



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**December 25, 2022**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING MUSIC

9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

**“Sing We Now of Christmas”**

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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INTROIT

**“Rise Up Shepherds and Follow”**

Sanctuary Choir

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The angel has announced it:

**People: Jesus, our Savior, is born!**

Pastor: Like the shepherds, let us share the good news:

**People: Jesus, our Savior, is born!**

Pastor: Like the angels, let us praise God, saying:

**People: Jesus, our Savior, is born! Glory to God in heaven and on earth peace among those whom God favors!**

**\* OPENING SONG**

**“Joy to the World”**

No. 134



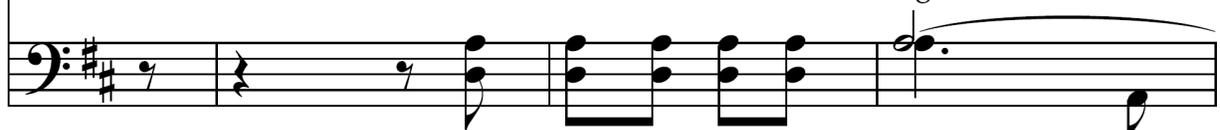
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -



her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heaven and na - ture sing,

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: Today marks a new beginning with the birth of Christ. Let us confess the sins that have kept us from glorifying and enjoying our God.

**All: Gracious God, you call us to celebrate the birth of our newborn savior. Yet we find the suffering and despair of our world depressing. Our hearts grow hard with hopelessness. What reason is there to rejoice? We question your power even on this Christmas day. Emmanuel, return us to faith. Help us resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. Lift our spirits so we can see and appreciate the gift of God-with-us. Amen.**

***Silence***

Pastor: "The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**"Gloria Patri"**

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,  
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

**"Carols Around"**

arr. Carl Nygard, Jr.

Sanctuary Choir

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

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.

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.

And saw a star shining in the east beyond them far  
They looked up on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,

The world in solemn stillness lay,

Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(Children are invited to the front of the church.*

*They may return to their seats afterwards to participate in the remainder of worship.)*

\* SONG

**"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

No. 143  
*Glory to God*

# 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;  
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,  
you have seen his na - tal star:  
to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

SERMON

**Glory Be!**

Pastor Peggy Krong

\* SONG

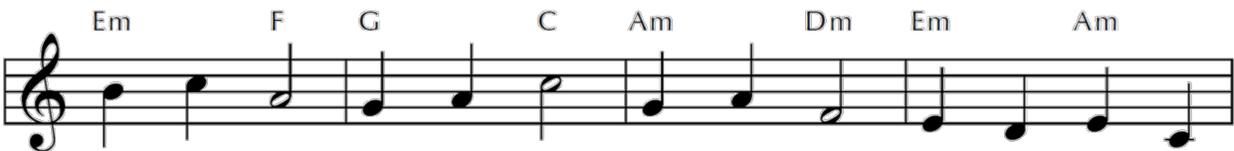
**"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"**

No. 141

*Glory to God*



1 On this day earth shall ring with the song  
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came  
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three  
 4 On this day an - gels sing; with their song



chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to  
 down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -  
 to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be -  
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to

*Refrain*



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
 side him from the cold would hide him. \*Id - e - o - o - o,  
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



id - e - o - o - o, id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**"The Holly and the Ivy"**

arr. Lee Evans

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Emmanuel, the poet Madeleine L'Engle writes what we know well: "This is no time for a child to be born with the earth betrayed by war and hate."

Yet, you, O God, risk being born in a world such as this. You risk taking on flesh that is fragile, vulnerable, and new. Oh, wonder of wonders and joy of joys! Everlasting God, your presence gives us hope this Christmas day.

As we shuffle into pews and pulpit today, some in pajamas or weary from late night Christmas Eve worship, we come to give you honor and praise. We come grateful for all the good gifts with which we have been blessed. We come to pray for those who are especially in need of hope this day.

Help us, Prince of Peace, to respond to your extraordinary love with love of our own. Help us be present today with family, friends and loved ones, while remembering those for whom this holiday surfaces pain and loss. As you have reached out to us in the birth of Jesus Christ, may reach out to others. Hear our petitions for those in need of your presence and hope.

Emmanuel, hear us as we pray for our world.

We pray for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine. We pray for the women of Iran. We pray for those terrorized by extremists, those longing for peaceful solutions to age old conflicts. We pray for the oppressed in need of liberation. We pray for evil powers to be overthrown, for wrongs to be made right, for those thirsty for justice to be satisfied.

Emmanuel, hear us as we pray for our community.

Gracious God, bind us together in faith and service. Enlighten us to the needs and the needy in our communities. Organize us for action to solve systemic problems. Help us make room in our communities for weary travelers, people like Mary and Joseph in need of a safe place to stay. Help us make room for those who long to belong but feel left out in the cold.

Emmanuel, hear us as we pray for friends and loved ones.

God of compassion, bless us and those we love. Heal those suffering from the illnesses of this winter season — RSV, flu and the ever-present threat of COVID-19. Comfort those who have recently lost loved ones, those mourning empty seats at holiday tables. Renew those needing respite, strengthen them with holiday sabbath.

Mighty God, whose Word we trust and whose Spirit enables us to pray, accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for our world.

Finally, hear us as we pray together the prayer Christ taught us,

**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 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.**

# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

arr. Anna Laura Page  
John Francis Wade

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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