



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901
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*A Just Peace Church
An Open and Affirming Church
Becoming an Anti-racist Church*

10:30 A.M.
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities,
sexual orientations and gender identity.*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
January 3, 2010

Let us now enter into the Holy One's presence.

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo
The Christ Congregational Church Brass Ensemble
Brian Frye, Director; Mark Biales, organ

Michael Praetorius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Glory, Glory to the Newborn King
The Chancel Choir; Audrey Tornblom, soprano

Moses Hogan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Loving God, teach us to sing of your love and compassion.
Teach us to sing with notes formed by hopes and acts of justice.
Teach us to sing with harmonies shaped by mercy's wide embrace.
May all the earth join the chorus and dance to your beating heart.
Let us worship God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Rutter

English Traditional Carol, arr. John

The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields
where they lay; In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They look-ed up and saw a star, Shining in the East beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night:

Refrain:

3. And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went:

Refrain:

4. Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heav'n-ly Lord,

That hath made heav'n and earth of naught and with his blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain:

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for arriving among us as a Child. Throughout the coming new year, help us see our hopes as children of your Spirit. Grant us patience to devote steadfast and prayerful attention to what you put before us. We pray as Jesus taught...

Holy God, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

MEDITATION
Henderson

The Gifts of God's Grace

Rev. Susan A.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Festival of Carols
The Chancel Choir, Chapel Choir and Orchestra

Joseph Martin

I. A Christmas Processional

Once in Royal David's City

Verse 1: Choir and Congregation: (on cue)
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
 Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Verse 2: Choir:

Verse 3: Choir and Congregation

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

II. A Father's Love, A Perfect Rose

The Choir; Rick Brush, baritone

III. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1: Choir and Congregation:

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2: Choir and Congregation:

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 3: Choir:

IV. Celtic Advent Carol

The Choir

MEDITATION

A Soulful Celebration

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

V. My Soul Doth magnify the Lord

The Choir; Elise Gifford, soprano

VI. Cradle Carols***Away in a Manger****Chapel Choir*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
 close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear Children in Thy tender care,
 and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Choir and congregation:

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Chapel Choir

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, heavn'ly hosts sing, "Alleluia"
 Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.

VII. A Christmas Invitation

The Choir

VIII. Angels We Have Heard on High

Choirs and Congregation:

Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains, in reply, echo back their joyous strains.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

The Choir

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Choirs and Congregation-All standing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.
 With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace. Hail the Son of Righteousness.

Light and life to all he brings; ris'n 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 new-born King!

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us pray,

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Carol of the Bells
Max Scribner, piano

Traditional

***DOXOLOGY**

sung to the tune: VENI

EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Our God of love; your mercies bestow;
Praise God aloud, you heavenly choirs,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit which inspires,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Living God, for the gift of Love, we embrace you. For the opportunity to give, we are grateful. As bells ring out, as joy dawns, as your light shines, we recognize the blessing these gifts bring and we rejoice! Amen.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH, arr. John Rutter

1. (All) Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.
2. (All) Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
3. (Choir) No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

4. (All) He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His love.

BENEDICTION

Promised God's presence, let the love of this season fill you and inspire you.
 May your love for God and one another be brave and bold and bright.
God be with us. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration arr. John Higgins
Hallelujah
 The Chancel Choir; The CCC Jazz Ensemble; Mark Biales, piano
 Ann Marlowe, bass, Paul Scribner, drums

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given by Barry and Cyndy Johnson
 in celebration of our family and CCC

The Orchestra**Flute**

Lynne Joseloff, Cindy Michel

Oboe

Lazo Momchilovich, Larkin Turman

Clarinets

Mark Simon, Nancy Sulfridge, Lizzy Raskulinez, Cecily Jacobsen

Bassoon

David Bell

Horns

Tim Carrigan, Helena Giammarco

Trumpets

Neil Brown, Lee Walkovich, Steve Young

Trombones

Matt Dinkle, Robert Gifford, Stuart Kern

Saxophone

Tim Wehrkamp

Timpani

John Spirtas

Percussion

Tom Jones

Violin I

Nick Drumm, Willard Morris, Jane Weber

Violin II

Christopher Brown, Jim Brown, David Gayer,
Paul Geiser, Sean Ganous,

Viola

Susan Jones, Laura Weber

Cello

Sarah Cotterill, Meleny Weber, Ann Marlowe

Bass

Justin Weber

Organ

Mark Biales

Drums

Paul Scribner

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 10

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

What is Happening With Christian Education Today?

During the 9:00 service

Childcare for infants through two-year olds in the nursery - Room 106

During the 11:00 service

Childcare for infants in the Nursery - Room 106

Childcare for toddler/two year olds - Room 003

Lambs (3 and 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year olds) will have church school as usual in Room 006

CCC Calendar for the Week

Sunday, January 3

- 9:00 AM Service of Community and Sacrament – Meeting Room
 Childcare for infants and toddlers – Nursery
- 9:00 AM Adult Education, Contemporary Theology – Conference Room
- 10:30 AM Service of Worship – Worship includes *The Festival of Carols* presented
 by the Chancel, Chapel Choirs and Orchestra
 Childcare for infants - Nursery
 Childcare for Toddlers/2-year-olds – Room 003
 Church School for Lambs (3 years – pre-K) – Room 006

Monday, January 4

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting – Room 107
- 7:30 PM Executive Council – Conference Room
- 7:30 PM Scrapbooking Group – Room 208

Tuesday, January 5

- 7:00 AM Meditation and Reflection – Meditation Room
- 7:30 PM Shalem Institute Night with the Mystics - Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 6

- 7:15 PM Senior Minister Search Committee – Conference Room

Thursday, January 7

- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, January 8

- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Retreat – Conference Room

Saturday, January 9

- 8:30 AM Second Saturday – Panera Bread in Downtown Silver Spring
- 8:30 AM Saturday Stitching – Room 208
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Retreat – Woodside Methodist Church
- 9:00 AM Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast – Peoples, UCC
- 9:00 AM Sanctuary Committee takes down decorations
- 5:00 PM Families with Young Children Potluck Dinner – Social Hall

Sunday, January 10

- 9:00 AM Service of Community and Sacrament – Meeting Room
Childcare for infants and toddlers – Nursery
- 9:00 AM Adult Education, Contemporary Theology – Conference Room
- 10:30 AM Service of Worship – Worship includes *The Festival of Carols* presented by the Chancel, Chapel Choirs and Orchestra
Childcare for infants - Nursery
Childcare for Toddlers/2-year-olds – Room 003
Church School for Lambs (3 years – pre-K) – Room 006
Church School for K – 8th Grades
- 11:45 AM Chapel Choir – Choir Room
- 11:45 AM Fair Trade Coffee Sale – Social Hall
- 2:30 PM Youth (6th – 12th Grade) Ice Skating

Monday, January 11

- 9:45 AM Life Review I – Room 206
- 9:45 AM Life Review VI – Room 207
- 11:45 AM Senior Adult Committee – Room 208
- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting – Room 107

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