

# balmoral presbyterian church

## service of worship

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Lessons & Carols

11:00am



*\*asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

**Chiming the Hour**

Bells of Balmoral

**Announcements**

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Prelude**

“Il Est Ne le Divin Enfant”  
Frank Carney, organist

arr. Dale Wood

**\*Processional Hymn 140**

“Once in Royal David’s City”  
Ellie Gurlen, soloist, verse 1

IRBY

(Choir will sing verses 2 through 3; then congregation stand and sing verse 4)

**\*Call to Worship**

Ted Pearson

One: Great God who set the earth’s foundations and dazzled the sky with planets and stars,

**All: we gather together on this Advent morn to worship and adore You!**

One: The God who comes to us, to dwell in us, draws near to us in worship and praise.

**All: Let us raise our voices with hymns and Alleluias! Let us sing to the Lord!**

**\*Hymn 669**

“Let’s Sing unto the Lord”  
Tom Schneider, guitar

CANTEMOS AL SENOR

(Choir will sing verse 1; then congregation will sing verse 2 and the refrain twice)

**Scripture Lesson and Advent Candle of Hope**

Ezekiel 40: 1 - 4 & 43: 1 - 4

Lynn Ward

**Musical Offering**

“People Look East”

arr. John Leavitt

**Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 7: 1-2, 10 - 14

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Musical Offering**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. Joseph Martin

(Choir sings verses 1 and 2; choir and congregation will sing the last verse as directed)

**O Come, Desire of nations, bind**

**All peoples in one heart and mind;**

**Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;**

**Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Scripture Lesson and Advent Candle of Peace**

Isaiah 9:2, 6 - 7

Kristen Gurlen

**Musical Offering**

“The People Who Walk in Darkness”

Pepper Choplin

**Scripture Lesson**

Micah 5: 2—4

Ted Pearson

**Musical Offering**

“To Bethlehem”

arr. Douglas Wagner

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 1: 26 - 38 Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Musical Offering** "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"  
Bells of Balmoral Basque Carol  
arr. Kathleen Wissinger

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 2: 1 - 7 Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Musical Offering** "African Alleluia" Benjamin Harlen

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 2: 8 - 16 Frank Carney

**\*Hymn 123** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" CAROL

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 2: 1 - 12 Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Musical Offering** "Rise Up, Children, Arise" Mary McDonald

**Offering** Ted Pearson

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

**Offertory** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Radner/Curry

**\*Hymn 710** "We Lift Our Voices" OFFERING

**\*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts** Usher

**Introduction of New Members** Clerk of Session Kristen Gurlen and Rev. Carla Meisterman  
Linda and Rev. Dr. William Warren

**Scripture Lesson** John 1: 1 - 5, 14 Fran Addicott

**Musical Offering** "Sing We Now of Christmas" arr. Fettke/Grassi

(congregation joins on O Come All Ye Faithful at the end)  
**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!**  
**O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!**  
**O come, Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**\*Charge & Blessing** Rev. Carla Meisterman

**\*Benediction Hymn** "Lord, Let Us Leave Now" Old English Tune

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,**  
**and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**  
**Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.**  
**We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.**  
**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,**  
**and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

**Postlude** "O Come All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES



# announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **MEMORIALS and TRIBUTES** in the names that are listed on the Worship Guide insert have been made to MIFA'S PLUS-1 Program. MIFA's PLUS-1 program helps people who struggle during the winter months to pay their utility bills and keep their lights on.
- Please take a **PRAYER CARD** home with you as a reminder to pray our Advent prayers each week. You will find the prayer cards on the table by the door of the sanctuary as you leave worship today. Hang the prayer card on your tree or where you will see it daily as a reminder to pray. Our Advent tree is decorated with the Advent prayer cards for each week of Advent.
- **A PERFECT GIFT THIS ADVENT SEASON: THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING.** During this Advent Season, we celebrate leadership—past, present and future—through support of the Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes for collecting the Joy Offering today are in your bulletin insert. You may place your Joy Offering in the offering plate.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE Monday, December 24**, will begin at 4:45pm with special music. The worship service will begin promptly at 5:00pm. Come early to get seats together with your whole family!
- The **CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR the HOLIDAYS** on Christmas Day and Wednesday, December 26, 2018 and New Year's Day, January 1, 2019.
- Carla Meisterman will be **ON VACATION** Thursday, December 27 through Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Rev. Anne Hagler will be on call during this time. You can reach Anne at [anneh6616@gmail.com](mailto:anneh6616@gmail.com) or calling or text to **901.628.2104**.
- **SMALL GROUPS** will NOT meet this week, and will resume on their normal dates after New Year's.
- There will be **NO SUNDAY STUDIES HOUR** next Sunday, December 30. Worship begins at 11:00am.
- **SUNDAY STUDIES for WINTER** begin 9:30am, Sunday, Jan. 6, and runs through March 30, 2019. Two classes will be offered:
  - Take This Bread by Sara Miles (Leaders: Janice Hill and Renee Mitchell)
  - John by N. T. Wright (Leaders: Clinton Bailey, Stanley Gates and Carla Meisterman)
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** meets Thursday, January 2, at 10:30am in the Office Conference Room.
- **BOOK CLUB** meets Tuesday, January 8, at 1:30pm in the Office Conference Room.
- **A PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT: *Tapestry*** will be held Fri. & Sat, Jan 25 & 26, 2019. In the narthex are registration forms which should be completed and turned in to Kristen Gurlen by Jan. 7, 2019. Balmoral registrations will be sent in together. There will be carpooling from the church for Saturday Events. For more information, contact Kristen Gurlen or Carla Meisterman.



**We welcome the musicians who shared their music to the glory of God with us today!**

Rachel Randall (flute), Tara West (oboe), Mark Woodring (trumpet), George Pokorski (French horn), Russ Clements (trombone), Neal Shaffer (violin), Bianca Balderama (violin), Britta Hall (viola), Phyllis Long (cello), Tom Schneider (guitar), Frank Carney (organ), Leiza Collins (piano), the Bells of Balmoral led by Lynn Ward, and of course our own awesome Balmoral Choir, led by John Gilmer.

**Thank you!**

**prayer concerns...**

**birthdays...**

**DECEMBER:** Carla Meisterman (27), Bill Odom (28), Mary Nell Easum (29), Stephanie Brigman (30), Janice Carney (30)

**JANUARY:** Lorie Blackwelder (1), Frank Carney (7), Mona Kernan (11), John Jones (12), Cecil Rousseau (13) Sandra Lamb (13), Do Kaiser (18), Kathrine Getske (19), Jerry Sparger (19), Janie Pearson (21) Dorothy Stockdale (21), Janice Hill (23), Glenda Ellis (29), Bob Kaiser (29)

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