

# Christmas Eve

at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church



December 24, 2019 8:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Communion Service



# Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church!

We are glad you have chosen to be with us,  
and we invite you to participate in future opportunities  
for worship, fellowship, and outreach.

## Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion Service in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School ages 2 – grade 5

10:00 a.m. – Youth Gathering grade 6 – grade 12

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## Worship Notes

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*Protective candle holders and candles, which will be lighted during "Silent Night," are available near all entrance doors. Please return the candle holders as you leave.*

## The Christmas Eve Communion Service

*Christmas is a joyous celebration. Some prepare by greeting each other with quiet words of peace. Some wish to prepare in silent attention to the prelude. Please be respectful of how those around you prepare.*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Prelude and Fugue in A major	J.S. Bach
	Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland	Dieterich Buxtehude
	Von Gott will ich nicht lassen	Buxtehude
	Puer Natus in Bethlehem	Buxtehude
	In dulci jubilo	Buxtehude
	In the Bleak Midwinter	Pamela Decker
	Elegy and Festive Bells	John Rutter

<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b>	Franklyn C. Pottorff
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<b>LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE</b>	Taylor & Pam Fernley
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One: Tonight is the night for which we have been waiting.  
All: **We gather to praise God for joining us in our humanity.**  
One: The Light of the World has come.  
All: **For unto us a child is born, a Savior has been given.**  
One: Tonight we light the Christ Candle in the center of the Advent Wreath.  
All: **Because Jesus Christ is the center of our lives.**  
One: We celebrate the birth of the Christ child long ago in Bethlehem.  
All: **We celebrate the rebirth of hope in our hearts tonight.**  
One: The light shines in the darkness.  
All: **And the darkness has not overcome it.**  
One: May this light of Christ illumine the whole world with the wondrous love of God.

*Please rise as able.*

<b>CONGREGATIONAL CAROL</b>	Once in Royal David's City	IRBY arr. Paul Halley
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<sup>1</sup> Choir: Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child	<sup>3</sup> Women: For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew; Men: He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew: All: And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
<sup>2</sup> All: He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all; And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall: With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.	<sup>4</sup> All: And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

*Please be seated.*

O God, who labors to bring forth abundant life in all the world,  
we thank you for the birth we celebrate tonight.

Refresh our amazement at your wonderful works:  
that you sent Jesus to us from your very self,  
a newborn bundle of love to grow up among us,  
and lead us in the ways of grace and truth.

In response to your great love,  
may we open our hearts to welcome you anew  
by following Christ in the ways of peace and justice. Amen.

INVITATORY CAROL

Welcome Yule

C. Hubert Parry

Welcome be Thou, heavenly King. Welcome, born on this morning. Welcome for whom we shall sing. Welcome, Yule! Welcome be ye, Stephen and John. Welcome, innocents every one. Welcome, Thomas, martyr one. Welcome, Yule! Welcome be ye, good New Year. Welcome, Twelfth Day, both in fere. Welcome, Saints, loved and dear. Welcome, Yule! Welcome be ye, Candlemas. Welcome be ye, Queen of Bliss. Welcome, both to more and less. Welcome, Yule! Welcome be ye that are here. Welcome all, and make good cheer. Welcome all, another year. Welcome, Yule!

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leigh DeVries

CHOIR CAROL

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, let it be according to Thy word. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners. Holy Mary, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:1-7

Brian K. Ballard

CHOIR CAROL

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-20

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

*Please rise as able.*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN

<sup>1</sup> All: Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

<sup>3</sup> All: Hail the h'ven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

<sup>2</sup> Men: Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the virgin's womb  
Women: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
All: Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

*Please be seated.*

**GOD HAS SPOKEN BY A SON**

Hebrews 1:1-4

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God.

**CHOIR CAROL**

O Holy Night  
Corey Bonar, tenor

Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born, O night divine, O night divine. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend; He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger; Behold, behold your King! Before him bend! Behold your King! Before him bend! Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and is Gospel in peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his Name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy Name. Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, His power and glory evermore proclaim, His power and glory ever, evermore proclaim.

**SERMON**

*Where Christ Appears*

Agnes W. Norfleet

*Please rise as able.*

## CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

<sup>1</sup> All: O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Women: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Men: Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
All: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> All: Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*Please be seated.*

## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Brian K. Ballard

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Holly and the Ivy

John Rutter

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full-grown; of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. O, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir. The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

## THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*As the bread and cup are distributed, you are invited to take the bread and cup and pass it to your neighbor in the pew. Gluten- and casein-free bread is available in the small container located on each plate.*

### CHOIR CAROL

In Dulci Jubilo

Paul Halley

In quiet joy let us our homage shew: Our heart's joy reclineth in a manger and like a bright star shineth, in the mother's lap Thou art Alpha and Omega. O tiny Jesus I yearn for thee always, hear me, I beseech thee, O best of boys! My prayer let it reach thee, O price of glory! Draw me after Thee! O love of the Father, O gentleness of the Son, deeply were we stained through our sins but thou for us hast gained the joy of heaven. Where are joys if that they be not there? There are angels singing new songs, there the bells are ringing in the king's court. O that we were there!

### CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

<sup>1</sup> O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

<sup>2</sup> For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to all on earth.

<sup>3</sup> How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

<sup>4</sup> O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord, Emmanuel!

### CHOIR CAROL

Beannacht Leat, A Mhuire

Paul Halley

Praise to you, O Mary; Praise to you, O Christ; Keep our souls from harm until we come to you again; Praise to you, O House of God, and may God's blessing surround us; May God's grace never leave us till we return to His temple. Bless us, O Mary, bless us, O Christ; Send your apostles to protect us on our way; I beseech you, O Virgin, and I pray to the only Son of the Maiden, that our friendship never be sundered and that we dwell with you forever.



God of mystery and might, we praise and worship you,  
 for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping,  
 to enter our world as a child of humble birth.  
 We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, born of your handmaid Mary.  
 In Christ's face we behold your glory,  
 for in his life as in his death is your gift of salvation.  
 By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving,  
 that we may give as we have received.  
 Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you,  
 God of love and peace, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING John 1:1-5, 14

Brian K. Ballard

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*The candle lighters will light their candles from the pastors' candles.  
 They then will light the candle of the first worshipper in each pew who will pass the light down the pew.  
 When the light comes to you, please tip your candle toward the lighted candle.*

## CHOIR CAROL

I Will Light Candles This Christmas

Kim André Arnesen

I will light candles this Christmas; Candles of joy despite all sadness, candles of hope where despair keeps watch, candles of courage for fears ever present, candles of peace for tempest-tossed days, candles of grace to ease heavy burdens, candles of love to inspire all my living, candles that will burn all year long. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart.

*Please remain seated.*

## CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Silent night, holy night!  
 Shepherds quake at the sight,  
 Glories stream from heaven afar,  
 Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

<sup>3</sup> 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.

*Please remain seated.*

## BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

## POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart



# Christmas Flowers

## In Memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Adelhelm  
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Rebecca Fox  
Mary Louise and Frank H. Fuller

## In Memory of

Terry Ann Gallagher  
Martha and Wallace Gardner  
Doris L. Garner  
Stuart Gord  
Bayard M. Graf  
Ruthann H. Graf  
Irma and Ralph Gregg  
Clifford W. Groll  
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Elizabeth Tryon Ledwith  
and Richard W. Ledwith  
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# Christmas Flowers

## In Memory of

Mr. and Mrs. A. Donaldson Loch  
Pete and Betty Anne Loser  
William R. Ludwig, II  
George C. Mackie, M.D.  
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# Christmas Flowers

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Jeff Brillhart and Edward Landin Senn

## **In Celebration of**

Another Christmas together

Brooke, Charlie, and Teddy IV

The 62nd Anniversary of James and RuthAnne Stewart

The adoption of Anthony Justin and Arabella Nicole Senn

The baptism of James Howard Milo

The birth of Emory Eleanor Haldy

The birth of Hugh Warren Fleuter

The birth of Reid Dashiel Swenson

The birth of Thomas Philip Gunther



# Merry Christmas

from the Staff of  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

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