

Service of Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve 2023

5:30 in the Evening



**Media Presbyterian Church
30 East Baltimore Ave. Media, PA 19063
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OUR MISSION AND VISION

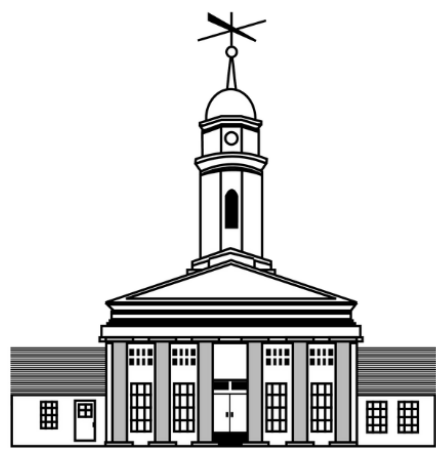
Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.

Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together, serves together, and grows together in faith.

Welcome

VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you will feel welcome. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone at 610-566-3944. We also invite you to visit our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org.



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Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m.

December 24, 2023

Preludes

The Congregation shall remain seated

Processional Carol

Once in Royal David's City

H.J. Guantlett

Solo Verse

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus was her little Child.

He came down to earth from Heaven who is God and Lord of all.
And His shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us He grew.
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew.
And he feeleth for our sadness and He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love.
For that Child so dear and gentle is our God in Heaven above.
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Congregation shall stand

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God in the Highest;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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!

The Congregation shall be seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Christ's Birth & Kingdom are Foretold by Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Elder Sandy Campbell

The Congregation shall remain seated

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

The Peace that Christ Will Bring Is Foreshown

Isaiah 11:1-9

Elder Eric MacDonald

Organ Solo

Sing We Now of Christmas (with "In the Hall of the Mountain King")

By Edvard Greig arr. Mark Hayes

Choral Response

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

THE THIRD LESSON

The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Elder Jeanne Cunningham

Choral Response

The Angel Gabriel

Traditional Basque Carol

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Rev. Rose Sparrow

The Congregation shall stand

Carol

Joy to the World

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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin 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.

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.

The Congregation shall be seated

Offertory Anthem

Love Came Down at Christmas
John Rutter

THE FIFTH LESSON

The Shepherds Go to the Manger

Luke 2:8-16
Graham Beaumont

The Congregation shall stand

Carol

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace Hail the sun of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings Risen 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 newborn King!

The Congregation shall be seated

THE SIXTH LESSON

The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12
Elder Mark Gible

Organ Solo

God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen
John Rutter

The Congregation shall stand

Carol

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked 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

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

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

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

The Congregation shall remain standing

The Collect for Christmas

Candle Lighting Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

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; Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent Night! Holy night! Wonderous star, lend thy light
With angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savoir is born, Christ the Savior is born.

The Blessing

Postludes

Sounds of the Season



Poinsettia Donations



To the Glory of God

Ed & Lori Ardis – To the Glory of God

In Honor of

Muriel & Theodore Seabrook – In Honor of Our 42nd Wedding Anniversary

Jim & Sandi Gatch – In Honor of Our Parents, Ken & Linda Leach & Jim Gatch, Jr.

In Memory of

*Barbara Binder & Susan Sciarra – In Memory of Russell WM. Binder, Bob & Margie Powell,
& John Sciarra*

Chris Blidan – In Memory of My Family

Steve & Helen Buxton – In Memory of Our Parents

Sandy Campbell – In Memory of Bill Campbell

Linda & Joe Chaga – In Memory of Mom & Dad & those we've Loved

Ro D'Angelo – In Memory of My Son, Anthony Frank D'Angelo

Jean Furey – In Memory of Richard & Marita Lake, Teresa & Donald Furey

Martha Harriz – In Memory of Members of the Harriz & Ryder Families

Anne Helfrich – In Memory of Harold W. Helfrich, Our Parents & Anne's Brother

Bobbie & Joe Haviland – In Memory of Our Son, Joe III, & Our Parents

David Henderson, Christina & Derek Sotherden – In Memory of David Henderson, Sr.

*Beth & Art Kalemkarian – In Memory of Our Parents, George & Victoria Kalemkarian,
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*Hank & Lois Van Zanten – In Memory of Our Parents Howard & Mary Master,
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*Judith Wentz – In Memory of My Parents, Walter & Betty Wentz. My Sister & Brother, Carolyn
Wentz & Ken Wentz*

John & Carol Wood – In Memory of Lois Lauren & Maureen Wood

Holiday Service Schedule

- ◇ Sunday, December 31, 2023-Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- ◇ Friday December 22, 2023-January 1, 2024-Office Closed
- ◇ Monday, January 1, 2024-Office Closed
- ◇ Tuesday, January 2, 2024-Office open regular hours

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Stan Slotter—Trumpet

Annie Nye—French Horn

Tyler Dold—Trombone

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