

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



**Christmas Eve 2025 at 5pm**  
***O Holy Night***  
**A Family Carol Service**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**Musicians: Jim Millar, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson,**  
**Cathy Coppolino, Brianna Coppolino**  
**Yuna Kim and Clare Yoon (instrumental scholars)**  
**Usher: Brian Coats-Thomas and Jon Chan**

*Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher.*



**Prelude**                      *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

### **Welcome and Sharing the Peace**

**\*Song**                      *Angels (Glory to God)*

Glo-ria, Glo-ria  
Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the angels in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Glo-ria, in Excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heave'nly song

Glo-ria, in Excelsis Deo  
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Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest forever  
For all He has done, His unfailing love  
Glory to God in the highest forever

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the new-born king

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Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God in the highest  
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## **Lighting the Advent Candles**

The Coats-Thomas Family

**\*Song** *Hope is a Candle* (all verses; see page 8)

**Interactive** *The Stable was Bare: A Case for Detective Jean!*

**Celebration Song** *Joy: Sing and Shout*

**Verse:** One night into the darkness  
One star shining the brightest  
Heaven couldn't contain  
The greatest news  
Shepherds couldn't believe it  
Wise men wanted to see it  
God was sending his only  
Son to earth

**Pre Chorus:** Can you hear the sound?  
(Can you hear it? Can you hear it?)  
The angels singing it out.

**Chorus:** *Joy (joy), sing and shout it  
Tell all the world about it  
God is with us  
God is with us  
Joy (joy), this is the season  
Now we have a reason  
God is with us  
And this is Christmas*  
  
*Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
This is Christmas*

**Verse:** Jesus, born in a manger  
Jesus, He is the Savior  
He is showing the world  
The love of God

**Chorus:** *Joy (joy), sing and shout it  
Tell all the world about it  
God is with us  
God is with us  
Joy (joy), this is the season  
Now we have a reason  
God is with us  
And this is Christmas*  
  
*Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
This is Christmas*

**Verse:** Tell all your friends (yeah)  
Tell everyone, everyone

Come celebrate (yeah)  
It's just begun, just begun  
Put your hands up in the air (yeah)  
'Cause it's Christmas everywhere  
Get ready to move  
Cause we know it's true, sing

**Chorus:**

*Joy (joy), sing and shout it  
Tell all the world about it  
God is with us (sing)  
God is with us  
Joy (joy), this is the season  
Now we have a reason  
God is with us  
And this is Christmas*

*Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
This is Christmas*

**Outro:**

*Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
Fa-la-la-la-la, Hallelujah  
This is Christmas*

**Offering**, during which we hear the song, *O Holy Night*, by Adolphe Adam, sung by Brianna Coppolino

*If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!*

GENERAL OFFERING



**Prayers**, during which we bring our glow sticks and candles and form a circle around the church.

**Joys and Concerns**

## **Our Prayers** during which we sing the verses of *Silent Night*

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! 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.

## **Sharing Christmas Greetings**

### **Carol**

### *Hark the Herald*

1 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 the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

3 Hail the heaven-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!”

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

*\* Please stand if able*



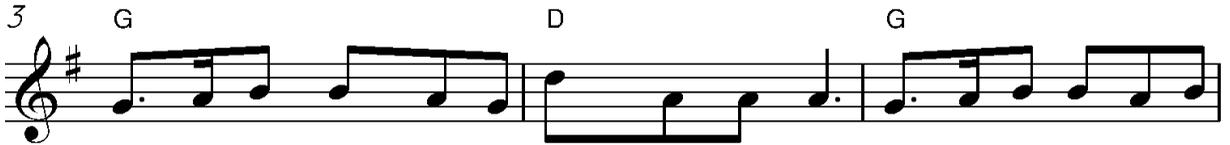
*Jazz hands Jesus in the Chapel*

# Hope is a Candle

GALLOWAY TAM



1. Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the pro - phets,
2. Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
3. Joy is a can - dle of mys - t'ry and laugh - ter,
4. Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
5. Christ is the light that the pro - phets a - wait - ed,



ne - ver con - sumed, though it burned through the years, dim in the day - light of threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed. Friend, feel no en - vy for mys - t'ry of light that is born in the dark; laugh - ter at hear - ing the where ev' - ry face is the face of a friend. Wi - den the cir - cle by Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child. Christ is the love and the



pow - er and priv - 'lege when they are gone, hope will shine on.  
those in the sha - dows vio - lence and force their dead end course.  
voice of an an - gel ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.  
shar - ing and giv - ing God's ho - ly dare: love ev - 'ry - where.  
mys - t'ry and laugh - ter; can - dles make way! Christ is the day.

# Announcements

## Christmas Worship



9pm – Festive prelude music for strings  
9:30pm - Candlelight service

**Sunday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am The *Gate of the Year* Service in  
the Chapel**

(No Church School this Sunday)

**Sunday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the Chapel**

**Livestreaming of Worship.** Today's service is broadcast live online. You can watch the service again later via our website homepage if you wish to. Huge thanks to our entire technical team.

**The Church Office will be closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
We are open on Monday December 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering** which distributes gifts equally to the assistance program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian related schools and colleges, equipping communities of color, will be taken until the end of December. Envelopes are available in the narthex. They can be placed in the offering plate, handed to an usher or returned to the office. Thank you for your generosity. *Mission committee, Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli*

**The Soup Squad.** We are asking all soup makers to share a container of their home-made soup. Please arrange with Nancy in the office to drop off donations and help with labeling, the type of soup and the ingredients are needed. Many thanks for sharing your culinary skills!

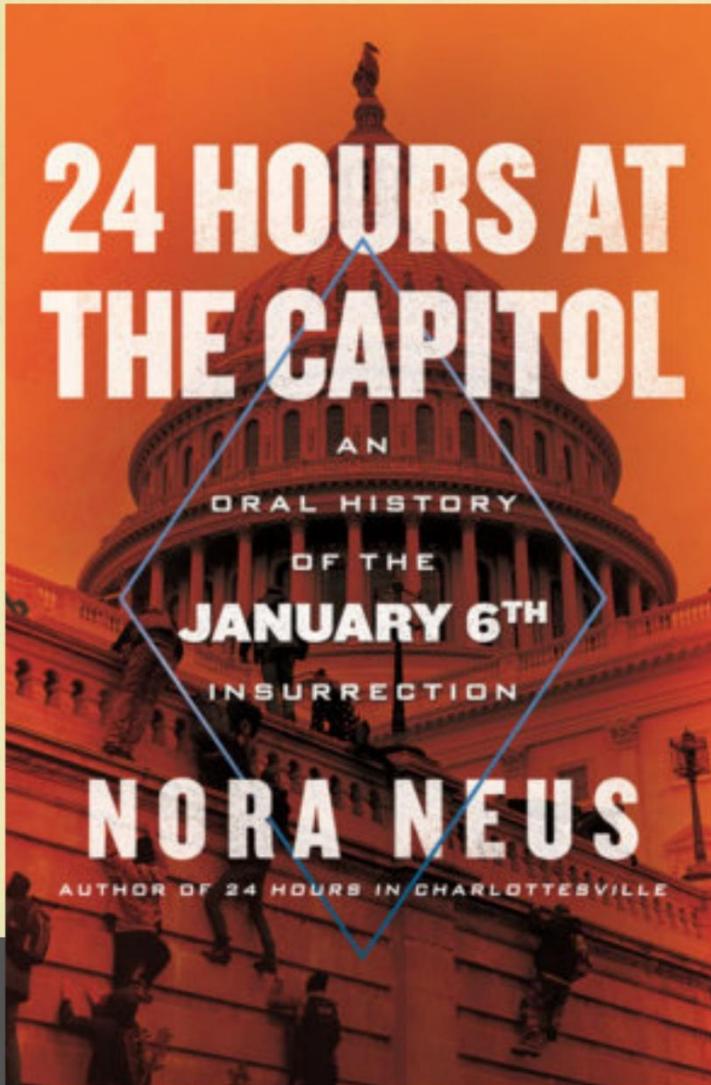
**The Presby Readers** will be gathering Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home to discuss *Berry Pickers: A Novel* by Amanda Peters. All are welcome.

**Nora Neus** is back with us to talk about her new book, *24 Hours at the Capitol: An Oral History of the January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection*. Join us on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**Scottish Night** Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Church House. An evening of food, poems, stories, and music to celebrate Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Sign up in the Narthex.

### Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Tuesdays 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley <a href="mailto:reilleysherrie@gmail.com">reilleysherrie@gmail.com</a>
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Joan Roselle (201) 569-3819
English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays 10am-12pm Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com



BOOK  
DISCUSSION  
with  
NORA NEUS



January 11<sup>th</sup> at  
4:30pm

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*Doodle away . . .*

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