

Love

*God so loved
the world
that he gave
his only Son . . .*

— JOHN 3:16

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**Please stand if you are able*

Today's Worship Assistant ~ Cara Gerster

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

Daniel, Mindy & Zoey Harrist

The Candle of Love

Advent God, we journey with you, to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King, ears attuned to the song of angels, eyes alert for Bethlehem's star. Forgive us if on our journey we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world. Keep our hearts aflame with the love of Christmas, and the promise of a Savior. Amen

***OPENING HYMN #240**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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.

***PRAISE SONG**

Your Love is Like a River

COOKIE

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:3-5, Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro

"Prepare the Way"

***HYMN** *(see insert)*

People, Look East!

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES and GIFTS

Performed by: Cathy Columbus

Breath of Heaven

***DOXOLOGY # 815**

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

***PRAISE SONG**

Make Way

***BLESSING**

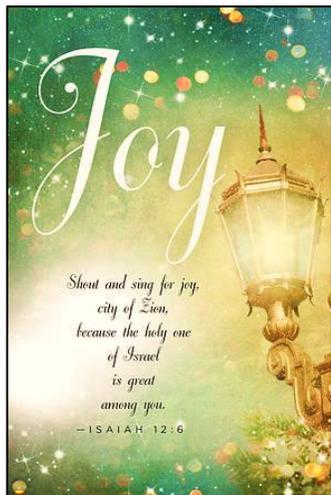


In Loving *Memory*

*The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of
Eugene Columbus, husband, father, and grandfather.*

Given with love by,

Cathy, Shawn, Laura, Geno, Elizabeth, Owen, Avery & Charity Columbus



*Many will
rejoice because
of His birth.*



*Join us
next week for
3rd Sunday of
Advent*

Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship



December 24th

7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Worship

9:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Worship



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

**** RSVP TODAY for the CHRISTMAS DINNER! ****

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

A Christmas season choir will be formed to sing in worship on Sunday, December 16th and the 9:00pm Christmas Eve Traditional Worship. Rehearsal will be held, **TODAY** after worship. *Please plan to attend as today is our last rehearsal.*

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Saturday, December 15

The dinner is next week. Please turn your RSVP in today so we can plan accordingly.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

We are asking if you are coming to the Christmas dinner to bring a non-perishable food item. As we come together for a meal, let us share and give back to the less fortunate especially at a time when the Food Bank donations drop.

This will replace the end of the month Food Bank collection.

ANGEL TREE

To all who took an Angel or Santa, we say thank you! We would also like to send out a special thank you to Jim Wood who took 9 children to give to his co-workers. Instead of buying for each other at his office they all bought for a child on our tree! If you forgot to bring in your gift today, please see Jane. The parent's teacher and kids thank you for making their Christmas a little brighter.

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. Please see the insert included today for more information. Mark on your envelope "Christmas Joy".

PLEASANT VALLEY SHELTER

Many thanks to everyone who has donated food or through a monetary donation, prepared the meals, or just went along with us to serve and fellowship throughout our visits in 2018. We know the men are so appreciative and love the visits and delicious food. We too are appreciative of your generosity, blessings to all of you.

It's not too late to buy Scrip cards for Christmas...they make great gifts for everyone on your list! Stop by after service today and pick up a few. Don't forget we have grocery store cards to get all your baking needs to make Santa's cookies!