



The Visitation – Sister Laura McGowan

WORSHIP SERVICE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021
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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Wachtet Auf
Justin Dickson, trumpet

Bach

Welcome and Announcements

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 . . .

Fourth Sunday of Advent *Isa. 7:14*

The Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child.

**She shall bear a son,
and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."**

Introit

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 4)

No. 88

***O come, thou Root of Jesse,
free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

*Call to Worship

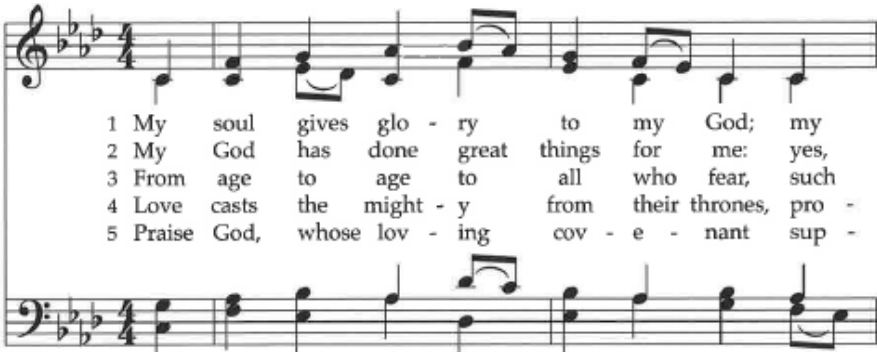
Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

Holy is God's name!



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my
 2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3 From age to age to all who fear, such
 4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy.
Though we have heard Mary's song,
we still seek security in pride and power
and possessions. Though we know your story,
we resist the costs of following you.
We pass by those considered lowly in this world.
We turn away from hungry people who still wait
to be filled. Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to work for the justice you intend.
Make us messengers of the peace you bring.
As we wait for you, turn our apathy
into acts of love and service.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



Jump for Joy – ArtbyCorby

Hymn*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)*

No. 581

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line and repeat sign at the end.

Word**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading**

Micah 5:2-5a

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering

Mary Did You Know?

Lowry

Julie Henry, soloist; Jack Henry, guitar

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Message *Canticles of Advent: 'Magnificat,' Mary's Song* Paul Lang

Anthem

Magnificat

Getty/arr. Curry

Chancel Choir

My soul will magnify the Lord; I rejoice in God my Saviour,
In the wonder of His favor. For He has done great things for me;
He was mindful of His servant. Every age shall call me blessed.

The Hope of Abraham come in the giving of a Son;
For He who promised is mighty in remembering His mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord for His grace to those who fear Him
Through every generation. The proud He scatters to the wind
As the ruler's strength is broken, and the rich are left with nothing.

The humble lifted high and the hungry satisfied;
Our Portion and our Treasure our Hope and Help forever.

Glory to God the Father, Glory to God, the Son,
Glory to God the Holy Spirit Now and forevermore Amen!

***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.**

Time with Our Children

Alan Bancroft

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 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.**

Responding

Offering

Reflections

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending

***Hymn**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (vv. 1-3) No. 100



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

***Blessing and Charge**

***Response** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (v. 4)* No. 100
(See previous hymn)

Postlude

Voluntary in E Minor

Stanley

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

Today's Worship Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Trumpet: Justin Dickson

Special Music: Julie Henry, vocal; Jack Henry, guitar

Vocal Ensemble: Chancel Choir

Time With Our Children: Alan Bancroft

Greeter: Donna Adkins

Ushers: Al Hardie, Beth Cleveland, and Nancy Neubauer

Tech: Alan Burton, Troy Burton **Slides:** Kirsten Nielsen

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Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service (In Person & Online)

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, with Communion
(In Person & Online)



THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 19	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	No Faith Formation Classes Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page No Youth Group
Monday, December 20		<i>Check Events on the CPC app, E-Link, and the CPC website for complete meeting updates, links and Zoom information as provided.</i>
Tuesday, December 21		
Wednesday, December 22	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Bible Study (Narthex) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Bible & Beyond Class (Zoom)
Thursday, December 23		
Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Family Worship Service Lessons and Carols, with Communion
Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day		
Sunday, December 26	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	No Faith Formation Classes Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page No Youth Group