
See the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem; "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Alleluia!
Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.
Hail thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing throughout Jerusalem; "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Alleluia!
Sacred infant all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss,
Down to such a world as this.
Hail thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Alleluia!

Scripture Reading Luke 2:4-7

Joy to the World

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

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

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let all their 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
Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-15

Gloria

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Angels we have heard on high,
Gloria! Oh, sing Gloria!
Sweetly singing o’er the plains.
Gloria! Oh, sing Gloria!
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria, oh, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Gloria! Oh, sing Gloria!
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Gloria! Oh, sing Gloria!
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord the newborn King!
Gloria, oh, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Alleluia!

Celebrating Communion

Hymn of Praise, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Offering Our Gifts

† Doxology

† Benediction

You go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there.
God has a purpose in your being there.
Christ lives in you and has something
He wants to do through you where you are.
Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ.

Postlude, Hark the Herald Angels Sing

A note from Stephanie: Thank you to all of our instrumentalists for joining us on our cantata again this year. Thank you to all of our cantata choir members for putting in so much work to make this morning happen. We can’t do this without your incredible dedication!

Choir: Cynthia Anderson, Amanda Armstrong, Christie Bergland, Patty Ceballos, Bill and Dexanne Clohan, Allan and Betsy Derr, Rosemary DiAsio, Rocky Gaines, Amy Jensen, Lynda Lockhart, Ross and Suzy MacAskill, Jules and Vinny Maffia, Susan Martini, Barb Sims, Dwight Sterling, Stephanie Vallin, Stacey Ward, Caron Webb

Orchestra:
Elisa Wicks, Violin
Heather MacArthur, Violin
Michael Hart, Viola
Pam Chaddon, Cello

Service Participants: All the people of God! Minister of Word and Sacrament: Rev. John Anderson, Interim Pastor; Children’s Message: Scott Ross; Communion Servers: Jay Crick, Debbie Hall, Bud Warner; Greeters: Dennis and Sharon Kaip; Lay Worship Assistant: Jules Maffia; Media: Omar Khan; Sound: Eric Bergland; Security Monitor: Linda Schwerdt; Ushers: Dave and Marcee Geyer; Music: Stephanie McGuffin, Director of Music Ministry; Stephen Ministry: Carol Scott; Session Elder: Susan Martini
Serving Us Today: Announcement Slides: Kathleen Krucoff; Coffee Hosts: Personnel Ministry Team; Communion Preparers: Carol and Randy Scott; Nursery: Ron and Sheri Hazeloop

THIS WEEK AT MCPC

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop Six

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, December 11

9:15 a.m. GIFT Bible Study

Sunday, December 14

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

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Come! Experience God With Us!

WELCOME

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we invite you to find grace for the past, strength for today and hope for tomorrow as you worship with us. To our guests, we extend a special welcome and hope you will come again! We invite you to get to know our church family and take part in our life and worship as fully as you are able.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service We invite you to join us on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. for a joyful celebration of our Advent Season, with Christmas carols, candle lighting and our very own MCPC handbell choir. Bring your friends and family members and worship the birth of our Savior!
Christmas Flowers If you would like to honor someone special with a gift to our Christmas flower fund, please fill out the envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” (available from an usher) and return it with your gift no later than December 17th. Your special person will be recognized on Sunday, December 21st.