



Nativity by Stushie Art

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Words of Welcome: Alan Bancroft

Call to Worship:

One: There is a surprise coming.

All: What surprise?

One: Look in a town too small to be noticed.

All: What town?

One: Look in a stable instead of a house.

All: What stable?

One: Look in a feed box instead of a crib.

All: What feed box?

One: Look for a poor baby, not a great king.

All: What baby?

One: God's surprise is coming in an unexpected place. The town is called Bethlehem with a stable therein. It houses three people who couldn't find an inn. The feed box cradles a newborn. The boy who is king of us all. Emmanuel! Jesus!

All: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

One: Praise God for the blessings given to us!

All: Alleluia!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We light the first candle: the candle of hope.

We light this candle to remind us that there is room for every story, to remind us that God is at work in this world.

We light the second candle: the candle of peace

We light this candle to remind us that God meets us in our fear. Because we need God's peace when we feel afraid.

We light the third candle: the candle of joy. We light this candle to remind us we can choose a better way.

May its light remind us of the many sources of joy in our lives and may that joy not only draw us closer to one another, but closer to God.

We light the fourth candle, the candle of love. We light this candle to remind us that we see God In each other.

May we remember that from the very first generation, God has surrounded us with love.

Hymn: 133 O Come All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning.
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Readings:

from *Celebrating a Christ Centered Christmas - Children's Edition*
by Emily Bell Freeman & David Butler

The Innkeeper

Joseph

Hymn: 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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.**

Mary

Angels

Hymn: 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo**

Shepherds

Wise Men

Hymn: 151 We Three Kings

**We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star
O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light**

Jesus

Hymn: 115 Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.**

READING: John 1:1-4

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.
3 All things came into being through him, and without him not
one thing came into being. What has come into being
4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle, tonight, as we tell this story that we tell every year—the story of Christ’s birth, the story of love in a tiny baby. It’s a story that weaves through every generation. Because from generation to generation, our story belongs to God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Hymn: 122 Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**I will tell this story—of a love that makes room for all.
I will sing this story—of a love that knows our name.
I will live this story—because love has come again.
I believe that words have power. I will not stay quiet.**

Hymn: 134 Joy to the World

**Joy to the world, the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing**

**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**

**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**



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**Tonight's offering will support
CPC's 2023 ASP Mission Trip,
rebuilding homes and lives.**

**This summer will be CPC's 32nd ASP mission trip.
Checks should indicate "ASP" in the memo line.**

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of the CPC website.**

Poinsettias
Christmas 2022



Cary Presbyterian Church

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- *David Batchelor*, by Ann Batchelor
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- *George Michael Burke, husband*, by Penny Burke
- *Michael Patrick Burke, son*, by Penny Burke
- *Glen, Marilyn, & Susanne Campbell*, by John & Beth Campbell
- *Ramsay, Mary, & Meg Lawson*, by John & Beth Campbell
- *Roy Carlile & Edward Taylor; fathers*, by Ron & Rhonda Carlile
- *Velma Taylor & Annie Carlile; mothers*, by Ron & Rhonda Carlile
- *Our parents*, by Mickey and Ellen Cline
- *Marvin Diggs*, by Russell Diggs
- *Robin Diggs*, by Russell Diggs
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- *Jennifer Garboski, daughter*, by Marge Garboski
- *David Johnson, brother*, by Marge Garboski
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- *Francis Giesbrecht*, by Peg Giesbrecht
- *Kathy Giesbrecht*, by Peg Giesbrecht
- *Gary Govert, husband*, by Ellen Govert
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- *Mrs. Louise Cash, special friend*, by Barbara & John Harvey
- *Mrs. Margaret Hockaday, aunt*, by Barbara & John Harvey
- *Thomas Hockaday Turner & Louise Bland Turner, parents*, by Barbara & John Harvey
- *Jim Hobbs, husband*, by Naureen Hobbs
- *Anne Turner Hutchinson, Duncan's mother*, by Duncan & Sandy Hutchinson

Given in Loving Memory of:

- *Mary B. Leonard, Sandy's mother,*
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- *Charlotte and William Leslie,* by Cindy and Bill Leslie
- *Dr. Grover Miller,* by Cindy & Bill Leslie
- *Loved ones,* by Kathy Lindabery
- *Dr. John and Mabel McGill,*
by Meredith McGill & Jerry Slaymaker
- *Doris and Addison Slaymaker, Sr.,*
by Meredith McGill & Jerry Slaymaker
- *Carroll Slaymaker,* by Meredith McGill & Jerry Slaymaker
- *Rev. David Voss,* by Meredith McGill & Jerry Slaymaker
- *John Small, son,* by Linda & Kay Mowery
- *Ed and Sallie Frances Hargrave* by their grandchildren,
Kim Riffle, Cindy Clark, and Lewis Sugg
- *Hardy Rothrock,* by Anne Rothrock
- *Henry David Smith, husband,* by Nancy C. Smith
- *David Voss,* by Lynn Voss
- *Margaret Taylor & Gracie Walker,* by Mary & Scott Walker
- *Vance & Alice Jenny, parents* by Alice & Jim Williams
- *Dr. & Mrs. S.M. Witherspoon, Jr,* by Teddy & Sam Witherspoon
- *Teddy's parents, Mr. & Mrs. T.N. Ingraham,*
by Teddy & Sam Witherspoon
- *William & Jean Mundell,* by Richard Wood
- *Richard & Elaine Wood,* by Richard Wood

Given in Honor of:

- *Phil, Carlton, & David Campbell*, by Frank & Lela Floyd
- *All CPC Staff & Friends*, by Frank & Lela Floyd
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- *Abigail Circle*, by Joan Haskin
- *Lela and Frank Floyd*, by Sally Adams
- *Sarah James*, by Sally Adams
- *Sallie Fletcher*, by Yates & Gwen Fletcher
- *Tuesday morning Connections Group*
(*Mary Jane Donahue, Mitzi Rackley, Julie Might, Rowena Morrison, and Nancy Neubauer*) by Sandra Brown
- *Don and Laura Ann, children*, by Donna Long

*Following the 5:00 service purchased poinsettias may be taken
from the poinsettia tree in the Narthex
or from the chancel steps.*

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

Tonight's Service Participants

Minister: Alan Bancroft

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Sandy and Duncan Hutchinson

Tech: John Campbell, Richard Wood

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.*