



CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 5, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: "Carol of the Bells"

Dean Renner and Jill Schultz, violin

arr. Kristin Campbell

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

If life was a home, then we would pray –

May God's love be the foundation.

May Christ be the cornerstone.

May the Spirit be the windows – ushering light in.

May hope be the walls – holding us together.

In this hour of worship, let us work toward
building that home together.

We may not know the path ahead,
but God is here, even now.

Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 102** (For those following at home, see page 11.)

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Advent Candle Lighting

As we reflect on the foundation
of our faith in our lives,

Kris Holmes

*All who are able, please stand.

we gather together
around the candle of peace.

The home we long for is a home
that knows peace —
peace that rests between us and our grief,
peace around our anxiety,
peace between us and our self-criticism,
peace amidst our relationships,
peace at the core of our being,
peace hovering through and in our world.

The home we long for is a home
that knows peace.
So today we light the candle of peace —
as a reminder and as a prayer.
Let it be so. Amen.

Call to Confession

In our Gospel reading today,
Zechariah, a new father,
speaks to his newborn son, John the Baptist,
for the very first time.

Imagine for a moment
what that must have been like for him.
What would you say to a newborn
sleeping in your arms?
What would you want them to know
on their very first day?
What would you want your words to convey?
Love? Safety? Hope? Blessing?
And can we imagine the same words
being said to us?

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*Holy God, when John was born,
Zechariah leaned down
and whispered words of love into his ear.
We know that you do the same for us,
yet we fail to hear your words or trust them.*



*All who are able, please stand.

*We forget that in the beginning we were made good.
We doubt that we could ever be enough.
We search after self-worth and wear ourselves out
aiming for perfection.*

*We deflect words of praise. Forgive us.
Help us accept your acceptance and love.*

*Open our ears as you open our hearts,
so that we might rest on the foundation
of goodness you have laid for us.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness (Responsive)

No matter how old we get,

God continues to say to us:

"You are loved; you are forgiven."

This is the foundation of our lives.

This is the truth upon which we build our home.

So breathe deeply.

There is grace and peace here.

Proclaim the good news:

We are loved. We are forgiven.

We are claimed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response of Praise:** Hymn 582 (See page 12.)

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Life in Community

The peace and joy of the Lord

be with you and yours today.

Thank you for joining us for worship.

Other announcements....

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1:57-79

Sermon: *Original Blessing*

*All who are able, please stand.

Call to Offering

May our offerings today
 pour forth from our hearts,
 hearts that know the blessings of God.

May God's light break forth in us
 and then through us, through our work,
 our commitment to be people of peace and hope.

You may give online through our website, catonsvillepres.org.

You may also find a 2022 pledge form there.

If you wish to give in person, an offering plate
 is located near the sanctuary entrance.

Feel welcome to place your offering there
 at the end of the service.

With gratitude to God,
 let us present our gifts and be generous.

Musical Offering: "See, Amid the Winter's Snow"

arr. Kristin Campbell

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Holy One, You are our home.

*You and your goodness are the place
 we return to again and again,
 the place we long to lay our head.*

Receive the gifts we make today.

*Take our offerings and transform them
 into acts of service and healing.*

*Use these gifts to transform the world,
 becoming the home you have
 envisioned for us – a home of peace,
 a home built on the foundation of love.*

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Communion Hymn 533: "In the Singing"

BREAD OF PEACE

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**Invitation to the Table**

*All who are able, please stand.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

How can we thank you, O God?

For sun, moon, and stars,

for breath and life and all things good,

for your steadfast promise and your faithful love,

for the day that is surely coming

when all things will be made new.

With saints, with angels,

and with the whole creation,

we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

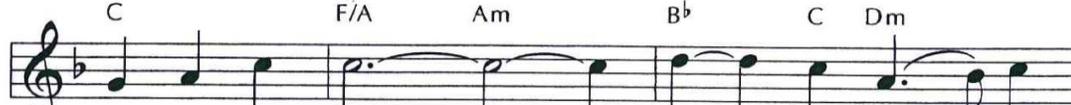
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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*All who are able, please stand.

We give thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,
 who came to be your living Word,
 to baptize us with Spirit and fire,
 to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty,
 and to announce the good news
 of your coming realm.

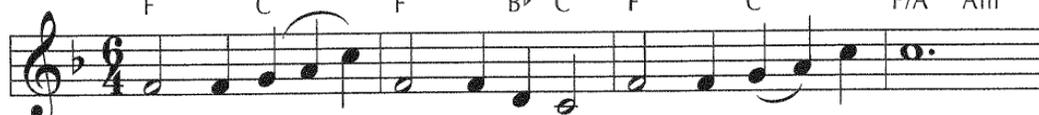
With thanksgiving, we remember how,
 when the hour had come,
 Jesus took his place at the table
 with the apostles.

He said to them, I will not eat this Passover again
 until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you,
 sharing this holy meal,
 remembering Christ's dying and rising
 and praying: Come Lord Jesus!

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
 F C F B^b C F C F/A Am



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us —
 this bread, this cup, these people —
 Christ's body and blood,
 given in love for the world.

*All who are able, please stand.

Make us one in the Spirit,
 one in the church,
 and one with Christ our Lord.

Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people,
 serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone.
 Keep us in the peace of Christ
 until you gather us at your table in glory.
 Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness:
 prepare the way of the Lord!

Now with the confidence of children,
 we pray together, saying
*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.*

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Hymn 520: "Taste and See"

TASTE AND SEE

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

*Jesus, you shared peace
 around a table of anxiety,
 peace with the bread, peace with the wine
 peace in the face of the uncertain,
 peace in the place of pain.
 May we share tables of peace
 in places of pain
 sharing food and friendship
 and words and life.*

*All who are able, please stand.

*Because you came to a fearful world
and found your place
around those tables. Amen.*

***Passing the Peace**

***Hymn 107** (See page 13.) “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

REJOICE, REJOICE

***Benediction**

Postlude: “The Holly and the Ivy”

arr. Kristin Campbell

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WELCOMING ALL GOD’S PEOPLE

Catonsville Presbyterian Church recognizes that **people of all ages have varying abilities and needs**. If you meet or see someone with differing needs, whether an adult or a child, please recognize that underlying conditions may occasionally cause behavior that might be misinterpreted as inappropriate. Please reach out. Ask if there is a way that you might assist, and otherwise be understanding and supportive.

If you or a family member has special needs, please speak to one of the pastors or the Deacon of the Day. We want to fully appreciate each individual’s gifts and talents and help you to feel a part of this faith community.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are welcome in worship as part of the Whole Family of God. We are delighted they are here. For safety reasons we are not currently providing child care on Sunday mornings but fellowship hall is available for families to use. The service can be heard in the room, plus there’s plenty of space for active children. A parent may also take a child to the playground before, during, and after worship.

Children’s Bibles and books are available in the back of the sanctuary, along with clipboards, crayons, markers, and paper.

Information about our education ministries for the fall are in our newsletter and can be found on our website, www.catonsvillepres.org.

*All who are able, please stand.

Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Kathy and Keith Glennan, *ruling elder; video production*
- Kris Holmes, *Advent candle lighting*
- Christopher Keenan, *organist*
- Mark Kennedy, *liturgist*
- Greg Knauf, *vocalist*
- Kenneth E. Kovacs, *pastor*
- Vickie Lord, *social media support*
- Dottie Marshall, *ruling elder, sanctuary set-up*
- Dean Renner, *violinist*
- Jill Schultz, *violinist*

Sources

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- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).
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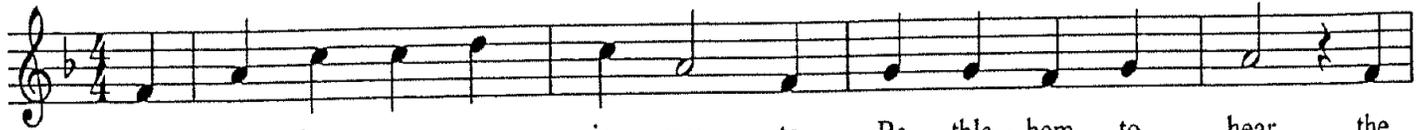
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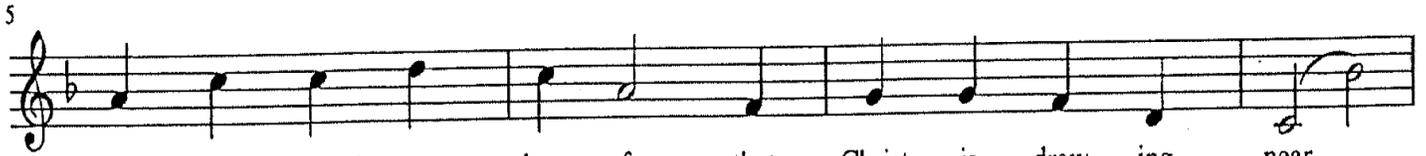
Light the Advent Candles

Sung to the tune of "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

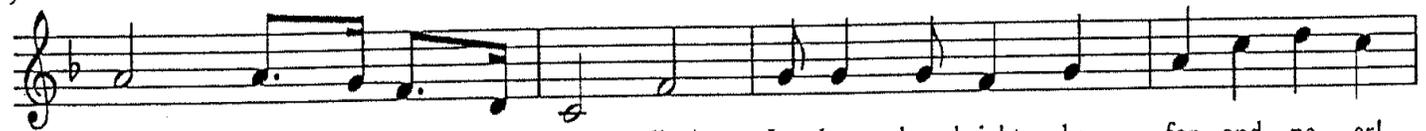
Lyrics: Anna L. Liechty and Phyllis Vos Wezeman



The don - key starts our jou - rney to Be - thle - hem to hear the
 The dog can sense the frag - rance of hope that's in the air ex -
 The dove with - in it's mouth holds the ol - ive branch of peace. And
 The cow pro - vides her warmth for the ba - by from a - bove. The
 The sheep kneels at the ma - nger and bows his horns so curled to
 The cam - el ends our jou - rney. We kneel at Je - sus feet. The



news the people long for that Christ is draw - ing near.
 pect - ant - ly a - wait - ing God's Christ - mas joy to share.
 ev - ery - one who's hun - gry is in - vited to God's feast.
 hay holds ba - by Je - sus who tou - ches hearts with love.
 see the Lamb of God who's the Sa - vior of the world.
 heav - enly light is shi - ning, God's pro - mise is com - plete.



Light, light the Ad - vent can - dles! Let them burn bright - ly far and ne - ar!
 (V5) Light light the Christ - mas can - dle! Let it burn bright - ly far and ne - ar!



Send - ing out their mess - age that Je - sus will so - on be here.
 Send - ing out the mess - age that Je - sus Chri - st is here.

Savior of the Nations, Come 102

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

TEXT: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th cent.; German para. Martin Luther, 1523;

English trans. stanza 1, William Morton Reynolds, 1850, alt.;
 English trans. stanzas 2-4, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006

MUSIC: Erfurt *Enchiridion*, 1524; harm. Sethus Calvisius, 1594

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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
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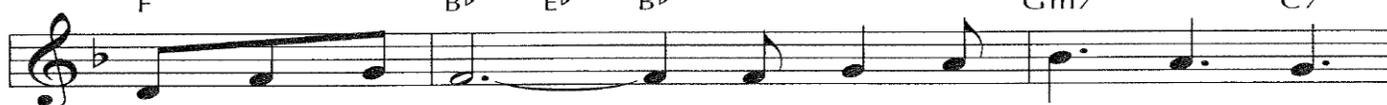
582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7)(D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

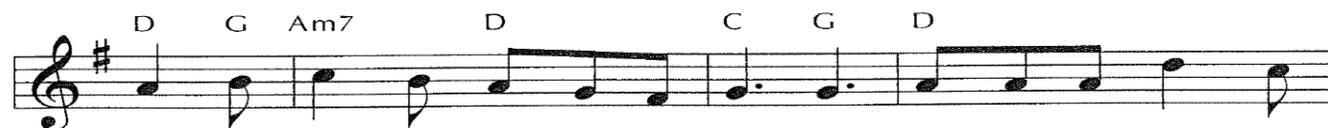
107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heav - en - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.