



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Cantata

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."*

- Isaiah 7:14

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Darcy Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

"Pat-a-Pan"

String Quartet: Will Downey, Jeff Moorhead, Emily Moorhead, Kal Gurung

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Lighting the Advent Candle:

The Candle of Love

Sunday School Youth

Choral Response: #85 “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” vs 4

*Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming; tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining.*

* Opening Hymn: #82

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CHRISTMAS CANTATA:

“Tidings of Joy”

by J. M. Martin

1. *A Christmas Invitation*

Soloist :Merolin Medina-Reyes

2. *A Festival Gathering of Carols*

3. *Upon the Wind, There Comes a Song*

Soloist: Albert Kopacka

4. *From the Prophet Comes a Promise*

5. *A Song of Joy*

Soloist: Karen Hager

6. *The Silent Stars Go By*

Soloist: Judy Treutlein

7. *Comfort and Joy*

8. *Look to the Silver Sky*

9. *Sing of a Merry Christmas*

10. *Glad Tidings of Great Joy*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Deacon Darcy Taylor

OFFERTORY: “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / Carol of the Bells”

String Quartet: Will Downey, Jeff Moorhead, Emily Moorhead, Kal Gurung

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Darcy Taylor

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #134**

"Joy to the World"

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

CHORAL RESPONSE

**Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Deacon Darcy Taylor
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Guest Musicians:	Violin ~ Will Downey Cello ~ Kal Gurung Flute ~ Rachel Siegel Clarinet ~ Connor Krieg Guitar ~ George Stritter Percussion ~ Stephen O'Toole Piano ~ Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Mike and Sarah Jane Noll
Fellowship & Refreshments:	

Welcome to our Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they do not know and then introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Center following the worship service this morning.

Scripture readings for Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7 and Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Scripture readings for week of Dec. 28: Isaiah 63:7-9 and Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Christmas Eve Lay Assistants:	3 pm: John Pfaff;	5:30 pm: Lisa Burns
Christmas Eve Ushers:	3 pm: Emily and Sophie Meseck	5:30 pm: Emily Meseck and Tom Perry
December 28 Lay Assistant:	Tom Perry	
Ushers:	Al Kopacka, Kristen Rolfe	
Fellowship & Refreshments:	Everyone bring leftover Christmas desserts/cookies	



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Tidings of Joy: A Celtic Christmas Celebration

arr. J. M. Martin

Inspired by Celtic musical traditions and time-honored carols, *Tidings of Joy* overflows with the true spirit of the Christmas season. From prophecy to Epiphany, this cantata tells the entire Christmas story – wrapped in jubilant, expressive, and approachable music that captures the heart of the season.

Christmas brings to the seeker's heart an extravagant joy—one that words alone can scarcely express. Each year, its wonder-filled message decorates our lives with sparkling music and jubilant moments of praise.

Christmas speaks to us in miracles and wonders, sings to us in the voices of angels, and whispers to us in shimmering starlight. It awakens in the soul a deep longing for the sacred, daring us to dream beyond our doubts and to believe in the glorious impossible.

Christmas joy wraps us in beauty, surrounds us with song, and cradles us in the arms of promise. It is a gift of grace that glistens like silver snow—becoming even more radiant when shared with others.

So let the music of joy sound again! Let the voices of light break through the silence and teach the shadows to dance. Let there be hope in this place and grace in every heart. Let there be singing and glorious celebration—for behold, we bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people:

Christ the Lord is born!

Poinsettias



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The Adey Family in memory of past Adey and Savacool members families

Donna and Allen Alpaugh in memory of Clara Mae, Connie Carmela

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Sue and Art D'Angelo in memory of Mary Stacey

Patricia Fricke and Suzanne Hoffman in loving memory of Nancy Dilley Nichols

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Karen and Harry Hager in memory of Karen Hager's parents Lucille and Richard Lamborn

Vince and Terri Kramer in loving memory of those who will always be carried in our hearts

The Kopacka Family in memory of Albert Kopacka, Sr. and in honor of Helen Kopacka

From your loving family in memory of Thomas Marks

Barbara and Steve Misar in loving memory of Robert and Virginia Misar, Jsoeph and Jean Kowalczyk and Emily Specchio

Tom and Jeanne Perry in memory of loved ones

In memory of Rachel Perry

John and Beth Pfaff in memory of Wade and Opal Johnson and John and Ruth Pfaff

Mark and Joan Stephens in memory of Betty and Ed Stephens and Hap, Ann and David Bean

Tom and Karen Stewart in honor of our children and grandchildren

Tom and Karen Stewart in honor of Dr. G.

in memory of Rob Morris with love from Nancy, Pete and John

Judy Treutlein in memory of loved ones.



Poinsettias may be picked up following the 5:30 p.m. Service on Christmas Eve.