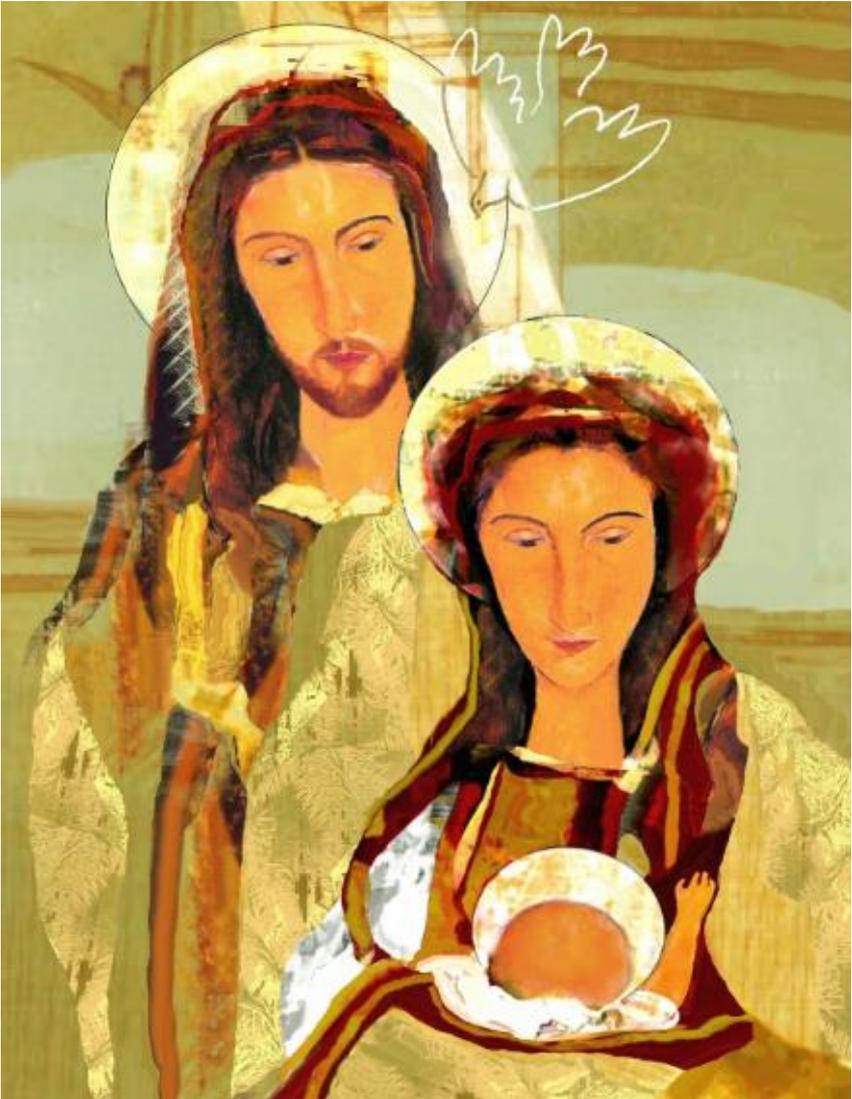


Cary Presbyterian
CHURCH PC(USA)



ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 AM DECEMBER 30, 2018

614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 121

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit

I Wonder as I Wander
Terry Allebaugh, harmonica

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus my Saviour did come for to die
For poor ordn'ry people like you and like I
I wonder as I wander out under the sky*

*Call to Worship

(Please stand as you are able.)*

One: Angels called to shepherds with songs of good news.

**All: Mary pondered the mystery of wisdom
and goodness in the tumult of new birth.**

One: Holy splendor shines from a manger where
the Light of the world was born to pierce the darkness.

**All: Praise God from the heights and the from the depths;
in the heavens and on the earth and seas,
in the halls of learning and in the courts of power
and in the places of humility.**

One: Praise God with the loving of our hearts,
with the work and movement of our bodies,
and with the thinking of our minds.

**All: We gather with people in every place
who have glimpsed God's salvation and grace
to worship and praise:
Father, Son and Spirit;
Creator, Redeemer and Guide;
Source of life,
the Light that shines in the darkness,
Wisdom of the ages;
perfect and eternal, now and forever.**

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we have seen the Christ child
in the manger, and we know that you are a light
to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped
by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open
to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open
to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news
to us once more, forgive us and bring us peace.**

Silent Confession

***Response** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v.3)* No. 123
***Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long:
Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing.***

*Assurance of Pardon

***Response** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v.4)* No. 123
***And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear 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

Scripture Readings and Hymns

(Please remain seated during singing.)

Luke 2:15-20

NT, p. 58

Hymn

Still, Still, Still

No. 124

Luke 2:21-35

NT, p. 59

Hymn

Song of Simeon

No. 545

Luke 2:36-40

NT, p. 59

Hymn

Once in Royal David's City (vv. 3 & 4)

No. 101

Luke 2:41-52

NT, p. 59

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Wisdom and Years

Lori Pistor

***Affirmation of Faith**

From: A Declaration of Faith

Jesus was what we are.

He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.

His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history.

He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected.

Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.

He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.

**He served his Father with complete trust
and unwavering obedience.**

He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.

**In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.**

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.

He exposes our failure to live as he lived.

**He demonstrates the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.**

***Hymn**

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

No. 120

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gift

Offertory

Christmas Melange
Terry Allebaugh, harmonica

***Doxology**

Christmas Doxology

Heard

Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry
to the Ho-ly Spir-it, glo-ry to the Three-in-One. Here we of-fer to you
glad-ly all the gifts that you im-part, as we
glo-ry in your Pre-sence, giv-ing from a grate-ful heart.

Chords: G, D, G, C, D7, G, D, G, C, D7, G, C, Am, D, Bm, Em, Am, D, C, G, C, D7, G

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, these are but tokens of what we bring to you.
Receive, too, our hope and trust. Bless these offerings.
Bless our lives that we may be gracious givers again and again.
In Christ we pray, Amen.**

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** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vv. 1 & 2)* No. 118

Benediction

***Hymn** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (v. 6)* No. 118

***"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"***

Postlude

Go Tell It On the Mountain

After worship, the Officer of the Day
will be available to answer any questions
for visitors and CPC members.
Today's Officer of the Day: Julie Henry

Today's Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Lori Pistor

Piano: Nancy Neubauer

Harmonica: Terry Allebaugh

Lay Reader: Terry Allebaugh

Bus Driver: Ellen Govert

Sound:– Jason Troiano

Ushers: Tom Timney, LeNelle Patrick, Will Patrick, and Julie Henry

Counters: Camille Lambe and Louis Lambe

A special thanks to guest musicians Nancy Neubauer and Terry Allebaugh.

It Is Not Over
by Ann Weems

It is not over,
this birthing.
There are always newer skies
into which
God can throw stars.
When we begin to think
that we can predict the Advent of God,
that we can box the Christ
in a stable in Bethlehem,
that's just the time that God will be born
in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.
Those who wait for God
watch with their hearts and not their eyes,
listening
always listening
for angel words.

Announcements and Opportunities

CPC Office Hours for New Year's Week

The church offices will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1
and sparsely populated Jan. 2 through Jan. 4.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Opportunities

Can you spare two hours – one day each month – to make a big difference in senior or disabled people's lives by delivering complete and balanced hot meals at lunch?

There are two routes which are in urgent need of being filled.

- 1) The first Thursday of each month: Pick-up is around 10:45 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kildaire Farm Rd. in Cary. The route takes about 60 to 90 minutes to complete. If you are interested in this route, please contact our Meals on Wheels coordinator Jennifer Lawyer at jrlawyer@gmail.com or 919-462-8447
- 2) The third Tuesday of each month – Pick-up is around 10:45 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kildaire Farm Rd. in Cary. You will deliver 10-12 meals in the Cary. If you are interested in this route, please contact our Meals on Wheels coordinator Caroline Sinclair at caroline.sinclair@raymondjames.com or 919-302-2207.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 30 First Sunday after Christmas	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	No Sunday School (Holiday Recess) All Together Worship Service No Youth Group Gatherings
Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve	No Activity Scheduled	Church Office Closed
Tuesday, January 1 New Year's Day	New Year's Day	Church Office Closed
Wednesday, January 2	No Activity Scheduled	
Thursday, January 3	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (100/102/106) Stephen Ministry Training (103)
Friday, January 4	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, January 5	No Activity Scheduled	
Sunday, January 6 Epiphany	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service and Communion Sunday School Worship Service and Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship MS Youth Group (MS Room and FH) SH Youth Group (SH Room and FH)



*Following today's worship service
you are welcome to take a poinsettia
for yourself or for someone
whose day will be brightened if you stop by.*



Remember, Respond, Rejoice!

A Reminder from the CPC Finance
Manager

**Remember: All gifts and donations to
CPC must be received or postmarked
by Monday, December 31. Thank you
once again for your generosity.**

**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](http://carypresbyterian.org/give/stewardship-form)**