

Revelation by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 31, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

O Holy Night

Adam

Welcome and Announcements

*Introit

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (v.1)

No. 128

***Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings
bringing; Christ the babe is Lord of All! Christ the babe is
Lord of all!***

*Call to Worship

Every year we celebrate Christmas.

Every month we break bread.

Every week we gather for worship.

Every day we count our blessings.

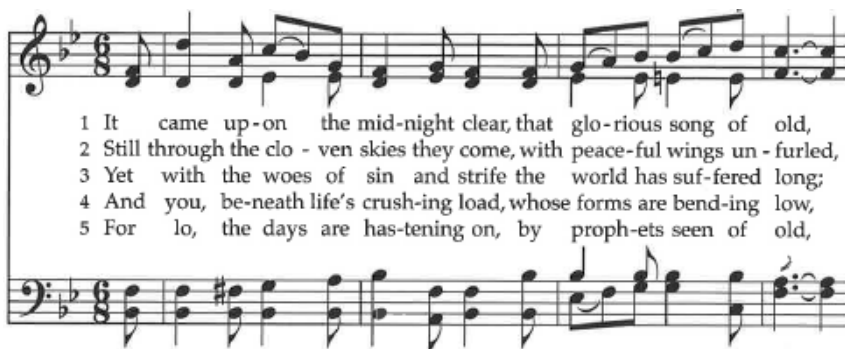
Every minute God is near.

Yes, every minute God is near.

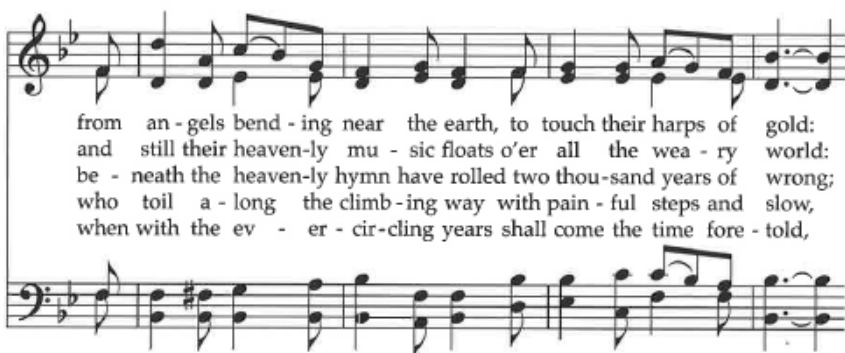
These are the rituals of our faith.

Let us worship Holy God.

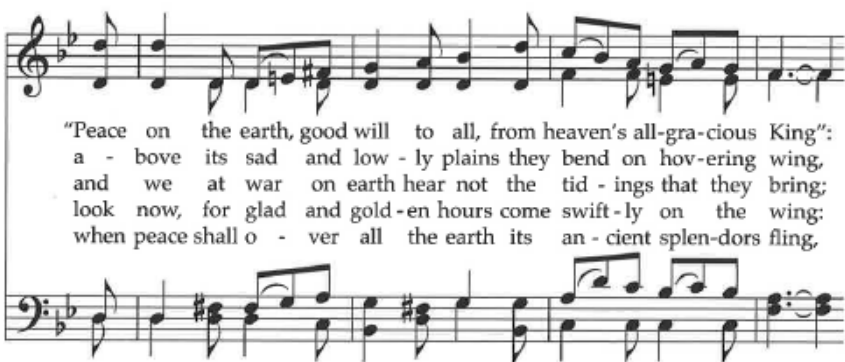
*Hymn *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vv. 1,2,4,5) No. 123



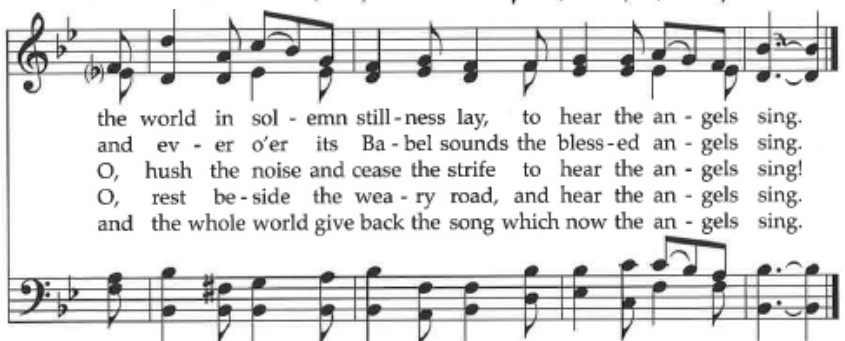
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low;
5 For lo, the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

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**God of rhythms, we confess:
 our faith would not be what it is without rituals.
 Unlike you, we depend on bread and water.
 We have to return to this space again and again
 to hear old, familiar stories.
 For if we stopped,
 we know it would not take long before we lost our way.
 Forgive us for our fragility, and thank you for giving us
 ordinary rituals and rhythms to hold onto.
 With grateful and humble hearts we pray,
 amen.**

Silent Confession


***Kyrie**

Lord, Have Mercy

No. 551

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)

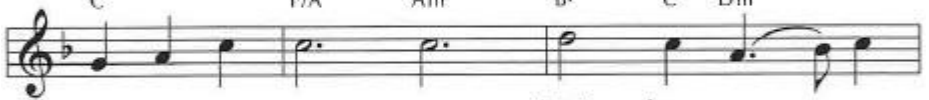
F C F B^b C F



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)


C F/A Am B^b C Dm



mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Hymn

Oh Weary Soul Return Strickland/Swedish melody



Oh wea - ry soul re - turn to the place your bo - dy
The dis - or - i - ent - a - tion of mod - ern, fast - paced
For here the font and ta - ble stand an - chored through - out
So wheth - er it's your first time or you've been here be -



knows Re - trace the well - worn path - ways deep
life Up - roots our spir - it's bear - ings and
time Con - nect - ing us to - geth - er with
- fore Let this be res - pite for you, a



etched in - to your bones Re - lax your wea - ry
leaves us with - out guides When ver - ti - go of
wa - ter, bread, and wine In sim - ple acts re -
place your soul calls home Come back when - e'er you



mus - cles from dai - ly stress and strug - gles Let
spir - it has pushed us to our li - mits Our
- peat - ed we've found what our souls need - ed A
need to, let this place be what feeds you Oh



mus - cle me - mo - ry lead your soul to what it needs
ri - tu - als re - store the faith that keeps us moored
grace in the mun - dane, a bo - di - ly re - frain
wea - ry soul re - turn for grace you need not earn

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Still, Still. Still
Open Chancel Choir

arr. Luboff

***Doxology**

Doxology for a Weary World

Strickland/Holst



Praise the one Cre - a - tor, praise the Liv - ing Christ



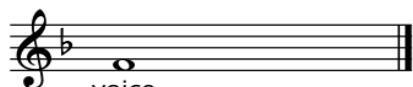
Praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise both day and night



Praise when you are wea - ry, praise in times of joy



Praise, my soul, with all your strength and your heart and



voice

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Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sending

*Hymn

Angels We Have Heard On High (vv. 1-2)

No. 113

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 him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

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

Notes. Prayers. or Scribbles

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	No Faith Formation: Pre-K -Grade 5 Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall Annex) Parlor Class (Parlor) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online No Youth Group Meeting No Christian Adventurers & Youth Choir
Monday, January 1 New Year's Day		Office Closed
Tuesday, January 2	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Triple F (100) Cool Books Club (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 3	7:00 p.m.	No Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, January 4	2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Group (100) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, January 5	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer (Parlor) Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
Saturday, January 6	10:00 a.m.	Called Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall Annex)
Sunday, January 7	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation: Pre-K -Grade 5 (C. Ed. Wing) Parlor Class (Parlor) Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall Annex) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Youth Group (Youth Area & Fellowship Hall) Christian Adventurers & Youth Choir



The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of generosity.

Generosity 2024
We are truly grateful for all the gifts our members and friends have shared with Cary Presbyterian Church throughout this year. All of your gifts help make a difference in our world.

If you are up to date with your 2023 planned giving commitment, we thank you. If not, we graciously ask that you become current by the end of the year. To make a planned giving commitment for 2024, please use the QR code at right. Thank you!

