

Peace

*He will be named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

—ISAIAH 9:6



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PRELUDE

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER in the NAME OF JESUS**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION – Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sam, Ruth and Josh

The Candle of Peace

Dear God, as we journey down this Advent road, grant us the courage to make peace. Peace in our hearts, Peace in our homes, Peace in our communities. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #245**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

SPECIAL MUSIC *sung by Cara Gerster*

Hope Was Born this Night

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER

As the days of Advent hasten on and we draw nearer to the day of Christ's coming, let us pray with fervent hearts for the needs of the world:

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, and do not tarry.

Lord Christ, in joy and anticipation, we await your coming with lamps lighted and hearts aglow with faith.

ALL: Come now and illumine the whole universe.

All creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

ALL: Come soon and save those who wait in darkness.

The suffering and the poor look to you for their hope.

ALL: Come and raise us to glory in your presence.

The troubled and oppressed have nowhere to turn but to you.

ALL: Come quickly and banish the powers of evil and darkness around us.

The sick and weary, the dying and faint-hearted cry out in their despair.

ALL: Come and bring us eternal wholeness and health.

Even the martyrs and the blessed dead make their plea, "O Lord, how long?"

ALL: Come now and give us eternal life.

The Spirit and the Church cry out:

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

All those who await your appearance pray:

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

The whole creation pleads:

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

P. Hearken to the prayers of your servants, Lord Jesus. By the sign of the manger of Bethlehem give us hope in the promise of your return. Come quickly, Lord, and bring us to the joys of heaven. Hear your church as we gather our voices praying as you taught us to pray 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.

***PRAISE SONG**

For Unto Us a Child is Born~Open the Eyes of My Heart

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Sanctuary

YOUTH MOMENT

Heather Campbell, Children & Youth Leader

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24: 36-44

SERMON

"An Unexpected Hour", Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro

***HYMN #760**

While We are Waiting, Come

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES and GIFTS

***PRAISE SONG**

O Come, Emmanuel

***ADVENT DISMISSAL**

The Lord is coming soon.

Come, Lord, and do not tarry.

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.



*Thank you for visiting Carnegie Presbyterian Church!
If you are visiting us today and would like to learn more about our church, take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card and drop it off on your way out.*

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to our local community Food Bank throughout 2018. Our local Food Bank is so thankful when they receive our donations. Remember, it's just 1 time each month, 1 canned good or nonperishable item, which always occurs the last Sunday of the month. Whether a monetary donation or food item, we say...***Thanks for Giving!***

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering is taken during the season of Advent. This offering aids assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and helps to develop our future leaders at Presbyterian related racial ethnic schools and colleges. If you would like to give, please indicate on your envelope "Christmas Joy".

ANGEL TREE – MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all who gave gifts for Angel's and Santa's on our Angel Tree this year. A mother whose son has Asperger's was so appreciative as she knew that the toys would make him so happy. She just thanked us several times and gave us not one, not two but three hugs. So, we pass this on and hope you too feel the love and the appreciation.



*FOR
UNTO US
A CHILD IS BORN.
UNTO US
A SON IS GIVEN.*

**Join Us for
Christmas Eve Worship**

7:00 pm

Family Worship

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**9:00 pm**

Traditional Candlelight  
Worship