



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 AM DECEMBER 10, 2017

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Love

(Song: 'Come O Come Emmanuel' written and recorded by Dan Loewen;
Painting: Daniel Giesbrecht; Video production by Dan Loewen Creative:
Level Ground Mennonite Church, Abbotsford, BC.)

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Welcome Book and pass it to your neighbor.)

Congregational Introit *Hope is a Star*

Fogg

(When invited, please join the choir in singing the refrain)

***When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.***

*Call to Worship

(* Please stand as you are able.)

One: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

**All: That sign is in the One to come —
the One that God is sending.**

One: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

**All: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress.
Our cries are heard!
God is responding in love and hope.**

One: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

**All: Let us be ready to receive
the blessed gift of the Savior.**

*Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

No. 104

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord of Advent Love,
we have done wrong.
We have tarnished the gift you gave freely.**

**We have buried you so deeply in our hearts,
the world doesn't see you.
We have ignored your teachings,
we have lived lives of apathy against your love,
we have built walls and fortresses
to push people away,
and we have silenced the cries of those in need.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us from our sin,
Free us from our captivity,
Free us to a life lived in hope.**

Silent Confession

***Response to Confession**

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits (refrain) No. 89
***For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits:
truly my hope is in you.***

***Words of Assurance**

One: Through the work of Jesus,
who comes among us full of grace and truth,
All: we are forgiven and made whole.
**Then open our lips, that we may sing
praise with the angels.**

***Response of Praise**

*He Came Down
(Please sing twice)*

No. 137

***He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
hallelujah, forevermore.***

***Sharing the Peace**

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
All: and also with you.
One: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

NT, p. 5

Sermon

About Love

Medora Hix

Affirmation of Faith

(Ann Weems, 'The Coming of God')

One: God is the One who comes to us
in a burning bush,
in an angel's song,
in a newborn child.

**All: Our God is the One who cannot be found
locked in the church,
not even in the sanctuary.**

**Our God will be where God will be
with no constraints,
no predictability.**

**Our God lives where our God lives,
and destruction has no power
and even death cannot stop
the living.**

**Our God will be born where God will be born,
but there is no place to look for the One
who comes to us.**

**When God is ready
God will come
even to a godforsaken place
like a stable in Bethlehem.**

**Watch...
for you know not when
God comes.**

**Watch, that you might be found
whenever,
wherever
God comes.**

***Hymn**

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

No. 753

Time with Our Children

Izzy Bradsher and Barbara Harvey

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles: Love

Guatemala Mission Trip Participants

Second candle is lit.

One: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Advent season.

**All: As these candles are lit,
light our lives with your imagination.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,
but must be shared.
Magnify your love within us.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (v. 2)* No. 85

***Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
Gently lead them homeward.***

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem *When Will Messiah Come?* Martin

Chancel Choir

*Almighty God, we cry to you;
when will Messiah come?
When will you wipe our tears away?
When will Messiah come?*

*Spirit of truth, we call unto you;
when will Messiah come?
When will our sorrow turn to joy?
When will Messiah come?*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
Lord of the promise, hear our plea;
when will Messiah come?
When will we greet Emmanuel?
When will Messiah come?*

***Doxology** *Gloria (from 'Angels We Have Heard on High')* No. 113

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of Joy and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

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

***Hymn** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 83

***Benediction**

***Response** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (refrain)* No. 100

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

***Postlude** *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* Bach

After worship, the Officer of the Day will be available at the Chancel steps to answer any questions for visitors and CPC members.
Today's Officer of the Day (11:00): Scott Patrick

Today's Service Participants (11:00)

Minister: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Youth Choir Director: Julie Henry

Choir: Chancel Choir, Youth Choir

Guatemala Trip Participants: Isabel and Sherry Bradsher, Medora Hix, Gerry and Josetta McLaughlin, Carol Payne, Jon Rodriguez, Barbara Harvey

Children's Worship Leader: TBD

Acolyte: Bennett Keith

Lay Readers: Guatemala Mission Trip Participants

Bus Driver: Russell Diggs

Sound: Joey Bartholomew

Counters: Camille Lambe and Louis Lambe

Flowers: Flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Audrey Sausman to the glory of God and in celebration of the season



Announcements and Opportunities

Fair Trade News: Please stop by the Fair Trade table outside the Fellowship Hall, between the two worship services today from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Support Esperanza and Fair Trade farmers around the world with your gifts. We have coffee and tea gift sets from \$10 to \$30 and smaller gifts of chocolate and tea from \$2 to \$6. We accept cash, checks, and credit/debit cards.

Esperanza Guatemala News: Discover the many wonderful things that happened during our recent trip. An informal session will be held following worship today, with light lunch of beans and rice served. During the service, you will hear the sermon and children's time offered in Nimasac.

Celebration of Light Labyrinth walk – Thursday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m.

The word "light" is referenced often in the Bible to symbolize goodness, truth, and knowledge. On the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, we celebrate the hope, love, and light of Christ's birth. Join us in the lower parking lot for a short service of song, prayer and poetry. We will then walk to the labyrinth to witness the light of over 100 candles. You may walk the labyrinth, simply stand, or sit as others do so. Hot apple cider will be available to help keep us warm. Questions? Email Jeanne Bolick at jlbolick@att.net.

Advent Coloring Posters (like the posters for Lent) are available in the Narthex and Library. We're using markers for these so finishing should be faster. Enjoy the coloring experience in preparation during Advent!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Today, December 10:

Faith TODAY: Rm 100 A unique look at racism will be shared through the resource 'Shout,' performance art and poetry, with Rev. Deky Hall leading.

Young Families: Rm 102 Discussing future directions for this class

Bible and Beyond: Library

Adult I: Parlor

Connections I: Rm. 209 See Medora Hix about forming other Connections Classes

Next Week, December 17:

The King and Me: Fellowship Hall Don't miss the CPC youth presentation of this year's Christmas Musical Pageant, celebrating the season in song and drama.

December 24 and 31:

Sunday School is in recess Come to worship! Classes resume January 7, 2018.

Gather in...

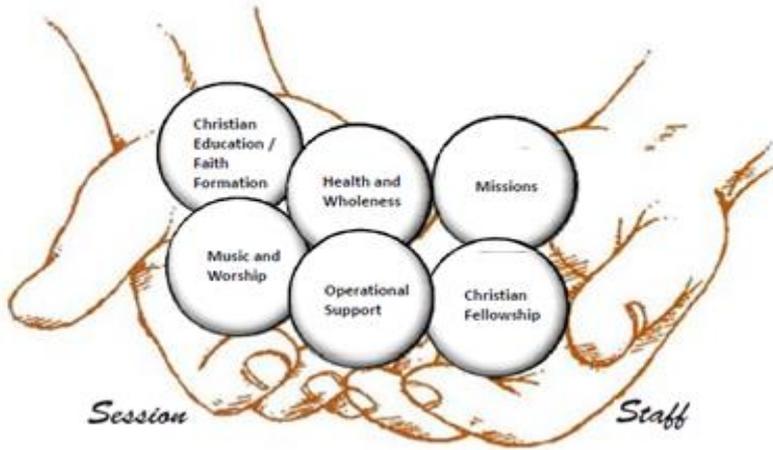


A Generosity Reminder

Please be sure to return your Planned Giving Card and Time & Talent Form. You may leave your information in the church office, place it in the offering plate, or pledge online now at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/9uv8jhh>

If you are up to date with your planned giving commitment, we thank you. If not, we graciously ask that you become current by the end of the year. Thank you!

Cary Presbyterian Ministry Areas



CPC Ministry Area Committees & Teams

Christian Faith Formation

Visitors & New Members
Adult Education
Spiritual Practices
Youth Classes
Confirmation
Children in Worship
Milestones
Vacation Bible School
Library
Social Justice

Music & Worship

Communion
Chancel Guild
Choirs
Acolytes
Ushers
Lay Readers
Columbarium
Sound Team

Health & Wholeness

Parish Nurse
Deacons
Stephen Ministry
Prayer Shawl
Blood Drive
Cancer Companions
Pastoral Care Team
Partnering Ministries

Operations

Personnel & Administration
Budget & Finance
Generosity Team
Building & Grounds
Communications
Transportation
Information Technology
Nominating
Counting
Insurance

Missions

Preschool
Local Missions
World Missions
Appalachia Service Project
Guatemala
Memorials & Endowments
Food, Friends and Fun
Fair Trade Coffee

Fellowship

Congregational Fellowship
Youth Groups
Presbyterian Women
Presbyterian Men
Triple F
Scouting
Connections
Book Groups
Softball Teams
Ties that Bind

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School/All Ages Worship Service Esperanza Lunch Meeting CA Youth Group: Caroling with MS Group MS Youth Group: Caroling with CAs SH Parent Meeting: Stressbusters SH Youth Group (SH Room) Stressbusters
Monday, December 11	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Abigail Circle (P) Childcare Administrative Board (102) Congregational Fellowship Team (P) Christian Faith Formation Team (106) Music and Worship Team (L) Sara Dickson Student Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, December 12	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Holiday Luncheon (FH) Connections Book Group (P) Generosity Team (102) Mary and Martha Circle (Off-campus) Miriam Circle (P) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (AI-Anon) (Library)
Wednesday, December 13	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle (102) Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (102) Coping Creatively with Cancer (Off-Campus) YAF Meeting (103) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, December 14	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Christmas Celebration (5 Day 4s Class) Health Ministry Team (209) Missions Team (L)
Friday, December 15	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, December 16	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service 'The King and Me' A Musical Christmas Pageant (in place of Sunday School) Worship Service When Hearts Are Troubled – Glenaire Auditorium MS Youth Group: Christmas Party (MS Room) SH Youth Group: Christmas Party and Service Project (SH Room)

Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, our summer ministry partner for Food, Friends, Fun, will host a Christmas party for our Hispanic neighborhood friends and families on Sunday, December 17, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall.

This is the first year that CPC has been invited to join and help make this a great event.

Details: Volunteers arrive at 3:00 p.m. Dinner for all provided by Greenwood Forest Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. There will be areas for volunteers to help in crafts, childcare for children 3 years and younger, guides needed to take groups from area to area, and a service project area. We also need volunteers from 6:30-7:30 p.m for cleanup. Here is a Sign-Up Genius link for volunteering: <https://tinyurl.com/y7zjwfln>.

An offering for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico will take place. Thank you!



Church Staff

The Rev. Lori Pistor, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Medora B. Hix, Director of Christian Education
Angie H. Keith, Director of Preschool
Edward T. Yasick, Director of Music
Barbara S. Carew, Finance Manager
Mandy L. Nester, Parish Nurse
Ron A. Norris, Building and Grounds Manager
Phil Melton, Communications and Office Manager

CPC Elders

Class of 2017

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Brandon Keith
Boyce Oglesby
Conniesue Oldham
Kecia Simmons
Tom Van Scoyoc

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Rhonda Carlile
Jeff Clark
Wendy Czika
Scott Patrick
Jerry Slaymaker
Cathy Williams

Class of 2019

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Henry Gibbs
Julie Henry
Scott Peoples
Peggy Viser

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Class of 2017

Todd Crouse
Teresa Amentt Jennings
Kim Riffle
Janet Robinette
Tom Stuart

Class of 2018

Anne Margaret Bartholomew
Hal Drumheller
Peg Giesbrecht
Kevin Steidinger

Christmas Gifts for Staff

CPC is blessed with a wonderful and devoted staff. Beginning Sunday December 10 through Sunday December 17, we are collecting monetary gifts for the staff. There will be small envelopes in the friendship pads for the gifts. Place the envelopes in the collection plate or drop off checks in Barbara Carew's box in the office. Please be sure to write "staff gift" in the memo line.

Please place your completed Poinsettia Order Page
in the Offering Plate. Thank you!



Through the generosity of someone who wishes to remain anonymous, this year's poinsettias are being donated to the church for use in worship during Advent and Christmastide. Thus, the \$15 you

contribute toward the purchase of each poinsettia in honor or memory of loved ones, and/or to the glory of God, will be used for the ministers' discretionary funds to help families in need throughout our community. A portion will also go to help support our sanctuary flower fund. Your gift of Christmas beauty will be acknowledged in our Christmas Eve bulletins, including the dedication that you indicate on your order form. Thank you for your faithful support.

Name _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Qty: ____ Poinsettia plants @ **\$15 each** = \$ _____

If you wish to dedicate these poinsettias, please complete the following:

Qty. ____ In honor or memory of _____

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PLEASE SUBMIT PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER. Mark your check "Poinsettia" (payable to Cary Presbyterian Church) and place it in an envelope in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. All orders must be received in the church office no later than December 17.