



Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols  
The Presbyterian Church  
Coshocton, Ohio  
2021

The Presbyterian Church ~ 142 N. Fourth Street ~ Coshocton, Ohio

*God's love is here for you!*

*Pastor Karen Crawford  
Malik Khalfani, director of music  
Alice Hoover, organist*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE 7:00 p.m.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
The First Noel  
Mary, Did You Know?  
Sleigh Ride  
The Holly and the Ivy  
It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

GREETING

Pastor Karen

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, holy child, glory of God revealed, by starlight we first saw your face; now by candlelight we sing your praise. Though the night is long, you are our hope. Though the path is dark, you lead the way. By your Spirit, help us to shine with the brightness of your truth and share the warmth of your great love, so that all may believe, rejoice, and give thanks, for you are the light of the world.

\*CAROL 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Stanzas 1 and 3

\*All who are able please stand.

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Amy Porteus, Beth, Cole, Rylee, and Harper Mullen

### CANDLE LITANY

“Good news of great joy,” the angel said, “for to you a savior is born.”

“Peace on earth,” the choir sang, “for God reigns in the highest.”

“Follow me,” the star beckoned, “for Hope was born in Bethlehem.”

As we light the Christ candle,

**we watch for the Christmas story around us.**

Emmanuel has come and is coming.

**Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.**

### CAROL 88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Refrain only:**

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

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

### LESSON 1

A Little Child Will Lead Them

Molly Wright

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

- 11** A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
- <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
- <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

## CAROL 129

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Stanzas 1-2

Alice Hoover, organ

## LESSON 2

### The Birth of Jesus Foretold Lydia Black, Kirsten & Kiera McPeck

Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## CAROL 119

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Stanza 1

## LESSON 3

### Emmanuel, God Is with Us

Marialice Mauch

Matthew 1:18-23

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

## CAROL 110

### Love Has Come

Stanzas 1 and 3

Alice Hoover, organ

## LESSON 4

### Joseph and Mary Go to Bethlehem

Lukas Sycks

Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

## CAROL 121

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

Stanzas 1 and 2

## LESSON 5

### Mary Gives Birth

Linda Weber

Luke 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## CAROL 115

### Away in a Manger

Stanzas 1 and 2

## LESSON 6

### Angels Announce Christ's Birth to the Shepherds

Jim Arganbright

Luke 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

## CAROL 123

### It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Stanza 1

## LESSON 7

### The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus

Ron Geese

Luke 2:15-20

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## CAROL 113

### Angels We Have Heard on High

Stanza 2

## LESSON 8

### The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus

Jacob Muller

Matthew 2:1-11

<sup>2</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## CAROL 147

### The First Nowell

Stanza 5

## LESSON 9

### The Word Made Flesh

Pastor Karen

John 1:1-14

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. **6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## REFLECTION

### We Have Seen His Glory

*Pastor Karen*

## CAROL 145

### What Child Is This?

Stanzas 2 and 3

Alice Hoover, organ

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All loose offerings support the outreach mission work of our Board of Deacons.

*In 1983, Sharon Sutton inaugurated the idea of giving gifts of ornaments to each family on Christmas Eve. Following the offering, these gifts will be distributed - **one per family, please.** If we run short, please contact the church office after Christmas and more will be made.*

## OFFERTORY

### All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Alice Hoover, organ

*arrangements, Wilbur Held  
and David N. Johnson*

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 144 In the Bleak Midwinter

Alice Hoover, organ

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise one, I would do my part;  
yet what can I give him - give my heart.

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER** (Traditional, “Debts and Debtors”)

**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.**

## **CANDLELIGHTING WITH HYMN 122**    Silent Night, Holy Night!

The ushers will light their candles from the pastor’s candle. As the ushers come to those on the aisle seats, please hold lit candles upright and tip only the unlit candles. For safety, please remain seated and please leave your candles in the boxes by each door as you leave.

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

~ Please extinguish your candles ~

**CAROL 134**

Joy to the World!

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Joy to the World

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

***We give thanks to God for:***

**Bulletin cover artwork:**

“Created by Sharee Price in loving memory of her parents, Richard and Lois Forsythe. Their love of the Christmas season will always be remembered and held close in their family’s hearts.”

We give thanks for Sharee Price and her many years of gifting us with her beautiful art for our Christmas Eve bulletin covers.

**Readers:** Jim Arganbright, Lydia Black, Ron Geese, Marialice Mauch, Kiera McPeck, Kirsten McPeck, Jacob Muller, Lukas Sycks, Linda Weber, Molly Wright

**Guest Musicians:** Ellie Abbot, Ben Guegold, Jessica Ingersoll, Tiffany Jones, Lucas Kaspar, Haejin Kim, Christine Lee, Cordelia Mutter, Jana Ross, Alex Sanso, Ron Soriano, and Rebecca Tepper

**Poinsettias:**

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Please take your plant(s) following tonight’s service. All poinsettias not picked up by Sunday, January 2 will be delivered to our homebound members and friends.

Thank you to Debbie and Steve Clark for arranging the plants.

**Outdoor luminaria lighters:** John Addy, Jeff & Lukas Sycks

**Ornament cross-stitchers:**

**A special thank you** to Judy Addy for coordinating our Christmas ornament project and also to all who helped her cross-stitch our beautiful Christmas ornaments: Cathy Evans, Betty Harrison, Caroline Heading, Grace Millspaugh, Sue Olinger, Emily Stout, BJ Taylor, & Judy Taylor (2020 & 2021).



“Seven Flames”

*(If you are missing an ornament from a previous year, please contact Judy Addy, and she will get you a replacement. **Please do not remove cross-stitch ornaments from the tree in the assembly room.** They are archival, and for display only. Thank you!)*

Pastor Karen’s Blog: [pastorkaren.org](http://pastorkaren.org)

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**Christmas Joy Offering envelopes** are still available in the assembly room and at the Fourth Street entrance. This offering aids in educating minority students in Presbyterian colleges and in subsidizing incomes of retired ministers and missionaries who do not receive adequate pension checks.

**Offering envelopes for 2022** are available for pick-up in the assembly room. If you don't find a box with your name on it, please contact Tina in the church office. Thank you!

**The Board of Deacons** has delivered 201 items to The Salvation Army Community Food Pantry so far for their "Reverse Advent Calendar" project. Collection will continue through the end of the year along with their "Mitten, Hat, Scarf and Sock" tree. Thank you to all who have contributed.

**Presbyterian Women** packed and delivered 20 Shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child this year as part of the 1 boxes collected at Grace UMC from area churches.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:**



Sunday (12/26):	10:30 a.m.	Informal Worship in the chapel with Hymn Sing
Monday (12/27):		The church will be closed
Tuesday (12/28):	7:00 p.m.	Session will meet in the conference room
Wednesday (12/29):	6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation will meet

*Tina Johnson will be in the office December 28 & 30 (Tuesday & Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and December 31 (Friday) from 9 a.m. to noon. Any contributions received after December 31 at noon will be applied to your 2022 giving statement. Thank you!*