

*O Come Emmanuel* by Michael Torevell

## WORSHIP SERVICE

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2022

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

## Gathering

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

### Gathering Chime

#### Prelude

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

arr. Coats

### Welcome and Announcements

### Candle Lighting Liturgy

#### 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

Christ is born!

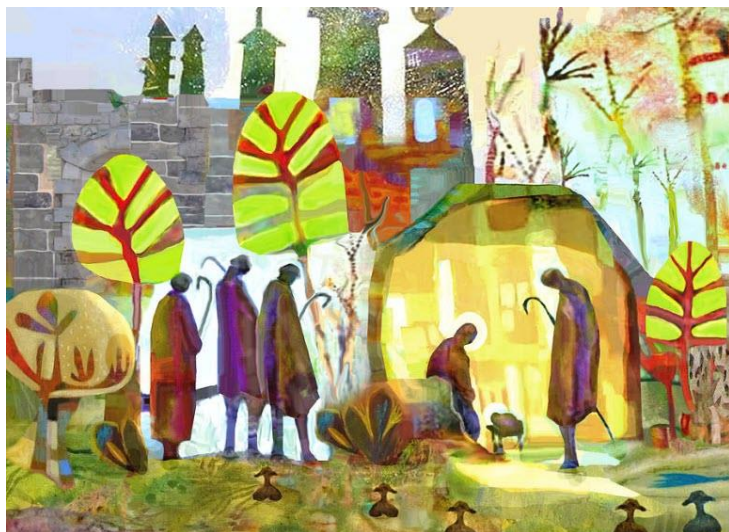
**Alleluia!**

Jesus is among us!

**Alleluia!**

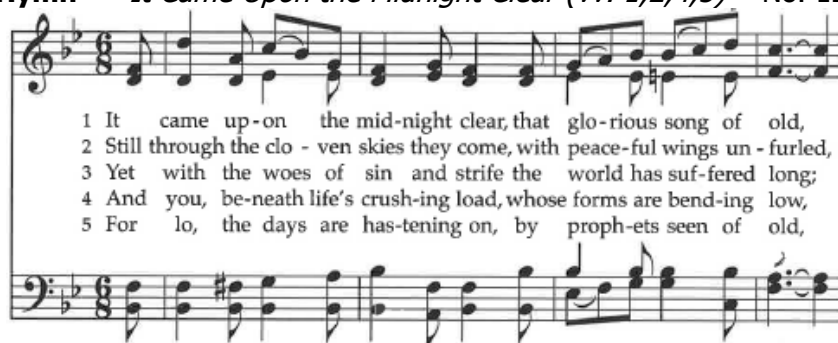
Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

**Christ is born!**

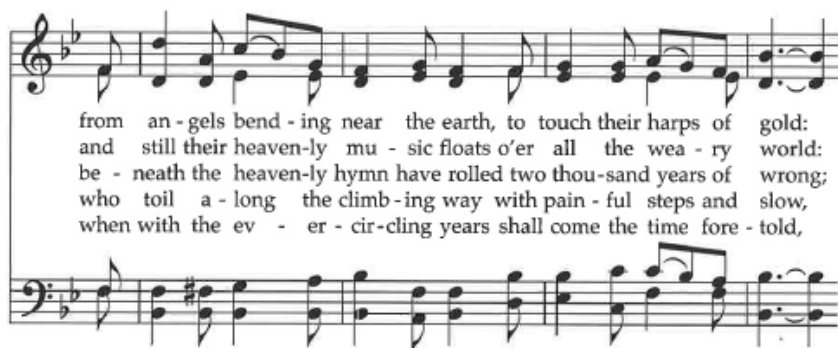


*The Glory of the Lord Shone Round Them by Michael Torevell*

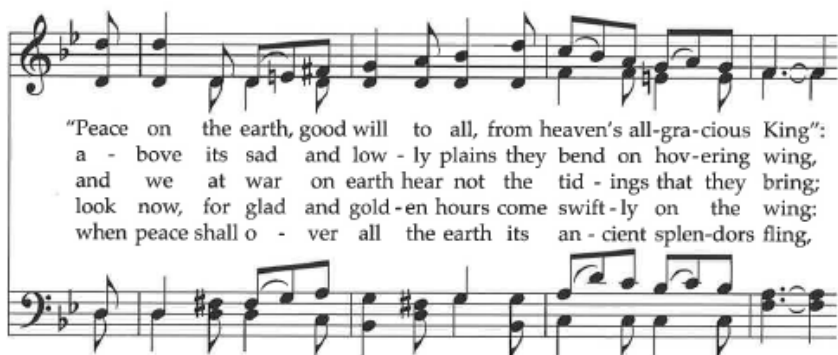
**\*Hymn**     *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vv. 1,2,4,5)*     No. 123



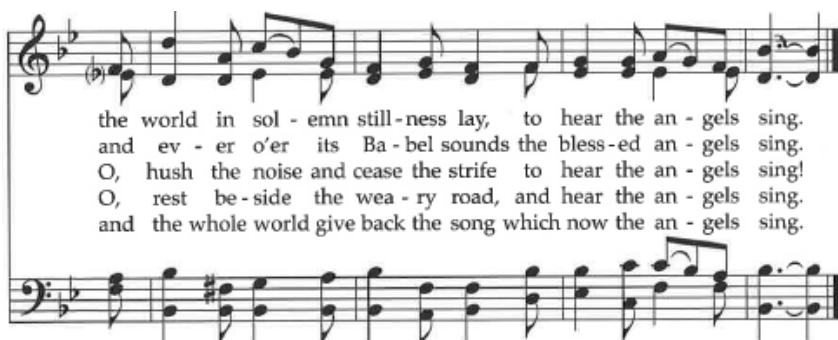
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;  
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 5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

**Holy Incarnate God,  
by the light of your goodness and mercy,  
our failing to see your true light is clear:  
we have not loved you,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
we have not loved ourselves.  
Our feet have not brought good news to the poor  
nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants.  
Forgive us,  
blind us with your holy honesty,  
so that we may more clearly see your will,  
and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace.  
Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**\*Kyrie** *Lord, Have Mercy* No. 551

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) C (D) F

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

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

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) (Em) (A) (D)  
Dm Gm C 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**

**Scripture Reading** John 1:1-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

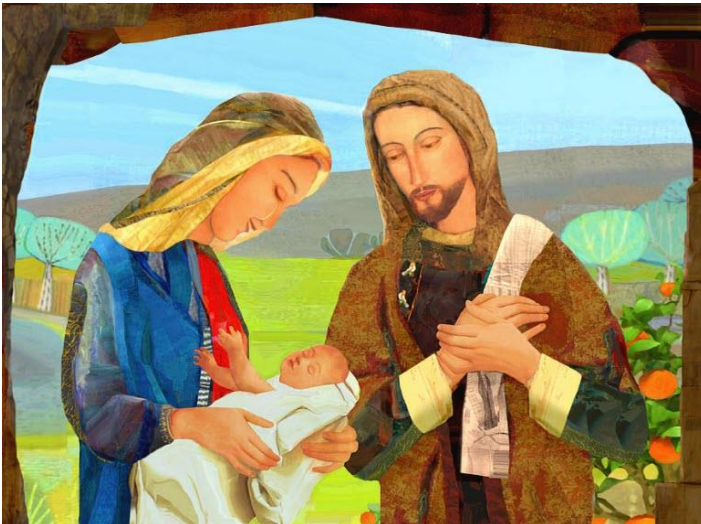
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:15-21

**The Message**

*God Dwells With Us*

Paul Lang



*Divine Love Incarnate by Michael Torevell*

**\*Hymn**

*God Became Flesh With Us to Dwell*

From A - bid - ing lee to Beth - le - hem Did  
The shep - herds went as the fields - an - gels that night said The  
To a

Ma - ry and Jo - seph their jour - ney be - gin Ma - ny miles from  
shep - herds saw town a with ra - diant they light When an - gels  
man - ger in a with haste they sped And there as

home with - out a room Em - man - u - el  
came to fill the sky - Breaking in - u - el  
earth and heav - en con - verged They shared with the

came forth from Ma - ry's womb No - el, no - el, no -  
earth from all heav - en on high curried  
par - ents that had oc -

el, no - el God be - came flesh with us to dwell

## **Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Responding

### Offering of Tithes and Gifts

#### Offertory

*Once in Royal David's City*  
Alan Ward, cello; Nancy Neubauer, piano

arr. Ward

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 608

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, with lyrics "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;". The second staff contains the notes G5, F#5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, with lyrics "praise Christ, all". The third staff contains the notes G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, with lyrics "peo - ple here be - low;". The fourth staff contains the notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, with lyrics "praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -". The fifth staff contains the notes G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, with lyrics "more;". The sixth staff contains the notes G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0, with lyrics "praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.".

### 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.**

# Sending

**\*Hymn**

*Angels We Have Heard On High (w. 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

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - -

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

### \*Blessing and Charge

<b>*Response</b>	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High (v. 3)</i> <i>(See previous hymn)</i>	No. 113
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**\*Postlude** *Joy to the World* GF Handel, arr. Shockley

## \*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

**Piano:** Nancy Neubauer; **Cello:** Alan Ward

**Lay Reader:** Su Johnson

**Ushers:** Al Hardie, Beth Cleveland,

Jessica Cadwallader, Rhonda Carlile

**Tech:** Hunter Piermont

CCLI No.: 3015474



## *Weekly Floral Dedications for 2023*

***Sign-ups for Worship Service flowers for 2023 are active and may be added, along with dedications, at SignUpGenius (linked in E-Link).***

***Dedications will be shared  
in the bulletin and the newsletter.***

## Join the Tech Team!

**Our online services  
outreach needs  
volunteers to assist  
with slide preparation,  
streaming operations  
and tending  
to the soundboard for  
Sunday services.**



If you can help in any of these areas, please sign up for open slots on [SignUpGenius](#).  
Questions? Contact [John Campbell](#) or [Ken Worsham](#).



### ***From the Finance Manager***

*Giving statements were mailed during the last week to anyone with a remaining balance on their pledge for this year.*

*If you are up to date with your planned giving commitment, we thank you. If you have a balance, we graciously ask that you become current by the end of the year. (You can make your commitment current by clicking the Planned Giving box in the Generosity section of our website.)*



### **Dorcas and CPC Be The Hands December 'Adopt a Shelf' Program**

CPC is partnering with Dorcas Ministries as a supporter of their 'Adopt a Shelf' program. This is an ongoing initiative of *Be The Hands*.

The response from the congregation has been positive for the past several months. Many thanks from Dorcas and the *Be The Hands* team. We will continue this program as long it meets the needs of Dorcas and our congregation.

**The needed items for December are canned stew and soup.**

**Please contact Audrey Sausman at 919-889-9121 if you have any questions.**

# **THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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<b>Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Pastor's Class, Faith Formation resume Jan. 9 <b>Worship In-Person and Online</b>
<b>Monday, December 26</b>		<b>CPC Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 27</b>		<b>CPC Office Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 28</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Wednesday Night Virtual Class (Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday, December 29</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cary Mindfulness Group (Library)</b>
<b>Friday, December 30</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Courage, Strength, &amp; Hope (Library)</b>
<b>Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Pastor's Class, Faith Formation resume Jan. 9 <b>Worship In-Person and Online</b>



## **Open Choir on January 1!**

We know many of you enjoy singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from *The Messiah*, so Ed Yasick and the Chancel Choir invite you to join them in singing it on New Years Day at the 10:30 service!

You can bring your own score, if you wish, but we will also have copies for you. Plan on meeting in the choir room at 10:10 to run it once before we sing it for the service.