

*THE SERVICE FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE*



Adorazione del Bambino - Gerard van Honthorst, 1620

CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2021

5:00 p.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

*We are so glad to have you worshiping with us in person today!
As we continue our commitment to keeping each other safe,
please WEAR YOUR MASK at all times while in the sanctuary.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve Clark

PRELUDE

Three Catalonian Carols

Catalonian traditional

The Nearly Valentines

Jeanmarie Braddock – violin; Chris Braddock – guitar & dobro

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Bamonte Family

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

ALL: ADVENT MEANS COMING.

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**ALL: THOSE WHO LIVED IN A LAND OF DEEP DARKNESS,
ON THEM LIGHT HAS SHINED.**

One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*HYMN NO. 140

Once in Royal David's City

vs. 1, 4

*OPENING PRAYER

Phoebe Rowe

JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH: PROLOGUE

Phoebe Rowe

HYMN NO. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

v. 1

JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH: BREAKING NEWS . . . FROM AN ANGEL

The Kroon Family

HYMN NO. 98

To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

vs. 1, 4

JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH: A LONG TRIP AND A NEW BABY

The Pressley Family

HYMN NO. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

vs. 1, 2

JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH: SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

The Janas Family

HYMN NO. 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

vs. 1, 3

JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH: THE BABY IN A MANGER

The Moffett Family

HYMN NO. 136

Go Tell It on the Mountain

MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Clark

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *One Is for the Christ Child (The Counting Christmas Song)* M. R. Eaton

Jeanmarie Braddock, Christina Pressley, Matthew Pressley, Chip Hazel – vocals

Chris Braddock – guitar, Jeffrey DeVault – piano

PRAYER

*CANDLE LIGHTING

A candle will be lit from the Christ Candle and spread throughout the church by lighting the candle of the first person in each pew. That person will in turn light the candle of his or her neighbor as we share the light of Christ that has come into the world.

Please always dip the unlighted candle into the lighted one.

*HYMN NO. 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

vs. 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING IN PEACE

[Following the Peace, we invite you sit and listen to the Postlude or exit the sanctuary to continue conversation and fellowship outside.]

POSTLUDE

Noël Nouvelet

French traditional

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Jehan Tabourot

The Nearly Valentines

Jeanmarie Braddock – violin; Chris Braddock – guitar & dobro

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to join us this evening for our joyful celebration of Christ's birth. We hope that you will visit again in the new year for Sunday morning worship. Our sanctuary is open for in-person worship each Sunday at 10:00am; doors open at 9:40am. We have developed guidelines for your safety, including social distancing, mask wearing, and contact tracing. For those who are not yet ready or able to attend our service in person, a live-streamed/recorded option is available on our website (www.concordpc.org).

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Al Lund

Livestream Team: Bob Brown, John Barineau, Ron McKinney, Nancy Tucker

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MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND.

Richard & Peggy Carter in memory of parents

Jo Ann Cipolla

Gerry Crock in honor of my sons Karl and Kurt and their families

Lucy Dunn in loving memory of her parents Edith & Richard Dunn and
her brother-in-law David Collins

Don & Gail Greene with thanks for the many kindnesses our Deacons provide—
especially for A.T. Moffett's loving care

Judy Hayes in memory of Ron Tieste and Jan Feltz

In memory of our parents from Susan & George Hofmann

Alan & Kay Jewett in memory of our parents

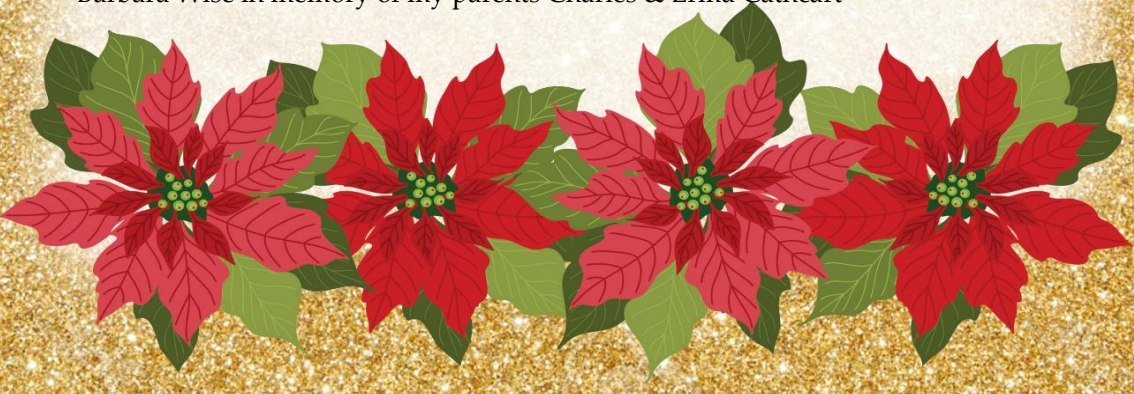
Bobbie, Carol & Steve Longacre in memory of Sherman (Jim) Longacre and also
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Klippel, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Gerrick, and Mr. Robert Sproul

With wishes to our Concord Family for a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy
New Year from the Longacres

Dottie & Al Lund in loving memory of Wesley Lund

Nancy Tucker & Fran Ciabattoni in gratitude for our Concord family

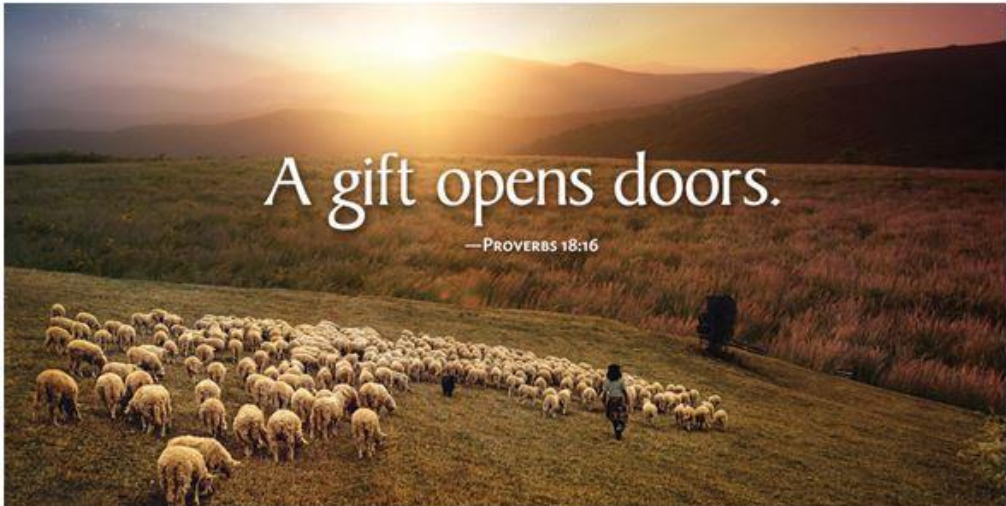
Barbara Wise in memory of my parents Charles & Erma Cathcart





CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



A gift opens doors.

— PROVERBS 18:16

God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift.

Seeing that we had no hope in ourselves of moving past what separates us, God offered us a gift in Jesus Christ who opens a door — a door we could not open ourselves.

As we support the Christmas Joy Offering, we seek to not only meet needs, but to meet people, to come through the door that generosity opens. We open the door to celebrate “God is with us!”

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future – who point us to God.

50%



50% of your gifts to Christmas Joy opens doors of opportunity which lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

50%



50% of your gifts opens doors which lead to relief for church workers and their families when critical needs arise.