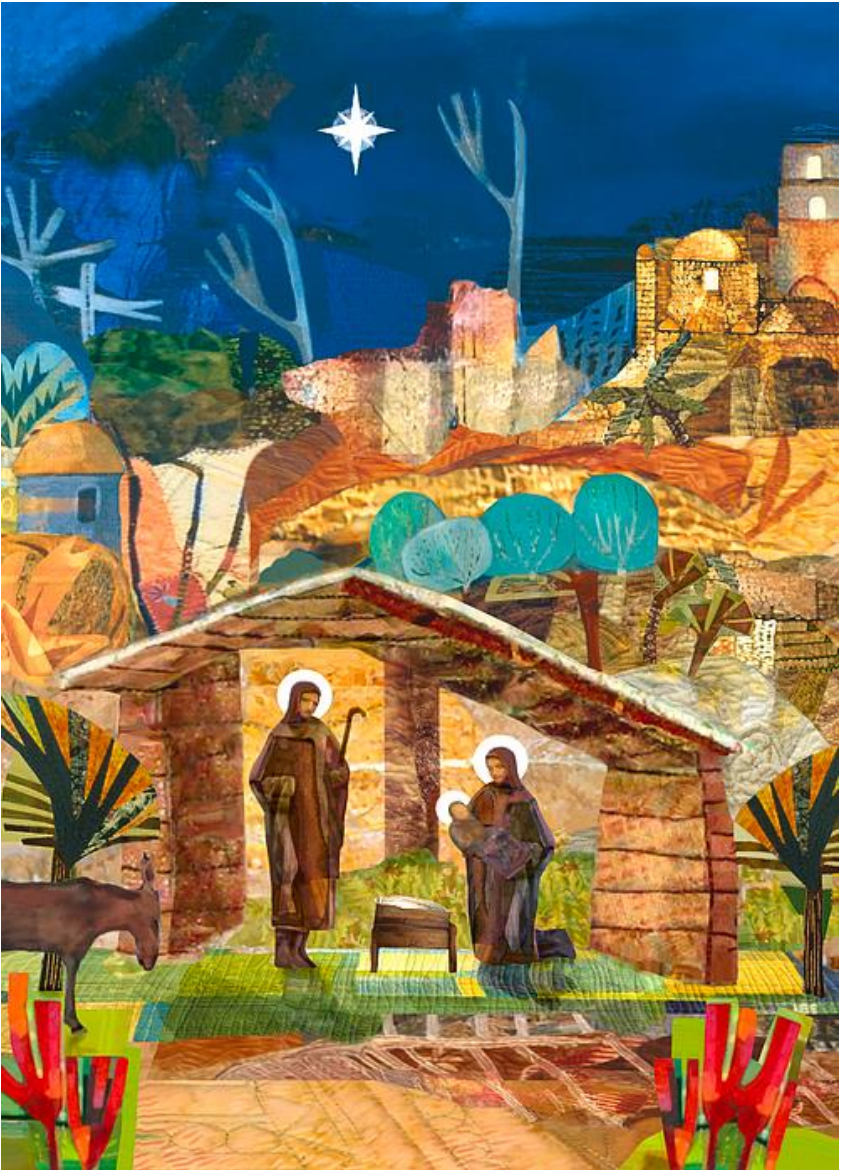


Cary Presbyterian
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CHRISTMAS EVE 2017, 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS CAROL CELEBRATION
FEATURING 'JOURNEY OF PROMISES,'
A CANTATA FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION
CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST



GATHERING TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE GOD

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Traditional

Introit *On the Road to Bethlehem* Bill Leslie

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

Voss, Dunbar and Govert Families

One: We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives,
and in God's unique presence
in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born of Mary,
growing through childhood into an adult ministry,
in all his life manifesting the peace, love,
and justice of God;
his voice undimmed by the centuries,
his call and his promise as clear to us
as it was to his disciples so long ago.

**All: Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night,
in our hearts, our minds, our lives.
May the light of your life be kindled in us,
and lead us to the shining truth,
of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen**

***Processional Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CONGREGATION SINGS STANZAS 1, 2 & 4 (*Stanza 3: Choir only*)



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,
3. Sing, *choirs of an - gels,* sing in - ex - ul - ta - tion; O
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing.



come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n.



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

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Pastoral Prayer

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.



Prayer for Illumination

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Narration	The Promised Peace	
Carol (Choir)	<i>Songs of Bethlehem</i>	arr. Martin
Second Narration	The Promised Love	
Carol	<i>He Shall Feed His Flock</i> Julie Henry, Soprano Sam Witherspoon, Tenor	Martin
Third Narration	The Promised Joy	
Carol (Choir)	<i>Unto us a Son is Given</i>	arr. Martin
Fourth Narration	The Promised Wisdom	
Carol (Choir)	<i>Star in the Desert</i>	arr. Martin/Nolan
Fifth Narration	The Promised Grace	
Carol (Choir)	<i>A New Psalm of Celebration</i>	Martin

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Sixth Narration

The Promised Life

Offering and Offertory Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Martin

(The congregation will stand and join the choir singing the last verse.)



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***Doxology Gloria** (from 'Angels We Have Heard on High') No. 113
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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***Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

One: God of goodness and kindness whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of your grace. As the heavenly host sang of your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise. With the shepherds we bear witness to the birth of our Savior; our response is gratitude for the hope of new life in Christ and we pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth, as it is 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.**

Spiritual

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Bill Leslie, Soloist

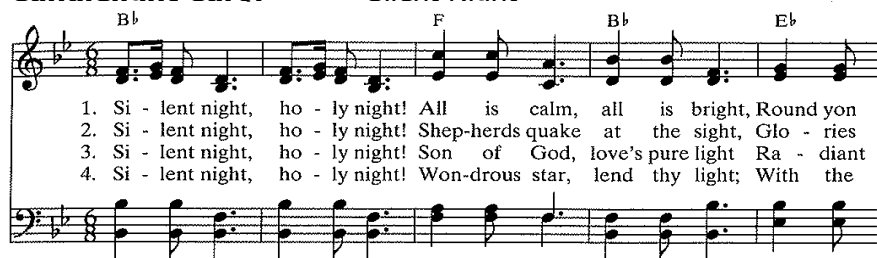
MacGimsey

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-12

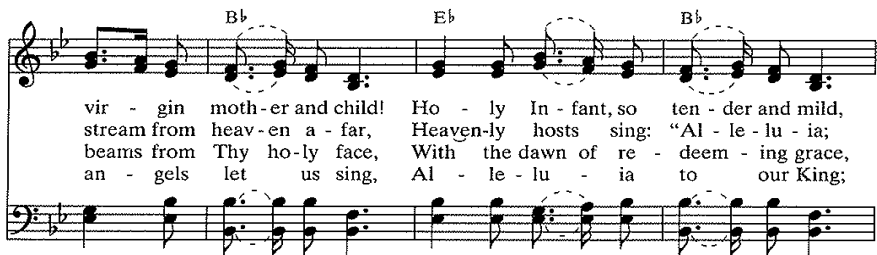
LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Candlelight Carol

Silent Night



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round you
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the



vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, Heav - en - ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."

*Benediction

One: Go out this night in hope and love,
with the song of the angels on your lips to tell:

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, Peace!

One: Do not be afraid. The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.

**All: We bear the light of Christ into the world with
thankful hearts and great joy!**

*Recessional Carol *Joy to the World!*

No. 134

*Postlude *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Traditional

(* Invites all who are able to please stand.)

Poinsettias
Christmas 2017



Cary Presbyterian Church

Given in Loving Memory of:

Ben & Eugenia Trammell (Anne Margaret's parents),
by Anne Margaret & Joey Bartholomew
Fuller S. Blunt, by Nancy Blunt
Loved ones, by Tom & Jeanne Bolick
Michael Patrick Burke, by George & Penny Burke
Our grandparents, by Troy & Leah Burton
Bill & Mozelle Williams (Gwen's parents), by Yates & Gwen Fletcher
Kathy Giesbrecht, by Peg Giesbrecht
Francis Giesbrecht, by Peg Giesbrecht
Gary Govert, by Ellen Govert
Walter W. Gruber, Jr., by Ann H. Gruber
Dorothy & J.C. Vittitow, by Bob & Deky Hall
Dorothy & Robert McCoy, by Bob & Deky Hall
John & Al Hall, by Bob & Deky Hall
Jim Hobbs (husband), by Naureen Hobbs
Blanche & Paul Chandler and Lucy & C.L. Honeycutt (parents),
by Fay and Wayne Honeycutt
Grover Miller (Cindy's Dad), by Cindy & Bill Leslie
Debra Lowry Johnson (daughter), by Bob & Mary Lou Lowry
Paul Ogle, Sr. by Sandy Ogle
Lorine Stogsdill, by Sandy Ogle
Dorothy Oglesby (Boyce's mom), by Boyce & Linda Oglesby
Mr. & Mrs. A.S. King, by Jim & Frances Pressley
Rev. & Mrs. James B. Pressley, by Jim & Frances Pressley
Ed & Sallie Frances Hargrave, by Kim Riffle, Lewis Sugg, & Cindy Clark
Anna Mae Kather, by Elaine Sayers
Russell, Jane, & Velvetine Shouse, by David Shouse
Carroll Slaymaker, by Jerry Slaymaker
Gordon Steger, by Mark & Suzie Steger
Gary Govert, by Jason, Sarah, Ella, & Naomi Troiano
Hazel Overbey & Eleanor Martin Kent, by Jason, Sarah, Ella, &
Naomi Troiano

Given in Honor of:

Ellen Kissiah, by Sally Adams

Gene & Kitty Bartholomew (Joey's parents),

by Anne Margaret & Joey Bartholomew

Lori Pistor, by Betty & Mike Boyd

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, by Betty & Mike Boyd

David Voss, by Betty & Mike Boyd

Our grandchildren: Spencer, Gracie, Haley, Hannah, Sarah,

Anabelle, and Wyatt, by George & Penny Burke

Our church family, by Troy & Leah Burton

Ragland & Sallie Fletcher, by Yates & Gwen Fletcher

Our many CPC friends, by Frank and Lela Floyd

Our seven great-grandsons, our nine grandchildren, and our three children, by Fred & Joan Haskin

Mason Honeycutt & Mariah Honeycutt (great-grandchildren),

by Fay & Wayne Honeycutt

Vince Oglesby and Herb & Alette Zerof (parents),

by Boyce & Linda Oglesby

The CPC Staff, by Lori Pistor

Audra Slaymaker and family, by Jerry Slaymaker

Amos Slaymaker and family, by Jerry Slaymaker

Our children, their spouses, and our great-grandchildren,

by Mark & Suzie Steger

If you purchased poinsettias you may take them home with you after the Christmas Eve service at 8:00 p. m.

Tonight's Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: CPC Chancel Choir

Musicians: Justin Dickson and the CPC Orchestra:

Betsy Bowdish, Elizabeth Diaz, Ian Dunbar,

Amy Horger, Mackensie Leshler-Thomas

Kristen Nielsen, Peggy Nielsen, Hannah Pierce, Riley Keith

Special Music: Bill Leslie,

Julie Henry and Sam Witherspoon

Acolyte: Lily Czika



Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT

Tonight's offering will support

CPC's 2018 ASP Mission Trip,

rebuilding homes and lives.

This summer will be CPC's 27th ASP mission trip.

Checks should indicate "ASP" in the memo line.

A Word about Tonight's Service

Tonight's Christmas Eve Service celebrating the birth of Christ with narrative and music is a long-standing tradition at Cary Presbyterian.

So that you and others around you may be fully present to this service of worship, please silence cell phones and refrain from photography.