



*The Shepherds* – Hanna Varghese

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
A LESSONS & CAROLS COMMUNION SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2021  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP – 8:00 P.M.

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

**Prelude**

*What Child is This?*  
Sarah Lang, Violin

arr. Duncan

**Introit**

*On the Road to Bethlehem*

Bill Leslie

### Opening Sentences

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.  
As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

***Christmas Eve***    *Isa. 9:2*

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.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**



Angels Appearing Before the Shepherds – Henry Ossawa Turner

**\*Hymn**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,  
\*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!  
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!  
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

**Prayers of Intercession**

# Scripture - Genesis 22:15-18

*Gen. 22:15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 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, 18 and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."*

## Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vv. 1-4)*

No. 88



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

**Scripture - Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Is. 9:2 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.*

*3 You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.*

*4 For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

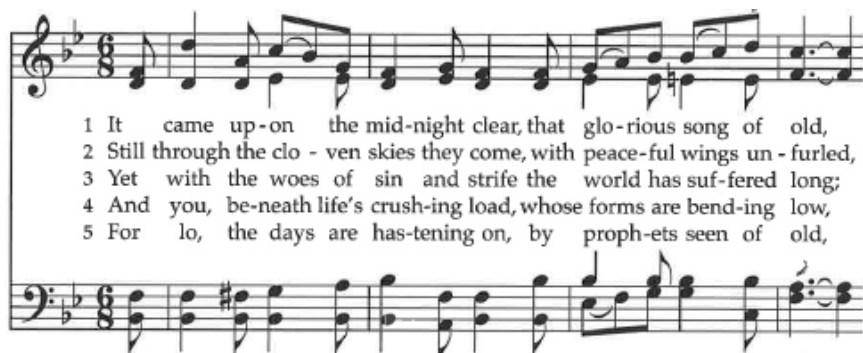
*5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.*

*6 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.*

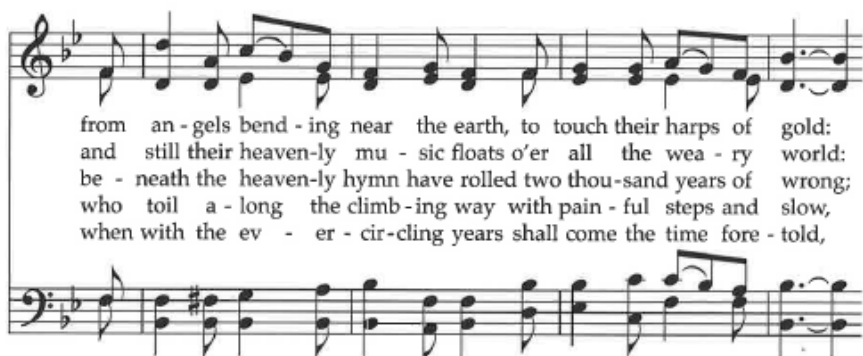
*7 His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

**\*Hymn***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vv. 1,2,4,5)*

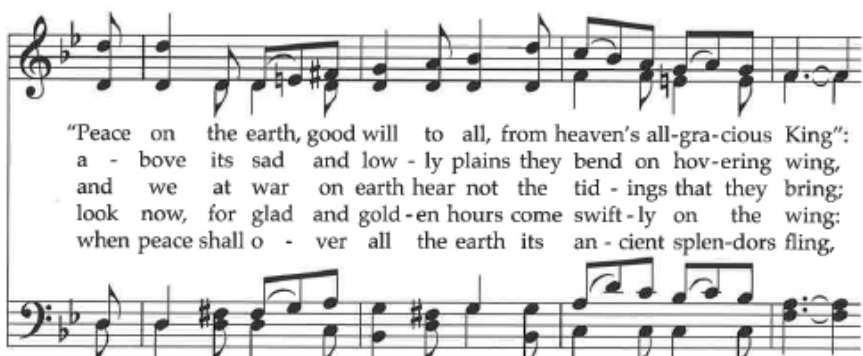
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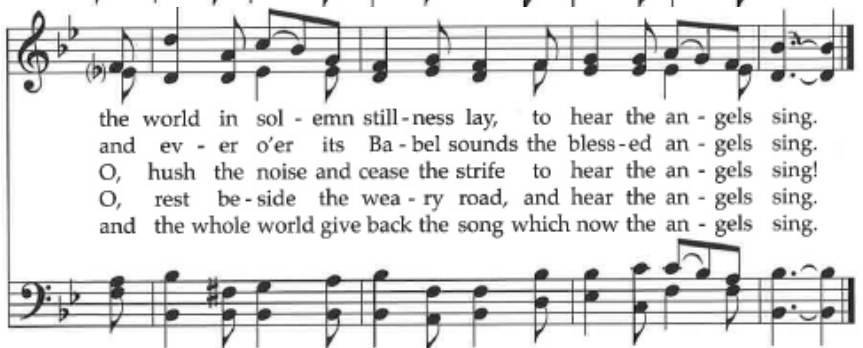
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;  
4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an-gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:  
be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;  
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,  
when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,  
and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;  
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing:  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.  
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!  
O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.  
and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## **Scripture Luke 1:26-42**

*Luke 1:26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 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. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

*34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 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. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 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.*

*39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."*

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na-tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"



## **Scripture Luke 2:1-16**

*Luke 2:1 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 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. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 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.*

### *The Shepherds and the Angels*

*Luke 2:8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 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: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,*

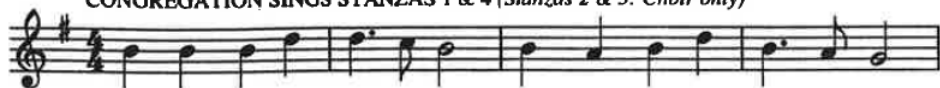
*14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"*

*Luke 2:15 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." 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.*

**\*Hymn**

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZAS 1 & 4 (*Stanzas 2 & 3: Choir only*)



1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. *Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?*  
3. *Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;*  
4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
*What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?*  
*come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.*  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - ri - a,



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo



ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

### *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

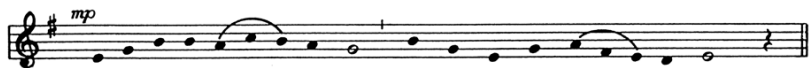
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

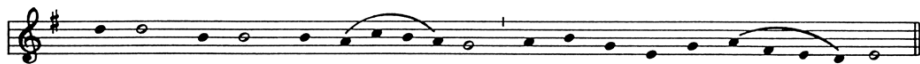
It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe.  
You created light out of darkness  
and brought forth life on the earth.  
You formed us in your image  
and called us to love and serve you.  
When we were unfaithful  
and turned from your ways,  
you did not forsake us,  
your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and sent prophets to call us back to your way.  
In the fullness of time  
you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.  
In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity,  
became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,  
and we beheld your glory,  
Immanuel!  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God\_\_\_ of might.



Heav - en and earth\_\_\_\_\_ are full\_\_\_ of your glo — ry



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est



Bless - ed is he\_\_\_ who comes in the\_\_\_ name\_\_\_ of\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
 Born in humility,  
 he came to rule over all.  
 Helpless as an infant,  
 he showed the power of your love.  
 Poor in things of the world,  
 he brought the wealth of your grace.  
 Rejected by many,  
 he welcomed all who sought him.  
 In his dying and rising,  
 you gave birth to your church,  
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
 Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
 we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
 and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising  
 as we await the day of his coming.  
 With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
 to be a living and holy sacrifice,  
 dedicated to your service.  
 Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will\_ come\_\_\_ a- gain.

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
that we may be one with all who share this feast,  
united in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.  
Intercessions for the church and the world may be included here.  
Empower us by your Spirit, O God,  
to be Christ's presence in the world  
even as Jesus was God-with-us.  
Give us courage  
to speak his truth,  
to seek his justice,  
and to love with his love.  
Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm.  
Through Christ, who taught us to pray saying,  
**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.**

## Words of Institution

## Distribution of the Elements

## Prayer after Communion

### Spiritual

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*  
Bill Leslie, Soloist

MacGimsey

### Hymn (Candle-lighting) *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

No. 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

## \*Blessing & Charge

### \*Hymn

### *Joy to the World*

No. 134

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
and heaven and na - ture sing,

and  
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

### \*Postlude

*God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen*  
Justin Dickson, Trumpet

English Carol

## Worship Service Participants

**Ministers:** Rev. Dr. Paul H. Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft

**Music Director:** Ed Yasick

**Soloist:** Bill Leslie

**Trumpet:** Justin Dickson

**Violin:** Sarah Lang

**Ushers:** Scott Walker, Al Hardie, Cathy Williams

**Tech:** Chip Carew, Richard Wood

**Slides:** Su Johnson

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*Silent Night, Holy Night* - Michael Torevell



*Poinsettias*  
*Christmas 2021*



*Cary Presbyterian Church*

## Given in Loving Memory of:

- Barbara and Jim Turner, *by Sally Adams*
- David Batchelor, *by Ann Batchelor*
- Tom's parents, Ray and Nancy Bolick, *by Tom and Jeanne Bolick*
- Jeanne's parents, Bob and Doris Latimer and brother Doug Latimer, *by Tom and Jeanne Bolick.*
- George Michael Burke, husband, *by Penny Burke*
- Michael Patrick Burke, son, *by Penny Burke*
- Alice Albert Nelson, *by Caroline and Jason Derifaj*
- Robin Diggs, *by Russell Diggs*
- David Voss and Virginia Dunbar *by Ian and Jane Dunbar*
- Dora and Curtis Gibbs, *by Henry and Onita Gibbs*
- Louise and Wesley Stack, *by Henry and Onita Gibbs*
- Connie Culpepper and Bill Stack, *by Henry and Onita Gibbs*
- Francis Giesbrecht, *by Peg Giesbrecht*
- Kathy Giesbrecht, *by Peg Giesbrecht*
- Helene and Larry Wieler, *by Peg Giesbrecht*
- Gary Govert, husband, *by Ellen Govert*
- Kathy Almond, *by Becky Hambrick*
- Those we loved and lost this year, *by Sue Harley*
- Jim Hobbs, husband, *by Naureen Hobbs*
- Mrs. Charlotte Leslie, *by Cindy and Bill Leslie*
- Dr. Grover Miller, *by Cindy and Bill Leslie*
- Dr. John and Mabel McGill, *by Meredith McGill and Jerry Slaymaker*
- Doris and Addison Slaymaker, Sr., *by Meredith McGill and Jerry Slaymaker*

- Carroll Slaymaker, *by Meredith McGill and Jerry Slaymaker*
- Geraldine Pearce, *by Meredith McGill and Jerry Slaymaker*
- David Blackwood, *by Meredith McGill and Jerry Slaymaker*
- Hardy Rothrock, *by Anne Rothrock*
- David Voss, *by Lynn Voss*
- Lynn's parents, John and Jane Hammond, *by Lynn Voss*
- Everett and Leona Wease, *by Ann and Ken Wease*
- Alice's parents, Vance and Alice Jenny, *by Alice Williams*
- Richard and Elaine Wood, *by Richard Wood*

### *Given in Honor of:*

- Our dedicated CPC staff, *by Jeanne and Tom Bolick*
- The Spirit of Christmas, *by Meredith Bullis*
- Paul and Sarah Lang, *by Nancy Smith*
- The Viser/Woody family, *by Peggy Viser*

*Following the 8:00 service purchased poinsettias may be taken from any chancel steps or from the Narthex.*



# ASP

## Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT

**Tonight's offering will support  
CPC's 2021 ASP Mission Trip,  
rebuilding homes and lives.**

**This summer will be CPC's 30th ASP mission trip.  
Checks should indicate "ASP" in the memo line.**

### **A Word about Tonight's Service**

So that you and others around you  
may be fully present to this service of worship,  
please silence cell phones  
and refrain from photography.