

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 4, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** *Veni, Emmanuel*

Marilyn Biery

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Wendy Kronmiller & Susan Maginnis

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

Do you hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness? Will you heed the prophet's call?

*Let us prepare the way of the Lord,  
and make his paths straight.*

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn 106** Prepare the Way, O Zion

BERENDEN VÄG FÖR HERREN

**Call to Confession**

Let us lay before God and one another the distance between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confession this day.

For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.  
Yet in mercy, God will forgive and renew us.

**Prayer of Confession (Together)**

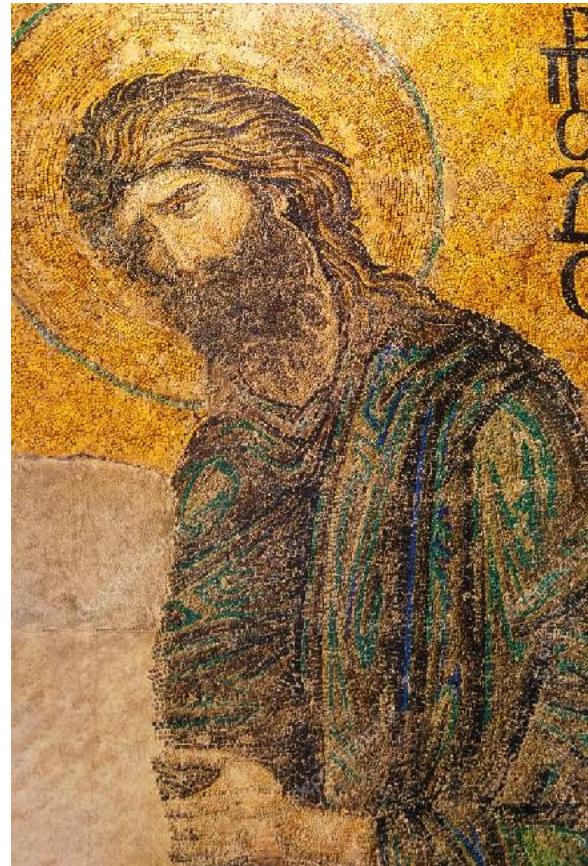
*Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people.*

*We confess that we do not fully believe in your incarnation.*

*We find it difficult to heed your word each day in all that we say and do.*

*We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made.*

*In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways  
and look to your power to heal us and raise us up,  
so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace.*



**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news! The reign of God has come near.

You are forgiven.

Trust in the power of Christ, who makes all things new, and be at peace.

**\*Response of Praise 109**

*Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;*

MERLE'S TUNE

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

*God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.*

*On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.  
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!*

### **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, get ready, for little baby Jesus.*

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

### **Prayer for Illumination (Together)**

*Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction.  
By your Holy Spirit open our ears  
and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

**Scripture** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Hymn 88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Verses 1, 6, & 7

VENI EMMANUEL

**Scripture** Matthew 3:1-12

**Sermon** *Metanoia*

### **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**

Prepare the Way

Margareta

*Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high;  
Sink low, ye towering mountains, The Lord is drawing nigh;  
The righteous King of glory, Foretold in sacred story.*

Refrain:

*O blest is He that came in God the Father's name.*

*O Zion, He approaches, your Lord and king for aye!  
Strew palms where He advances, Spread garments in His way.  
God's promise faileth never, Hosanna sound forever! Refrain*

\***Doxology 607:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*We give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things:  
for this universe and for Earth itself, for creatures and plants,  
for water and food, for light and darkness;  
for Jesus—who enlarged our vision,  
setting himself before us as the bread and wine of abundant life;  
and for the Holy Spirit who moves with power in our midst.  
Turn our offerings to your good will, and turn us always to you in gratitude.*

Communion Hymn 534 (seated) Now the Silence

NOW

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (Together)**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right and a good and joyful thing always  
and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You call all people to follow your paths of justice and peace,  
beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.  
In the light of your holy Word we look for the day  
when nation shall not lift up sword again nation, or learn war anymore.  
Therefore, with the entire company of heaven,  
and with your people on earth we who live in this hope,  
we praise you and join in the never-ending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy are you and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, for he is Immanuel, God with us.

Fulfilling the expectations of the prophets he healed the blind and the lame, cleansed the lepers, opened the ears of the deaf, raised the dead, and brought good news to the poor.

Through his life, death, and resurrection you manifest your new covenant with humankind, and through the church of his disciples, you give testimony to the power of your salvation for the world.

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we give ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice in union  
with Christ's offering for the world as we declare:

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Let the bread we break be a true fellowship in the body of Christ.

Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant in his blood.

By your Spirit empower us to be Christ for the world,  
serving in his name until the earth shall be full of the  
knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Through your son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your church,  
hear us as we pray as he taught us, 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.*

## **Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup**

**Music**      *The Shepherd's Lamb*      Dan Forrest

### **Prayer after Communion (Together)**

*Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation,  
you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal.  
We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life  
and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation.  
Now send us out by the power of your Holy Spirit  
to share your life and your peace in a world in need. Amen.*

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Hymn 93** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

## **\*Benediction**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

## Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Keith & Kathy Glennan, *ruling elders, video production*
- Wendy Johnston, *organist/assistant director of music*
- Greg Knauf, *director of music*
- Mokube Ewane, *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.

**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.*

### **Advent Gathering**

Join us in Fellowship hall after worship this Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll have refreshments, plus children's crafts, mission and service projects for all. All ages welcome!

### **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

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will be available in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and outside the Church House from November 6 through the end of January.

## 2023 Pledge Update

As of November 30, we have received 71 pledges totaling \$309,282. 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.

## Calendar

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)

December 5: Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 5 p.m. (Nesbitt Room)

Contemplative Prayer, 7p.m. (Online)  
See Brenda Logue (naylogue@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

December 6: Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. (Online)

Adult Education Meeting ,7p.m. (Online)

December 7: Session Meeting, 7 p.m. (Library)

December 8: Thursday Morning Bible Study,10:30 a.m. (Library)

Choir practice, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

December 11: Worship,10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday: Childcare 10 a.m.-noon  
Multiage Church School 10:45 a.m. -11:30 a.m.  
Youth Gatherings "Cocoa and Conversation" Grades 6-8,9-12 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.  
Middle School and High School Youth Group 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

December 12: Contemplative Prayer, 7p.m. (Online)

See Brenda Logue (naylogue@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

December 15: Thursday Morning Bible Study,10:30 a.m. (Library)

Choir practice, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## ALWAYS READING BOOK FAIR RETURNING TO FELLOWSHIP HALL – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH SPONSORED BY DISMANTLING RACISM COMMITTEE

On Sunday, December 11th, 40 books will once again be on display in Fellowship Hall to either be adopted for Edmondson Heights Elementary School or purchased for your own children's library or a gift for someone special. A donation of any amount, will go to Always Reading to purchase books to replenish the book shelves at Edmondson Heights Elementary School, or you can order from this collection, as many books as you would like.

**If you are unable to be in Fellowship Hall, you may currently browse and donate or purchase the books at CPC's website under Events & News then News and Announcements. Books are available for purchase online. All books will be delivered to CPC and may be pick up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after worship or in special situations delivery can be arranged to your home.**

The Dismantling Racism Committee of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, Grace AME Church and The Christian Temple are hosting a traveling book fair to support Always Reading. Always Reading is a nonprofit organization with a mission to empower children with an abundance of knowledge through books, with their Achieving Through Reading Program. They fulfill their mission by distributing free, new and specially curated books to hundreds of children attending Title I schools in the Baltimore area. From designated book shelves, children are encouraged to select a book, take it home, and build and expand their home libraries. No other nonprofit does what they do, the way they do it.

Please browse, purchase or donate books for children who might not otherwise have access to books that portray a positive reflection of themselves and expose them to the rich history of their culture.

If you have questions or need any assistance, please contact Nancy Henderson @ [henderrath1@verizon.net](mailto:henderrath1@verizon.net) or 410-788-5414.



Thank you from the Dismantling Racism Committee

“WOW, we have new books.” “I can really keep this book?” Students at Edmondson Heights Elementary School)

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## **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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In honor of  
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If you are seeing this form online, you must print it, fill it out and follow the instructions above. Questions? Contact Susan Hutton [dhutt@erols.com](mailto:dhutt@erols.com)

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## 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come, 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 and open wide our heavenly home; our spirits by thine advent here;  
 make safe the way that leads on high, disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and close the path to misery. and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

TEXT: Lat'n prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite  
 MUSIC: Plainsong, adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1968  
 Music Arr. © 1990 John Weaver

VENI FMMANUEL  
 LM with refrain

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a-dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

TEXT: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863  
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

TRURO  
LM

