

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 27, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** *Nun komm, der heiden Heiland*

(Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 659, J. S. Bach

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Hollie Einolf

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

I was glad when they said to me,

*“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

*that we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.*

*Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**\*Hymn 104** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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**Call to Confession**

You know what time it is:

Now is the time to wake from sleep.

Salvation is near!

Let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession (Together)**

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*We are not ready for your coming.*

*Neither do we like to wait.*

*We live in sin, as though there were no justice.*

*We lie in fear, as though there were no grace.*

*Forgive us, Lord.*

*Show us your mercy and steadfast love.*

*Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,*

*for you are the God of our salvation.*

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Beloved, in your baptism

you were bathed in light and clothed with grace.

Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ!

Know that you are forgiven and live in peace.

**\*Response of Praise 121**

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!*

*So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.*



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\*Please stand in body or in spirit

*No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Life in Community**

The peace and joy of the Lord  
be with you and yours today.  
Thank you for joining us for worship.

**Children's Message**

*Get ready, get ready, get ready for a baby.  
Get ready, great ready, for little baby Jesus.*

*The angel told Mary, "Get ready for a baby.  
Get ready, get ready, for little baby Jesus."*

**Prayer for Illumination (Together)**

*O God, Lord of every nation,  
let your Word ring out from the mountains  
and your Spirit shine forth in the earth,  
so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.*

**Scripture** Isaiah 2:1-5

**Hymn 89** For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits  
Verses 1-3

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

**Scripture** Romans 13:11-14

**Sermon** *Walking in the Light*

**Call to Offering**

With gratitude and with joy, let us bring the works of our hands to the Lord.  
Let us present the gifts of our lives as an offering of praise.



**Offertory** *The Word Was God*

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God  
the same was in the beginning with God.  
All things were made that have been made.  
Nothing was made He has not made. ~John 1:1-3*

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**\*Doxology 607:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;*

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*praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Together)**

*We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love.  
By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name  
and serve the good of your people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Together)**

*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.*

**\*Hymn 362** Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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**\*Benediction**

May the grace of Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the Spirit's joy surround you  
as you walk in the light of the Lord.

**Postlude** *Nun komm, der heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 659, J. S. Bach

**Participants**

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Keith & Kathy Glennan, *ruling elders, video production*
- Wendy Johnston, *organist/assistant director of music*
- Greg Knauf, *director of music*
- Stephanie Stevens, *ruling elder, liturgist*
- Vickie Lord, *social media support*
- Dottie Marshall, *ruling elder, sanctuary set-up*

**Sources**

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- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).
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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. We are currently providing childcare on the second Sunday morning of the month, but fellowship hall is available for families to use if they wish. The service can be heard in the room, plus there's plenty of space for active children. 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 is in our newsletter and can be found on our website, [www.catonsvillepres.org](http://www.catonsvillepres.org).

## **OUR ADVENT CANDLES**

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

## **LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

### **GROWING IN GRACE: ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Join us in person at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Dec: First and Third Sundays

**Incarnation** (December 4 & 18): The Prologue to John's Gospel says, "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" (Jn. 1:14). "For us and for our salvation," the Nicene Creed affirms, "he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human." For two Sundays in Advent, we'll explore the mystery of the incarnation and the centrality of this doctrine in the history of the Church. And we'll give special attention to the thought of German Dominican theologian and mystic Meister Eckhart (c.1260 - c.1328), who wrote extensively, even provocatively, about the meaning of the incarnation for our lives. Here's a sample: "What good is it to me that Mary gave birth to the son of God fourteen hundred years ago, and I do not also give birth to the Son of God in my time and in my culture?" That's our question, too. Just add 600 years. *Led by Ken Kovacs.*

### **Deacons Clothing Drive**

The deacons are again collecting new or gently used winter clothing for the West Side Men's Shelter. They are in great need of coats-especially very large sizes. Hats, gloves, boots, and long underwear are also appreciated. Bins will be available in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and outside the Church House from November 6 through the end of January.

### **2023 Pledge Update**

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As of November 22, we have received 63 pledges totaling \$273,162. If you already submitted a pledge, thank you! If not, we invite you submit your pledge by December 15. You may leave your pledge in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the church office. You may also use our online [Pledge Form](#) at [www.catonsvillepres.org](http://www.catonsvillepres.org). Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! Jadie Mayes, Pledge Secretary

### **McKim Gifts**

We will be collecting gifts for the McKim Community Center's Christmas Party through December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child or youth and place it under the tree in the sanctuary. Craft kits, board games, and sports equipment are excellent choices.

### **Birthday Party at West Side Men's Shelter**

You're Invited to a Birthday Party!

The deacons are hosting a birthday party for the men with December birthdays at the Westside Men's Shelter on Thursday evening, December 1. We will provide cupcakes and ice cream for the men, gift cards for those with birthdays, and lead the men in singing Christmas carols. If you are over 18 years old and would like to come, please let us know by contacting Kristen MacNeal ([kmacneal@gmail.com](mailto:kmacneal@gmail.com)) or Charre Symms ([csymms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csymms@sbcglobal.net)).

### **Calendar**

November 26: Grounds Clean Up, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

November 27: First Sunday of Advent  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

November 28: Contemplative Prayer Group, 7 p.m. (Online)  
See Brenda Logue ([naylogue@aol.com](mailto:naylogue@aol.com)) for the Zoom link.

November 30: Deacons Meeting, 7 p.m.

December 1: Service of Witness to the Resurrection for George Ellers,  
MacNabb Funeral Home, Catonsville, 11 a.m.  
Choir practice, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
Birthday Party/Caroling, (Westside Shelter)

December 4: Adult Education, 9 a.m. (Library)  
Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Advent Gathering, 11:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

## Gifts of Remembrance

As in years past the sanctuary will be decorated for Advent and Christmas. You are invited to make donations to the fund which help make this possible. Your donation can be in memory or in honor of those you care about and their names will be listed in the Sunday worship bulletin. All contributions in any amount are welcome.

Please fill out the form below and do one of the following:

- place in the Offering Plate with your check
- bring it to the church office with your check
- mail to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, 1400 Frederick Rd. Catonsville MD 21228 with your check

Checks should be made out to the church.

### Christmas Poinsettias

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of

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# For You, O Lord, My Soul 89

## in Stillness Waits

### My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain    Am    Dm    F    G    A    B<sup>b</sup>    C    Am7    Dm    Fine

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

Dm    Am    Dm    Am    Dm

- 1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
- 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
- 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
- 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;
- 5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;
- 6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,

Am    Dm    Am    Dm    Am

your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the  
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your word; come, make us  
 and in your ad - vent, draw us all to you, our hope re -  
 we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to  
 let ev - ery heart be o - pened to the Lord, for we are  
 Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the

Dm    Am    G    C    Am7    Dm    Am    Dm    to Refrain

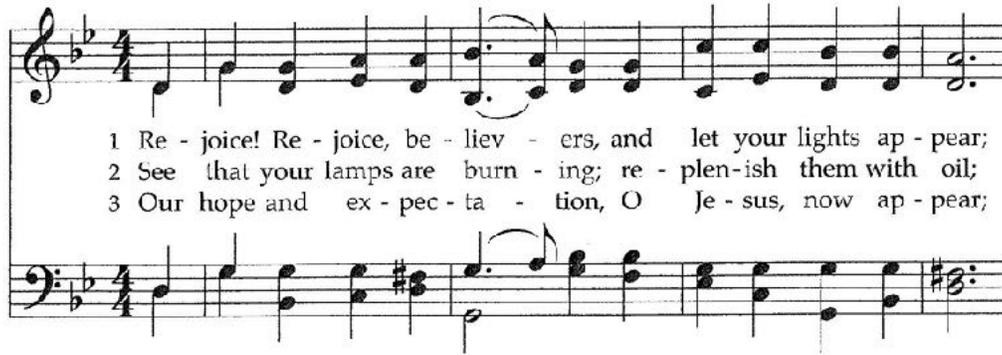
hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.  
 whole, be com - fort to our hearts.  
 born in dy - ing and in ris - ing,  
 us the path - way of your peace.  
 all the peo - ple of God's hand.  
 stars, and pres - ent to us now.

With a paraphrase of Psalm 62:5 as a refrain, this Advent text adapts four of the "Great O" antiphons (all of which can be seen in no. 88), combining them with a paraphrase of Psalm 95:6-7 and an echo of a medieval hymn. This rich blend yields a wealth of imagery and meaning.

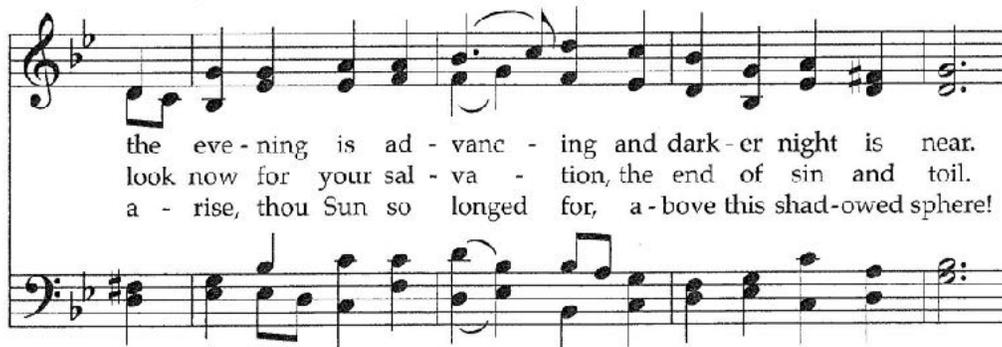
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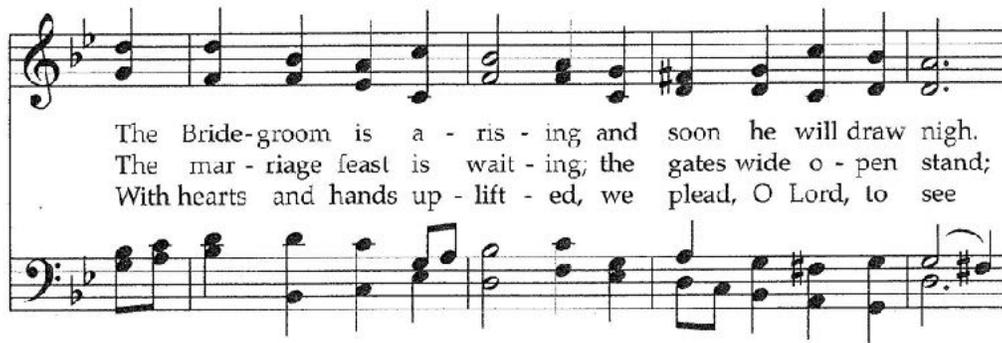
## 362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



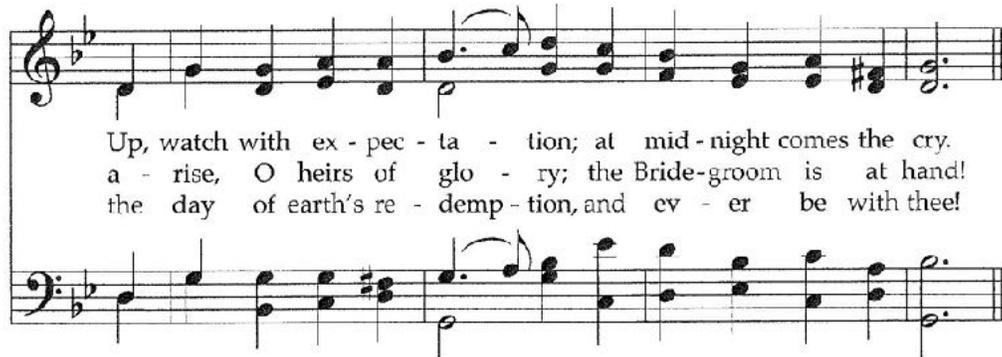
1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.  
a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

TEXT: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854; alt. *The Hymnal 1982*  
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody, *Uwybrau Mollant*, 1372; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1905

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