



Christ in My Dreaming by Jan L. Richardson

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM DECEMBER 2, 2018
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Bach

Welcome and Announcements

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

Congregational Introit

Advent Alleluia

Joncas

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

(* Please stand as you are able.)

One: We enter this season and this day's worship
lighting the first Advent candle.

All: We light a light against power that craves power.

One: We light a light to proclaim the goodness
and dominion of God.

**All: We light a light against our own vain egos
and deep fears.**

One: We light a light for the promise of deliverance.

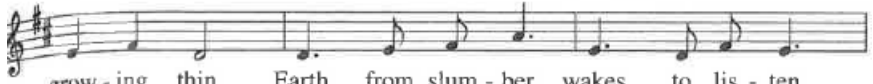
**All: We light the first Advent candle to worship
and take courage as we gather in the presence
of God.**

***Hymn**

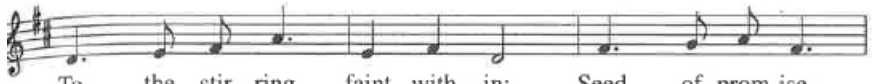
Now The Heavens Start to Whisper



1. Now the heav - ens start to whis - per As the veil is
2. Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light Now be - gin to
3. Christ, e - ter - nal sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of



grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
wis - dom's seed, Come to bless with fire and fra - grance



To the stir - ring, faint with - in: Seed of prom - ise,
Shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing
Hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly,



deep - ly plant - ed, Child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
star of splen - dor, Gleams with - in a world grown dim.
in the stran - ger, In the out - cast hid from view:



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line,
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness;
Child who comes to grace the man - ger,



Hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Teach our hearts to wel - come you.

***Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin, as though there were no justice.
We live in fear, as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your mercy and steadfast love,
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation.**

Silent Confession

*Response

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free

Arr. Bell

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Come, O Lord, and set us free; give your peo - ple peace. Come, O Lord, and set us peo - ple peace. Come, O Lord, free; come, Lord Je - sus, come. come, Lord Je - sus come.'

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (v. 5)

No. 123

***For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

New Testament Reading Luke 21:25-36 NT, pp. 85, 86

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 OT, p. 738

Sermon *The Days Are Surely Coming* Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

***Affirmation of Faith** Confession of Belhar, adapt.

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.**

**We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.**

**We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 82

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem *Song of Advent* *Butler*
Chancel Choir

Prepare, prepare, prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Make a highway for our God.

In the desert make a highway for our God.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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!

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 608
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of Joy and Concern and the Lord's Prayer p.35
Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our 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.**

***Hymn** *Light Dawns on a Weary World* No. 79

***Benediction**

***Response** *Light Dawns on a Weary World (refrain)* No. 79
***The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy; and be led forth in peace,
to all the world in wonder echoes shalom.***

Postlude *Fantasy in A Minor* Bach

After worship, the Officers of the Day will be available
at the Chancel steps to answer any questions
for visitors and CPC members.

Today's Officers of the Day
(8:30): Scott Peoples; (11:00): Tim Farless

Today's Service Participants

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

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Children in Worship: Medora Hix

Acolyte: 8:30 – Aubrey Hancock

Lay Reader: 8:30 – Diane Garber; 11:00 – Jane Dunbar

Bus Driver: Shane Pierce

Sound: 8:30 – Sam Witherspoon; 11:00 – Rick Boswell

Ushers: 8:30 – Ben Mount and Scott Peoples

11:00 – John Hansen, Craig Hofmeister, Russell Diggs, and Tim Farless

Greeters: 8:30 – Mike and Donna Amentt

Counters: Jim Bowdish and Brian Short



*The flowers in the sanctuary this week
are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Bill Adkins.*

Congregational Meeting next Sunday, December 9

The Session of Cary Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 9, following 11:00 a.m. worship for the purpose of receiving a report and motion from the Nominations Committee regarding the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Information regarding the slate of candidates will be forthcoming.

A Special Advent Study:

God Is in the Manger, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This Advent study is led by Dr Duane Hix (whose Ph.D. thesis was on Bonhoeffer). Come at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays on Dec. 5, 12, and 19 for a soup supper. The class will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This week, Dec. 5, the class will be in Room 102 downstairs. Please sign up in the narthex or here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8wr5sym>.

If you are willing to provide soup for one of the weeks, please email Medora at medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.

The Christmas Pageant is coming!

You will want to be present in the 11:00 a.m. worship service on December 16 for *The Beginning*. Choirs, congregational singing, and a pageant of humor and meaning will help us worship and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Announcements and Opportunities

What's App? is Back!

Today after 11:00 a.m. worship, in the Fellowship Hall

What's App? returns this Sunday, December 2 in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This is an opportunity to have our tech-savvy youth answer individual questions about your smart phone or tablet. This year, there is a new feature called: **"What's App with Servant Keeper?"**

Servant Keeper is the software provider for our new online member directory. Every active CPC family unit should have received an invitation from Servant Keeper to set up an online log-in.

If you are having trouble navigating this process, then bring your smart phone, tablet or laptop and we will help you.

Holiday Season Fair Trade Sales

Stop by our Fair Trade table, located just outside Fellowship Hall, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. to taste Sister's Blend coffee and peruse our wide selection of coffees, chocolate, tea, and olive oil. We have gift baskets of coffee and chocolate, tea and chocolate, as well as festive packages of assorted teas or chocolates. Need teacher or hostess gifts? We have great ideas. Watch for us this Sunday as well as Dec 9 and Dec 16. Dec. 16 will be your last opportunity to purchase Fair Trade items or pick up your orders before Christmas. Have questions? Contact Jeanne Bolick at jlbolick@att.net.

Triple F Christmas Luncheon, December 4

Triple F Group's Christmas Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. at Embassy Suites. We will enjoy fellowship and their buffet meal.

Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner, December 4

Presbyterian Women are holding their annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 4 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening consists of Sister Act performing Christmas carols followed by dinner, then wrapping gifts for The Caring Place graduate families. Each Circle provides gifts for a family. All women are invited, you do not need to belong to a Circle or be a CPC member. No reservations required, just show up with a side dish or desert to share. Everything else is provided by PW.

Christmas Gifts for Staff

CPC is blessed with a wonderful and devoted staff. Beginning Sunday December 9 through Sunday December 16, 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.

CPC Keypad Installation, December 3 and 4

Installation of the new church keypads is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of this week. If you need to obtain a church access code you will need to sign for one at the church office this week.

CPC Blood Drive: December 5

Please note these simple steps to making an appointment for the blood drive. Appointments for the whole blood collection with our new partner, The Blood Connection, are now available. If you would like to donate, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y6v4uex6>

If you have had any problem, you may sign up at the blood drive table at CPC today, December 2.

If you have questions about eligibility to give blood, or what to expect at the blood drive, please go to thebloodconnection.org and click on the Questions button. If you have any questions about making an appointment, please contact Deb Luckadoo at deblucknc@aol.com or 919-616-7882.

Thank you for supporting the CPC blood drive and Health Care Ministries!

Joy Offering, December 9

The Christmas Joy Offering of our denomination, the PC(USA), will be received beginning December 9, 2018. Needed assistance is provided to retired church workers and their families and to current church workers and their families facing emergency situations. Support is also provided to students at racial-ethnic colleges. Envelopes will be in the pews.

Adult Sunday School for Advent

Bible and Beyond: Now through Dec. 9 - Christmas Accounts in the Gospels, an Advent study by Cynthia M. Campbell, President of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, featuring a different Gospel each week. Library.

Faith Today: NEW! Through Dec. 16 - Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season. *"With its enchanting themes of light and darkness, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope, and an appearance of Father Christmas, the world of Narnia from Lewis's The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe enhances the Advent season of reflection. The class will use readings, discussion and scenes from the film of the same name to consider grace, love, and sacrifice. Led by Medora Hix, Room 100.*

Faith and Families: for people raising families in faith in a complicated world: Advent Conspiracy *"was founded on the radical idea that we can celebrate Christmas humbly, beautifully, and generously. Advent is the story of a wondrous moment when God entered our world to make things right. It is the greatest story ever told and it changes everything—including the way we celebrate Christmas."* Fellowship Hall

Photo Gifts to Benefit Esperanza

John Hansen Photography has photos of Guatemala available if you missed it at the Alternative Gift Market. Come and see these stunning photos of life in Guatemala. Purchasing them benefits Esperanza de Guatemala. These will be on display outside the Fellowship Hall Sunday, December 9.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

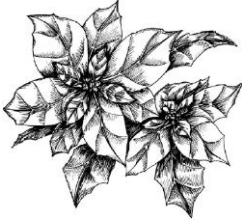
Sunday, December 2	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School (All ages) Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship What's App? (FH) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) No CA Youth Group Meeting MS Youth Group (MS Room and FH) Do You Trust Me? SH Youth Group (SH Room and FH) Stress Busters
Monday, December 3	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Girl Scout Troop 1981 (Youth Area) Deacons Meeting (102) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Meetings (Preschool)
Tuesday, December 4	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ministry Reservation / Clark (105) Connections Group (P) Triple F Christmas Luncheon (Embassy Suites, Cary) Preschool Teacher Luncheon (FH) Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner Set-Up (FH) PW Christmas Dinner and Gift Wrapping (FH) Cool Books Club (Peg Giesbrecht's home) Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
Wednesday, December 5	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	CPC Fall Blood Drive (FH) Soup Supper for Advent Class (102) Advent Bonhoeffer Study () Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, December 6	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Generosity Team (102) Caring Place Program Night Stephen Ministry Christmas Party (Peg Giesbrecht's home)
Friday, December 7	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, December 8	No Activity Scheduled	
Sunday, December 9	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School (All ages) Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship SH Youth Group – Bridge to Life Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) CA Youth Group (FH) Christmas Caroling with MS MS Youth Group (MS Room and FH) Christmas Caroling with CA

Remember, Respond, Rejoice!

If you haven't done so yet, please remember to send or bring your commitments of money, time, talent, and energy to CPC for 2019. *(If you would like to provide your commitment to the ministry of CPC online, a pledge form is provided for you at this link: <http://carypresbyterian.org/give/stewardship-form>)*

Poinsettia Order Page

Place your completed 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 16.**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT CPC

December 2 - 8 First Week of Advent	Sun.12/2	Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas preaching What's App? after worship (FH)
	Tues.12/4	Triple F Christmas Luncheon (Embassy Suites, Cary) 11:45 a.m. Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner and Gift Wrapping (FH) 6:00 p.m.
	Wed.12/5	Advent Study: God Is in the Manger/Bonhoeffer (102) 6:30 p.m. (Soup supper at 6:00 p.m.)
December 9 - 15 Second Week of Advent	Sun. 12/9	Rev. Alan Bancroft preaching Middle School and Christian Adventurers Christmas Caroling 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
	Tues. 12/11	Men's Caroling (Glenaire Chapel) 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
	Wed.12/12	Advent Study: God Is in the Manger/Bonhoeffer (FH) 6:30 p.m. (Soup supper at 6:00 p.m.)
December 16 - 22 Third Week of Advent	Sun.12/16	Worship Service 8:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant: The Beginning 11:00 a.m. All Youth Groups Christmas Parties 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
	Wed.12/19	Advent Study: God Is in the Manger/Bonhoeffer (FH) 6:30 p.m. (Soup supper at 6:00 p.m.)
	Fri.12/21	Christ Be Our Light Labyrinth Walk 5:00 p.m.
December 23 - 29 Fourth Week of Advent, Christmas Eve Services	Sun.12/23	Rev. Lori Pistor preaching Julie and Jack Henry, special music Family Service 5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve 12/24	Candlelight Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons and Carols with Communion 9:00 p.m.



Loaves and Fishes Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Possible gifts for children of various ages are listed; choose a gift from the list and return it to the Narthex by December 9th. Gift cards or checks made out to Loaves and Fishes are also needed. Some gifts for younger children may be designated for the Pride for Parents Store. Families who have been vetted as low income may come to the store and purchase gifts for their children at lowered prices. All families live in Southeast Raleigh and have limited income. You can assist them in having a blessed Christmas. Thank you!