

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



## Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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Mary's Golden Annunciation  
By Carmelle Beaugelin  
Inspired by Luke 1:26-38

**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**December 4, 2022 | 10:00 am**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**

JAZZ SUNDAY

ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON-VIBES, DAN BRETZ-DRUMS, TROY SENNET-  
BASS, RILEY NICHOLAS-GUITAR

SPECIAL MUSIC: TEDDY PRACHT

DIRECTED BY: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDTINGS

ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT: WILL EMMANUEL

## WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand. Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom

PRELUDE: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Teddy Pracht

WORDS OF WELCOME

+THRESHOLD MOMENT (LUKE 1:48B-50)

One: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy  
is His name. His mercy is for those who revere Him

**All: from generation to generation**

+HYMN # 133 (VV.1,3) OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADVENT CANDLE: *A CANDLE IS BURNING*

Words: Sandra Dean

Tune: Away in the Manger

**A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

One: Fear can be a good thing. It can help us be attentive while driving down the highway. It can alert us to possible accidents. It can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be harmful.

**All: For so many of us, fear of the other, fear of failure, or fear of the unknown has led us to make sinful choices in our lives—choices such as building walls or tearing others down. Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, “Do not be afraid.” Let us take a time of silent prayer:**

~Silence~

Pastor: Family of faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us. Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us. Even when we fall short or make mistakes, God forgives and holds onto us. We are known, forgiven, and loved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING OF PEACE WITH THE THOSE IN PERSON AND ONLINE

+RESPONSE: HYMN # 113 (V 4) ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**  
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## WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 1:26-38

ANTHEM: LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING Arr: Bill Carter

MESSAGE *"God Meets Us in Our Fear"* Rev. John Dillon

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING: IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR Trad English Melody

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE 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.**

COMMUNION: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING F. Mendelssohn-Barthold

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All:** We believe in a God who knows our fears. We believe in a God who says, “Be not afraid.” We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes and wades into the muck of our lives with us. We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels, and invites us to dance. We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky so that we can find our way home, and who sends us friends with open doors, so we can find our way to love. We believe in a God who finds us in our fear and does not leave us alone. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

## WE GO IN GRACE

+HYMN #88 (vv. 3 & 7) O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

+SENDING

One: As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation,

**All: we have been claimed and loved.**

One: From generation to generation,

**All: God has been by our side.**

One: From generation to generation,

**All: we are not alone.**

One: The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow

**All: knows me by name, loves me, and calls me forth,**

One: saying, “Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice and do not fear.”

**All: May it be so. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Arr Bill Carter

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...  
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phiant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e-ter-nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels; sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-

ye; O come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come, and be-hold him,  
 of a vir-gin, a mor-tal he comes; ver-y God, be-  
 all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo-ry given; Word of the Fa-ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an-gels!  
 got-ten, not cre-at-ed! O come, let us a-dore him; O come, let  
 glo-ry in the high-est!  
 now in flesh ap-pear-ing!

us a-dore him; O come, let us a-dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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| <p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come,<br/>             and open wide our heavenly home;<br/>             make safe the way that leads on high,<br/>             and close the path to misery.<br/>             Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>             shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> | <p>6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer<br/>             our spirits by thine advent here;<br/>             disperse the gloomy clouds of night,<br/>             and death's dark shadows put to flight.<br/>             Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>             shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |
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- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bind envy, strife, and discord cease;  
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

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| Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)        | Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)      | Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1) |
| Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) | Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)         |                         |
| Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) | Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7) |                         |

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite  
 MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988  
 Music Arr. © 1990 John Weaver

VENI EMMANUEL  
 LM with refrain

**Decorate Our Sanctuary on  
Christmas Eve with Your Flower Tribute.**

Flowers can be taken home after the last  
Christmas Eve Service.



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## ***Last Day to Order: December 7th***

### **Christmas Eve Poinsettias**

If you would like to order flowers for our Christmas Eve services, please make sure to get your order in by **December 7**. Please see attached order form or visit the Gathering Space.

### **Multigenerational Faith Formation Sundays in Advent following Worship**

Come together for Fellowship, Faith Formation, and Fun. Each Sunday you will get to Post A Note on our board, participate in our Christmas Card Challenge, and Share during our Advent Art time.

### **Mid -Week Advent Reflection**

Gather in the lounge on Wednesdays at 5:45PM for soup and an advent reflection time. You can find information by clicking the Advent icon on our website.

### **RCLPC's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk is**

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. Sign up to bake, set up, and volunteer day of in the Gathering Space downstairs.

### **RCLPC Joy Angel Tree**

YES, the RCLPC [Joy Angel Tree](#) LIVES and needs YOU to be an Angel! Our Mission Agencies always have many needs for their clients and YOU can add a SPARKLE to someone who needs it this Christmas. This year we will be doing our Giving Tree "Different but the Same" ☺ Check out our tree in the Gathering Space or click the icon on our website for information.

### **Fellowship Opportunities**

December 11-Cantata Brunch

December 18<sup>th</sup>-Jesus' Birthday Party



Visit our website to see all things Advent



**CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERING**  
OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



**Principles of Church Education  
Presbyterian Mission**

The Christmas Offering is one of the ways an individual offering. The church-wide Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) play an important role in offering what it means to live a connected church in the new century, bringing together the diversity of our PC (USA) as we move and make things, build and create new avenues. The Special Offerings are opportunities for participating, learning, reflecting and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a whole and we desire to have Christmas love for the whole church.

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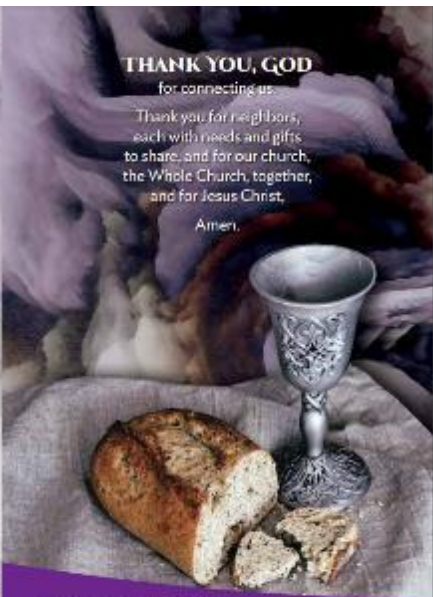
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**THANK YOU, GOD**  
for connecting us.

Thank you for neighbors, each with needs and gifts to share, and for our church, the Whole Church, together, and for Jesus Christ.

Amen.



**CHRISTMAS JOY  
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When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

**50%**

of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.



Retired since 2007, Rev. Ben Franklin White did suffer a stroke in January 2007. Facing financial hardships after a lifetime in ministry serving primarily rural congregations, Ben and his wife Helen, received help from the Presbytery of Wabash Valley and the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions in the form of an Emergency Assistance grant and a monthly Housing Supplement for Retirees serving Helen's health. Case. As he recovered, Ben — who had earlier served as a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools and Indianapolis Public Schools — is working toward regaining enough strength to start moving out of their home.

"How greatly we understand the uniqueness of the Presbyterian Church in its call to help people at Christ's command. And now, having so carefully laid out the importance of giving to the Christmas Joy Offering in the rural area congregations where Ben was pastor, we are so grateful to directly benefit from such financial assistance."

— Helen White



**50%**

of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Growing up in a low-income family in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Kyle Thompson was determined to follow in her grandmother's footsteps of receiving a college education, so she excelled, even with the prohibitive cost. Stillman College, a small, close-knit community right there in her own backyard became Thompson's whole world. Her teachers helped her secure financial support for her studies and sometimes, her rent. Thanks to its support, Kyle graduated with honors — and with a presidential fellowship to do historical research at Stillman waiting for her.

"The money you give goes directly to students and keeps them at college. Like me, many students often feel like they are hanging by a thread. Your donation fills in the thread and makes a rope — a lifeline of financial assistance."

— Kyle Thompson

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...  
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

