

## **CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”



**December 24, 2020**

**Christmas Eve**

*Where Christ is, cheerfulness will keep breaking in.*

*~Dorothy Sayers*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*‘I Wonder as I Wander’*

*~Niles*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Jud Herter & Paula Keefer-Herter*

**\*Carol #125**

***‘Joy to the World’***

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.  
Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.  
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

**\*Carol #131**

***‘Angels from the Realms of Glory’***

Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth; Ye who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.  
Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching over your flocks by night, God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.  
Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Lord of salvation, in Jesus Christ you have done great things – our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. Yet we confess that we often try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Please forgive our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace, and lead us to live grateful lives in return. . . (silent prayers of confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Creed**

*The Nicean Creed (325 A.D.)*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Children’s Story**

*‘The Christmas Promise’ by Alison Mitchell*

*Joel Cunniff, Children & Youth Director*

**\*Carol #132**

***‘Angels We Have Heard on High’***

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**\*Carol #166**

***'We Three Kings'***

We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain – Following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown  
Him again, King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.  
Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies. O star of wonder,  
star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading,  
still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

***Scripture Reading***

***Luke 2:8-20***

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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***Meditation***

*Rev. Scott Graham*

***Pastoral Prayer and Lords 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

**\*Carol #136**

***'The First Noel'***

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.  
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

**\*Carol #145**

***'O Come, All Ye Faithful'***

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!  
Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! 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!

***\*Benediction***

***Postlude***

*'Go Tell It on the Mountain'*

*~Spiritual*