

Mary's Golden Annunciation by Carmelle Beaugelin

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

O Thou, Come of God the Father

Copland

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Introit

From Generation to Generation (v.2)

From gen-er-a-tion to gen-er-a-tion, we have shared the Christ-mas sto-ry

of a ba-by in a man-ger, who was born in Beth-le-hem.

Hope is wing-ing, Peace now ring-ing, Joy we're sing-ing, Love he's bring-ing.

1. There is room for ev-'ry sto-ry. There is hope through God's great glory.
2. God will meet you in your fear. And bring peace both far and near.
3. We can choose a bet-ter way. And find joy in ev-'ry day.
4. We see God in one an-oth-er. As we learn to love each other.

*Call to Worship

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,
welcomes you to this place.

As one body, with one voice,
we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,
counsel, knowledge, and joy.

Amen. So be it.

*Hymn

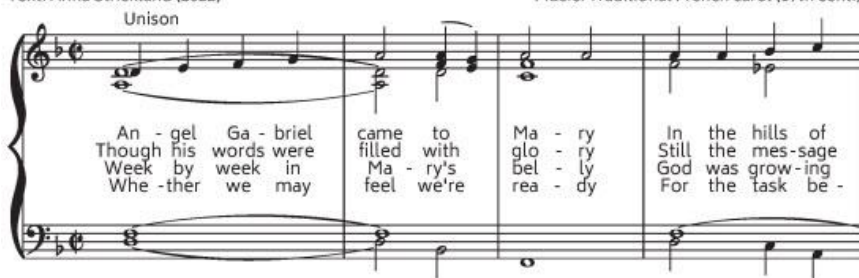
Here I Am

Strickland

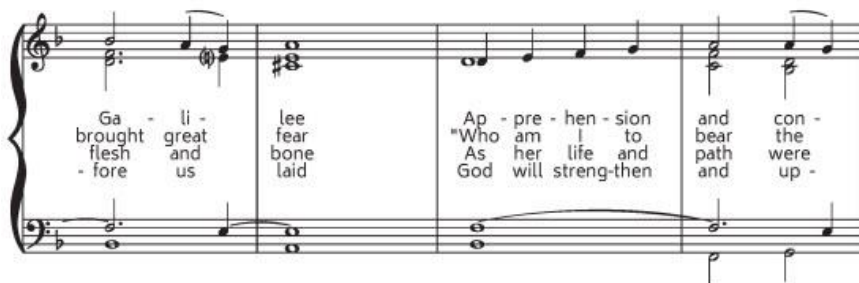
Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Traditional French carol (17th cent.)

Unison



An - gel Ga - briel came to Ma - ry In the hills of
Though his words were filled with glo - ry Still the mes - sage
Week by week in Ma - ry's bel - ly God was grow - ing
Whe - ther we may feel we're rea - dy For the task be -



Ga - li - lee brought great and us
flesh and bone laid
fore us
Ap - pre - hen - sion
"Who am I to
As her life and
God will strength - en
and bear con -
path the
and were
up -



fu - sion
sav - ior
chang - ing
hold us
Filled her, won - d'ring
With the path - way
Ne - ver was she
Ev - en when the
what's to
so un -
left a -
fear won't
be
clear?"
lone
fade

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"Do not be a - fraid," the an - gel told the maid
 "Here I am," she pledged; the an - gel Gab - riel fled
 With her all the while was to Ma - ry's ho - ly child
 We say, "Here I am," to God's tran - scen - dent plan

"God has high - ly fa - vored thee"
 Quick - ly as he had ap - peared
 Pledge of "Here I am" of God's own
 Trust - ing God to lend us aid

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**Patient God,
 you know just how often
 we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.
 You know just how often
 we allow fear to take the place of logic,
 fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.
 You know just how often
 we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"
 on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,
 stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.
 Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
 Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
 which spark and feed so much of our fear,
 to recenter us in love.
 With hope we pray, amen.**

Silent Confession

KyrieLord, Have Mercy*

No. 551

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) B^b C (D) F

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

(A) C (D/F#) F/A (F#m) Am (G) B^b (A) C (Bm) Dm

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

(G) B^b (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) F (D) F

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

Assurance of Pardon**Response***Gloria, Gloria*

No. 583

(Sing twice; first in English, then in Latin)

Capo 3: (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

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

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Word**Prayer for Illumination**

David Bohm

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
 3 "This child must be born that the king - dom might come;
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;

no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.

no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,

just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.
 and you are re - quest - ed to moth - er God's Son."
 both vic - tor and vic - tim, both yours and di - vine."
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell God I say, Yes."

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* arr. Leavitt
Chancel Choir

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"*

*"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee;
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world
Will ever say: Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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

Prayer 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.**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

(All bread is gluten-free. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the elements, returning to your seats to partake. The elements may be brought to any who choose to remain seated in the pews.)

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.

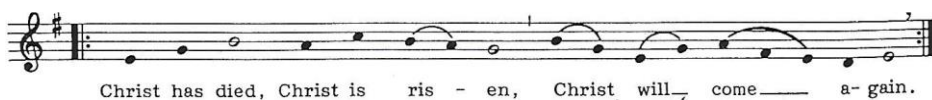
It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe.
You created light out of darkness
and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image
and called us to love and serve you.
When we were unfaithful
and turned from your ways,
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:

mp
 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.
mp
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est
mp
 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:



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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

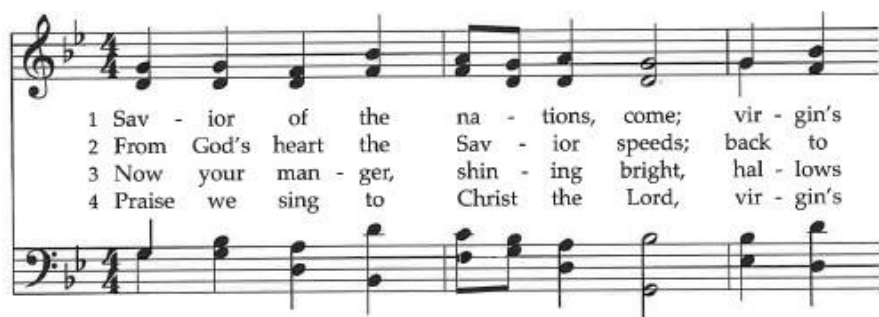
Prayer after Communion

Sending

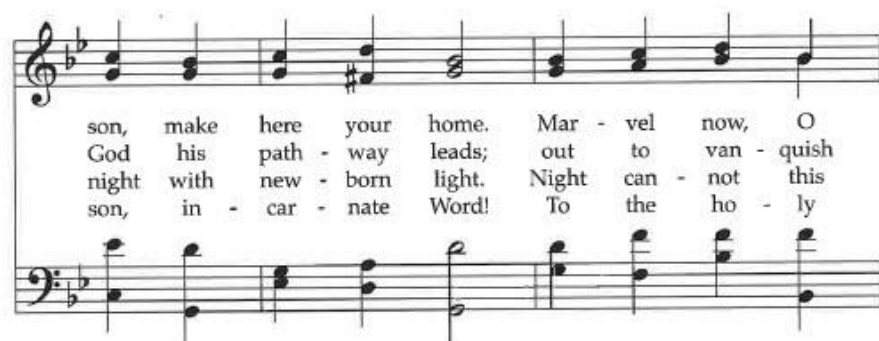
***Hymn**

Savior of the Nations, Come (vv. 1-3)

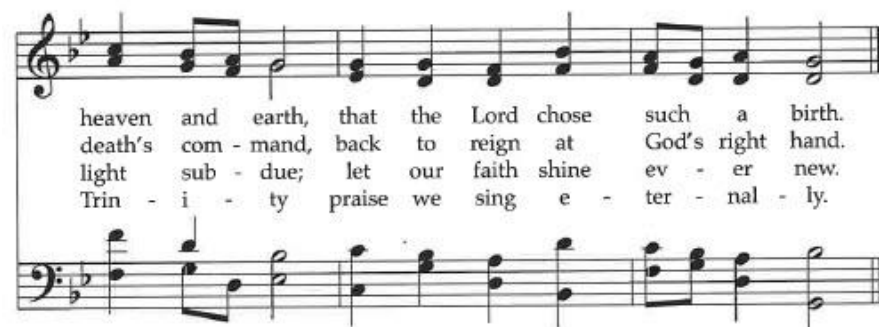
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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's



son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

*Blessing and Charge

***Response** *Savior of the Nations, Come (v. 4)*
(See previous hymn)

No. 102

***Postlude** *Prelude in G Minor*

Bach

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Paul Lang, Kim Rubish

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Lay Reader: David Bohm

Acolyte: Lorraine Bullis

Time With Our Children: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Tom Bolick, Janet Robinette,

Betty Hart, Donna Adkins

Tech: John Campbell

Slides: Su Johnson

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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

Advent for the Generations:

Today after Worship Service

We hope you've marked your calendars for our Intergenerational Advent gathering following worship today. We'll have a simple lunch and then craft Advent decorations together - for both home and church - based on this year's Advent theme *From Generation to Generation*. All ages are welcome!



Advent means coming or arrival. This word has a double significance, as in Advent we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and look with longing for his coming again. The season of Advent begins with an emphasis on final things (eschatology). We watch and pray with expectant hope for the establishment of God's justice and the return of the Prince of Peace. As the weeks of Advent progress, the focus shifts to thanks and praise for the birth of the one who has already come — Jesus Christ our Savior.

The color of *Sarum blue* was often used in the candles for Advent. This was a mixture of blue and purple — an effort to indicate that Jesus comes both as royalty and as one destined to suffer in the events of Holy Week. The habit of using a pink candle along with the candles of *Sarum blue* was borrowed from the Lenten habit of shifting the candle for the fourth Sunday in Lent to pink on *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* means rejoice, and the pink candle sometimes used in Advent was called *Gaudet*, or joy. You see how these two are easily confused.

In recent times, Advent has undergone a shift in emphasis, reflected in a change of colors used in many churches, both Protestant & Catholic. The more common practice now is to use blue candles to distinguish the Season of Advent from Lent and to omit the pink candle of *Gaudet Sunday*. Blue is used as a symbol of Jesus' royalty.



MARY'S GOLDEN ANNUNCIATION

by Carmelle Beaugelin

Inspired by Luke 1:26-38 | Acrylic, gilding paint, canvas collage on handmade reclaimed paper

Mary's Golden Annunciation explores the moment of encounter between Mary and the angelic messenger. This unusual encounter may have been startling to young Mary—a soon-to-be teen bride turned, possibly, unwed mother. Yet, with holy bravery in the face of communal isolation, she accepts the call to be a surrogate mother to a

son who is to be the savior of her people and the son of God.

There is not much commentary regarding Mary's consent to motherhood. She is often portrayed as a humble, yet passive, "accepter" of a fate predestined for her. But I wonder, what if the angel had appeared to Mary and she had declined? Would her name be erased from historic and religious memory in favor of another willing young virgin?

Mary's Golden Annunciation depicts not only a remarkable encounter, but also the moment that divinity in human form was conceived. It is my speculation that the divinity of God entered Mary's body no sooner than Mary's "yes" went out from her mouth. In a time when women had few options other than marriage, Mary's consent to a potentially unwed motherhood is a brave act of subversive agency. In Mary's "yes," uttered in her Magnificat, we see the transformation of a young teenage girl from fearful to determined, from simply accepting to deciding, from passivity to agency, from betrothed to surrogate mother of God—an honor rarer than gold. Perhaps the most remarkable annunciation in this passage is not the messenger's revelation to Mary, but Mary's "yes" to the call.

—Carmelle Beaugelin



Planned Giving for 2023

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

1 Peter 4:10

*Please return your 2023 Planned Giving cards
to the box in the Narthex or the church office as soon as possible.*

You may also complete your pledge online at:

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"At the end of the day, we must decide how and why we give back to others with our time, talents and resources. Generosity is a tool God uses to shape our hearts, and a spiritual discipline that nurtures faith. Last year, CPC was blessed with an upward trend in giving, strengthening our missions and ministries, and holding promise for the future. We ask you to pray and discern how your gifts for 2023 can continue this positive trend and play a role in the life of the church." *Generosity Team Letter*

For 2023 Time & Talent Offerings, we have tried to make it as easy as possible for you to engage with them. For the first time, choices are online in Sign-Up Genius for you to quickly indicate your desired areas of service or interest. Please enter the following URL to select your areas of service and interest for 2023: <https://tinyurl.com/55shpws2>

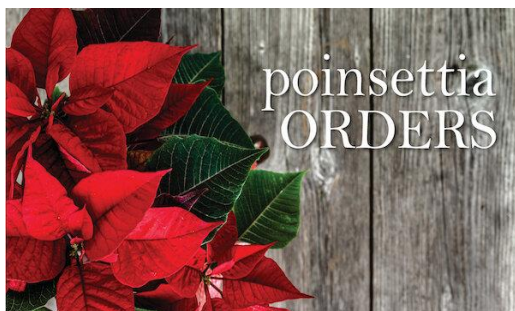
On the page titled *CPC 2023 Time & Talent Groups*, you will find 7 tabs at the top with the names of areas of service. At each tab are available slots for areas in which you may sign up. Please read the guidelines for signing up that are at the top of each page. *(Even if you are currently serving in an area, please sign up so there will be a record of all who are involved and interested.)*

Thank you again for your faithful support of the ministries of CPC!

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 4	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class is on a break until January Faith Formation Classes for All Ages Worship & Communion In-Person and Online 'Advent for the Generations' (Fellowship Hall) Advent Study with Pastor Kim (Parlor) Youth Fellowship Pizza and Pageant Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Monday, December 5	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Staff Christmas Brunch (Fellowship Hall) Abigail Circle Gift Wrapping for Caring Place (Fellowship Hall Annex) GS Brownie Troop 1951 (Youth Area) GS Daisy Troop 271 (Youth Area) Cub Scout Pack 232 (FHF) Scout Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Session Meeting (Zoom) Deacons Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 6	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Staff Holiday Party (Fellowship Hall) Clark Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Cool Books Club (Zoom) Scout Troop 232 (FHF)
Wednesday, December 7	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Parlor) Triple F Christmas Buffet (Prestonwood CC) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) (Off this Week) Wed. Night Virtual Class (Zoom)
Thursday, December 8	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Generosity Team (100) Hailey Clark Free Benefit Concert for 'Read and Feed' (Sanctuary)
Friday, December 9	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
Saturday, December 10		
Sunday, December 11	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	'Twas the Season of Advent Sunday School Pageant (Fellowship Hall) Worship In-Person and Online Advent Study (Parlor) Middle & High School Youth Christmas Party



Poinsettia Orders

Place your poinsettia orders online for this Christmas season by clicking the link in your E-Link newsletter and following the instructions there.

You may also use one of the printed forms in the office and leave it there with your payment and dedications for the plants you order.