

Cary Presbyterian
CHURCH PC(USA)



11:00 AM NOVEMBER 27, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – HOPE

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Meditation

*Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland* Bach

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Allen

Introit

ADVENT ALLELUIA

Michael Joncas



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***Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 122 and Isaiah 2

One: I was overjoyed when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: Like generations of faithful people, we gather to worship you, O God.

One: This is where you teach us your ways, that we may walk in your paths.

All: This is where your word of hope and peace and justice for all people is heard.

One: This is where we work and pray that instruments of war are transformed into tools of production; and nation shall not lift up arms against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: As we hear and obey, we shall surely walk in the light of the Lord.

***Hymn** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* No. 104

***Call to Confession**

*Prayer of Confession

All: God of Light, in this season of sales, shopping, and stress, we confess how easy it is to slip off your paths. We can become so focused on having good times that we forget to take the time to do good for your people. We easily slip into Santa suits but find Jesus Christ an uncomfortable fit for our lives. We find ourselves strangely jealous over the gifts others receive yet have trouble accepting those gifts of peace and reconciliation you hand out so freely.

Forgive us, Healing God. By your mercy, we can once again walk the streets of your kingdom, being alert for the signs of grace and hope in our midst. Teach us your ways of peace and kindness, that we may truly love as the disciples of the One who comes for all people.

Silent Confession

***Singing** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs 1)* No.83

***Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.***

*Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs 2)* No. 83

***Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the world thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
All: and also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 33:15-16* OT, p. 58

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading *Luke 12:29-31* NT, p. 75

Sermon *Something's Sprouting* Dr. Voss

***Affirmation of Faith**

**Jesus Christ came to us as one of us,
sharing our joy and sorrow.
He proclaimed God's love, healed the sick,
and was a friend of sinners.
He continues to reveal God's gracious love;
he is among us now to make us whole;
and he is still the friend of sinners.
Jesus Christ was and is one with us in life;
Jesus Christ was and is one with us
in suffering and death.
The Lord and Savior is Christ crucified,
in whom God's weakness is stronger
than human strength, and God's foolishness is wiser
than human wisdom.**

***Hymn** *Battle Hymn of the Republic* No. 354

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Derifaj Family: Caroline, Jason, Sarah, and Audrey

All: Singing as the candle is lighted:

*Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
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Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Prophecy Fulfilled
Chancel Choir

Harlan

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, thou Dayspring,
come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.*

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old hath sung.
It came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half gone was the night.*

*He will come, the divine Christ Child.
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He will come, the divine Christ Child.
Sing we all of the Savior mild.*

*Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming.
Through long ages of the past, soon the time will come at last!
Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us.
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace.*

*Doxology

Tune: Divinium Mysterium

No. 108

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and the Spirit there shall be
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!*

*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

***Hymn** *Now The Heavens Start to Whisper* No. 94
Choir sings verse 1; then all join in.

***Benediction**

One: And let all God's people joyfully say:

All: Alleluia! Amen!

***Response** *Prepare the Way of the Lord* No. 95

*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.*

***Postlude** *Fantasy in A Minor* *Bach*

*Please remain standing until the acolyte
and worship leaders have left the Sanctuary.*

** Please stand as you are able.*

Acolyte: 11:00 – Maxton Bohm
Lay Reader: 11:00 – Bev Tompkins
Bus Driver: 11:00 – Allan Cain
Sound: 11:00 – Joey Bartholomew
Greeters: 11:00 – Hal and Carol Drumheller
Counters: Louis and Camille Lambe



***The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in memory of
The Rev. Bertrand and Janet Hinrichs
by the Hansen family.***

Welcome! We are truly glad that visitors, members and friends of Cary Presbyterian Church have joined us in worship today. To learn more:

- Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex for information about our church, our programs, and our mission.
- Nursery Care is offered for children age 0 – 3½ in Rooms 121 and 120, downstairs in the children’s wing.
- “Children in Worship” is offered for children age 3½ –7 in Room 225, upstairs in the children’s wing at 11:00 a.m. Children return to the Sanctuary as a group for the Children’s Time and then sit with parents for the remainder of the worship service.
- Call the church office at 919-467-8700, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Visit our website at www.carypresbyterian.org and



Announcements

- **Get acquainted with CPC!** Come for an informal lunch, hosted by the Visitors and New Members Team, on Sunday, December 4 following worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Beginning today, each Sunday there will be a designated Officer of the Day available to answer questions about CPC** for visitors and members alike. Today’s Officer of the Day is Elder Brandon Keith, who will be at the chancel steps after worship.
- **Generosity Team:** There was a great response on Commitment Sunday, and you still have time to turn in your 2017 pledge card and Worship+3 forms! Please return them to Barbara Carew in the church office or pledge online at www.carypresbyterian.org/give.
- **Presbyterian Women** invite all women of the church to join them for their Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 6 in the Fellowship Hall. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. they will wrap presents for The Caring Place families and then have dinner. Sandwich fixings will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.
- **Angel Tree for Loaves and Fishes:** The Angel Tree is in place in the Narthex. Choose an item from the suggestions for various age groups and return it *unwrapped* to the tree area by December 11. Gift cards or checks made out to Loaves and Fishes are also welcome and will be designated for Loaves and Fishes families.

- **Cary Presbyterian is supporting the Interfaith Food Shuttle** with the Sunday School offering this year. Additionally, there are many local ways to help during this season. For more info go to: <http://foodshuttle.org/how-to-help/volunteer-opportunities/>
- **Sanctuary Flowers** are a wonderful way to give thanks to God for a loved one. You may sign up in the Flower Book in the Narthex. There are open Sundays beginning in January.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Sunday, November 27	9:45 a.m.	Intergenerational Sunday School / Moravian Love Feast
	11:00 a.m.	All Together Worship Service / 1st Sunday in Advent
	2:00 p.m.	Chada Memorial Service
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	6:00 p.m.	No Meetings: CA, MS, SH Youth Groups
Monday, November 28	6:00 p.m.	Session/Deacon Meeting (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtg. (Upper Level Ed Bldg.)
	7:00 p.m.	Page Turners Book Club (P)
Tuesday, November 29	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105)
Wednesday, November 30	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, December 1	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer/Kathleen Norris's <i>Amazing Grace</i> (P)
Saturday, December 3		
Sunday, December 4	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / 2nd Sunday in Advent
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / 2nd Sunday in Advent
	12:00 p.m.	Inquirers Lunch (FH)
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	6:00 p.m.	No Meeting CA Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	MS Youth Group Christmas Theme Meeting (MS area)
	6:00 p.m.	SH Youth Group Christmas Outreach Project (1 of 2) for The Caring Place (SH area)