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Being a community of devoted believers, we are:
Gathered by the Holy Spirit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: In these darkening days,
ALL: we come seeking peace.
Leader: We seek serenity within ourselves.
ALL: We seek goodwill among our neighbors.
Leader: We seek not just the absence of conflict,
ALL: But the presence of shalom– the abiding peace
Leader: The unrelenting justice
ALL: that God calls us to in Christ.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Prince of Peace.
ALL: Let us worship with the Peace of Christ in our hearts.

OPENING HYMN † It Came Upon a Midnight Clear



It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song, which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!"

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE



CALL TO & PRAYER of CONFESSION (Bold Italic print – ALL read together)

In this moment we open the doors of our lives, asking to be filled with the compassion of Christ for all those who are struggling.

Let us breathe out the pain of this world... *[pause to breathe out]*

and breathe in the comforting peace of the Spirit of God... *[pause to breath in]*

Open our eyes to the Spirit of Christ in our midst

Make of our lives a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.

In this moment we open the doors of our hearts to be honest before God about what we've done or left undone which created less peace in a hurting world.

Let us breathe out this regret... *[pause to breathe out]*

and breathe in the life-giving, for-giving Spirit of God... *[pause to breath in]*

Open our eyes to the Spirit of Christ in our midst

Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.

In this moment we open the doors of this church to the call of the Spirit, inviting us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

Let us breathe out our fear... *[pause to breathe out]*

and breathe in the courage of the Spirit of God... *[pause to breath in]*

Open our eyes to the Spirit of Christ in our midst

Make this church a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.

PROCLAMATION of GRACE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Growing in faith

PRAYER of ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE † Malachi 1:2-4

Sermon † The Dream Still Burns

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COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAISE SONG

When Love Came Down at Christmas

sung by Heather Campbell

Close your eyes and share the dream
Let everyone on earth believe
The child was born, the star shone bright
And love came down at Christmas time
And love came down at Christmas time
Christmas Eve, 2 a.m.
Heavy snow is falling down
And the streets clothed in white
Echo songs that were sung by candlelight
We're alive, we can breathe
But do we really care for this world in need?
There's a choice we must make each and every day



So close your eyes and share the dream
Let everyone on earth believe
The child was born, the stars shone bright
And love came down at Christmas time
And love came down at Christmas time
So Merry Christmas everyone and peace throughout the year
The time has come to celebrate, so let your voices fill, the air
Everyone, watch and pray that the sun will shine on a brighter day
Join your hands, lift them high for this gift of life
When love came down, at Christmas time
When love came down, at Christmas time
So close your eyes and share the dream
Let everyone on earth believe
The child was born, the stars shone bright
And love came down at Christmas time
And love came down at Christmas time

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Going to share the good news of God's love.

OFFERING of OUR LIVES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

***CLOSING PRAISE SONG † Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me



***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***SENDING † Go Tell it on the Mountain**

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

Carnegie Presbyterian Church

is a caring and serving community of devoted believers in Jesus Christ called to inspire and nurture the spiritual health and physical well-being of our neighboring communities.

join us!

Christmas Dinner

Saturday

December 11, 2021

4:00 - 6:00pm

RSVP DUE TODAY

