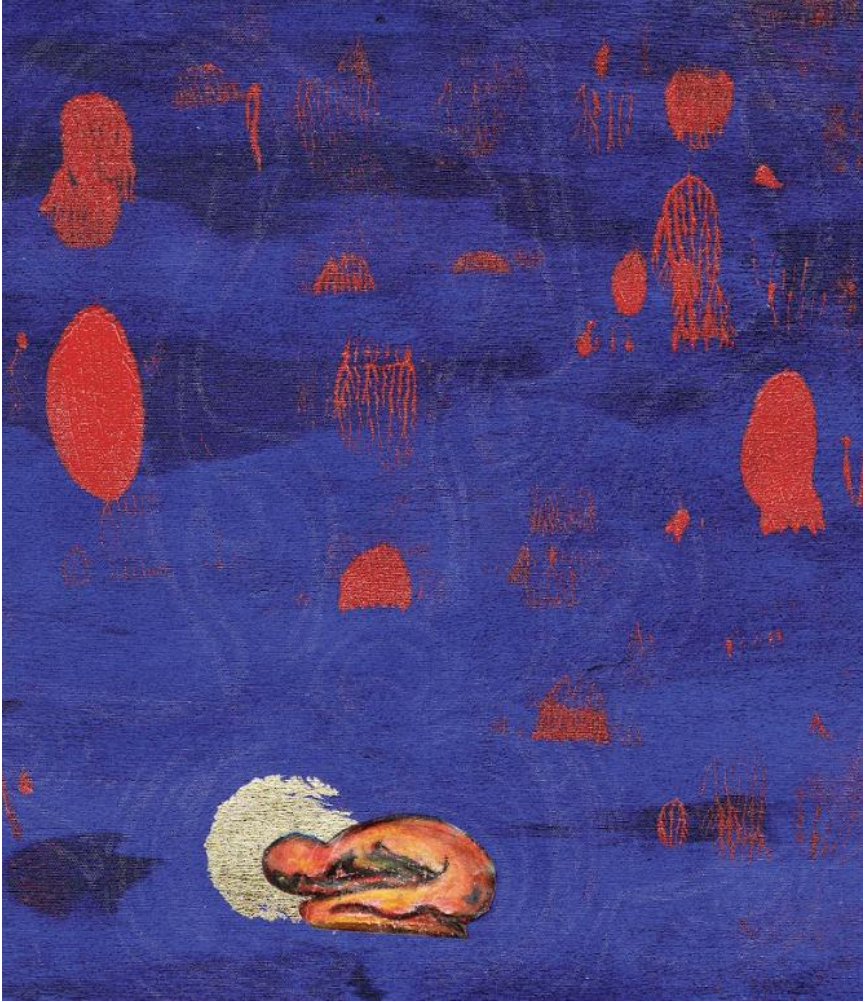




Depths by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell (from *A Sanctified Art*)

WORSHIP SERVICE
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025
614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511
www.carypresbyterian.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (v. 1)

No. 314

Call to Worship

Eliza Lowe, Ava McLaurin, Harper Walton

On Sundays and Mondays,

on good days and bad days,

early in the morning and very late at night,

here in this room, and out in the world,

God, we long for you to break in.

Meet us in this space.

Surprise us with your presence.

Fill this room with your good news.

With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!

***Candle Lighting: Hope**

Eliza Lowe, Ava McLaurin, Harper Walton

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 82

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we long to feel you close.

We long to feel your presence in our lives.

We long for you to break through the chaos
and suffering of this world.

However, if we're honest, we rarely stand still
long enough to feel you in our midst.

Forgive our rushing and distractions.

Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space.

Remind us that even in the time of Herod,

even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

No. 551

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) (D) B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) C (D/F#) F/A (F#m) Am (G) B^b (A) C (Bm) Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) F (D) F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Assurance of Pardon

* Response

Gloria, Gloria

No. 583

(Sing twice; first in English, then in Latin)

Capo 3: (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Eliza Lowe, Ava McLaurin, Harper Walton

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 3:55-57

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-13

Message

What Do You Fear?

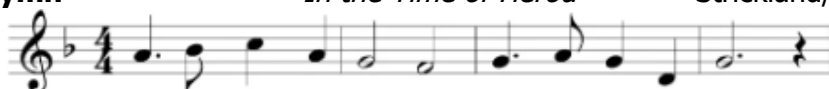
Paul Lang

In the time of Herod, we long for God to break in.

*Hymn

In the Time of Herod

Strickland/Holst



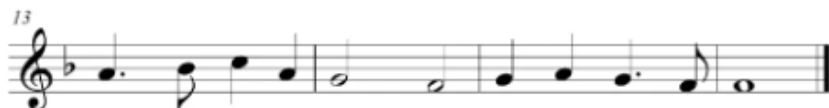
In the time of Her - od, fear had ta - ken hold
Thick as fog the fear grew, slow - ly creep - ing in
Pierc - ing through the stra - tus comes the an - gels' song
In the time of Her - od, fear has ta - ken hold



Hope was bur - ied deep and hid - den, rare as gold
Day by day the peo - ple bent and drew with - in
"Do not fear!" rings hol - low when we've feared so long
Still we share a long - ing for a glimpse of hope



Or - di - na - ry peo - ple dared not speak a - loud
With the clouds so hea - vy, who could see the stars?
Still in the re - cess - es of our wea - ry souls
Or - di - na - ry peo - ple shout the truth we trust:



Dreams of the Mes - si - ah break - ing through the clouds
Hope - less - ness had trapped them, strong as pris - on bars
Some - thing is a - wak - ened— could it be our hope?
God will stop at no - thing to be here with us

***Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

A Pageant in Four Parts

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Advent Canticle
Chancel Choir

Grier/Wagner

*Watchman, tell us of the night. What glad tidings do you bring?
Will it be a glorious sight? Will the church bells ring?
Will the angels sing?*

*Watchman, will the King appear, Son of God, for all to see?
Will it be a midnight clear? He comes for you and me to live and set us
free.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Lo he comes, Blessed One.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night.
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
What glad tidings do you bring?
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Will it be a midnight clear?
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Watchman, will the king appear? Son of God, for all to see?
Will it be a midnight clear? He comes for you and me to live and set us
free.*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

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| *Hymn | <i>Watchman, Tell Us of the Night (vv. 1,2)</i> | No. 97 |
| *Blessing and Charge | | |
| *Response | <i>Watchman, Tell Us of the Night (v. 3)</i>
<i>(See previous hymn)</i> | No. 97 |
| *Postlude | <i>Fantasy in A Minor</i> | Bach |
| *Sharing the Peace of Christ | | |
| <i>You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.</i> | | |

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Rev. Paul Burgess

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Lay Readers: Eliza Lowe, Ava McLaurin, Harper Walton

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Cathy Williams, David Bohm,
Rhonda Carlile, Audrey Sausman

Tech: Hunter Piermont

Slides: Beth Cleveland

This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Nov. 30	9:15 a.m.	Intergenerational Advent Art Experience (C. Ed. Wing)
	9:15 a.m.	Pastor's Class / The Screwtape Letters (FH Annex)
	9:15 a.m.	Feasting on the Word (Parlor)
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)
Monday Dec. 1	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:15 p.m.	GSA Troop 1951 (Youth Area)
	6:30 p.m.	BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtgs. (C. Ed. Bldg.)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting (Library)
Tuesday Dec. 2	10:00 a.m.	Triple F (100)
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting/Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area)
	7:00 p.m.	Cool Books Club (Zoom)
Wednesday Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday Dec. 4	10:00 a.m.	One Wake Land Acquisition Team (100)
	6:00 p.m.	CPC Mindfulness Course (Youth Rooms)
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Study/Discussion: What Do You Fear? (Zoom)
Friday Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateen (Youth Area)
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday Dec. 6		Liturgy Recording (Sanctuary)
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	11:30 a.m.	Neurodiversity Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner & Christmas Crafts (Riffle Home)

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What do you fear?