

Mary's Yes by Lisle Gwynn Garrity (from *A Sanctified Art*)

WORSHIP SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2025
614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511
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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Largo

Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (v. 4)

No. 314

Call to Worship

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Mary said, "How can this be?"

We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God's invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

Candle Lighting: Joy

The Archer Family

***Hymn**

Savior of the Nations, Come

No. 102

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Courageous God,
you invite us to live into our call.**

You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust.

**Instead of responding with a resounding "yes,"
we often hide our face.**

We dig our heels in.

We look for someone else to volunteer.

Spark courage in us.

Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference.

Remind us that even when we're scared, we are not alone.
 You invite us forward.
 With baby steps we hope,
 we pray,
 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) Fsus (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

Juli Nüesch

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-49

Message

What Do You Fear?

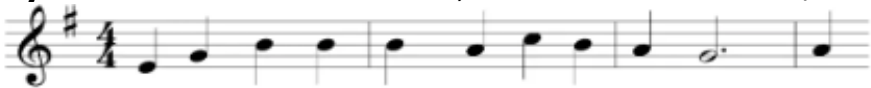
Paul Lang

Even in our fear, we are called forward.

*Hymn

O Come, Take Heart

Strickland/Helmore



O come, O come though tim - id and un - sure And
O come, O come though you feel un - pre - pared When
O come and join God's kin - dom work And



trust that God de - clares your worth Re - mem -
cour - age fails you, do it scared Don't let
be God's hands and feet on earth You're called



ber when you're feel - ing small That ev - ery child of
the fear of ma - king mis - takes Im - pede you from the
ex - act - ly as you are To love the world with



God is called
path you're called to take Take heart, take heart! The One
ev - ery bro - ken part



who calls to you Will give you strength and see you through

***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 God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**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

Come, Light of the World Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman
Youth Choir; Choir Director: Julie Henry

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel
Chancel Choir

Raney

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame,
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary."
Most highly favored Mary, Gloria!
"For know a blessed mother you shall be,
all generations praise continually,
Your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."
Most highly favored Mary, Gloria!*

*Most highly favored lady, hear how the angels sing.
You will bear the world a Savior,
Lord of lords and King of kings!
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's name."*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ,
was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
most highly favored Mary, Gloria!
Most highly favored lady, hear how the angels sing.
You will bear the world a Savior,
Lord of lords and King of kings! Glory to God in the highest!*

***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>No Wind at the Window (vv. 1-3)</i> | No. 101 |
| *Blessing and Charge | | |
| *Response | <i>No Wind at the Window (v. 4)</i>
<i>(See previous hymn)</i> | No. 101 |
| *Postlude | <i>Toccata in E Minor</i> | Pachelbel |
| *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. Alan Bancroft
Music Director: Ed Yasick
Choirs: Chancel Choir; Youth Choir
Youth Choir Director: Julie Henry
Candle Lighting: The Archer Family
Lay Reader: Juli Nüesch
Children’s Time: Jen Pierce
Ushers: LeNelle Patrick, Ellen Govert,
Russell Diggs, Katie Stuart
Tech: Ken Worsham
Slides: Jane Dunbar

This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Dec. 14	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)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group: Christmas Party
Monday Dec. 15	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)
	6:30 p.m.	Personnel Team (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtgs. (C. Ed. Bldg.)
Tuesday Dec. 16	12:00 p.m.	CPC Staff Holiday Lunch
	6:30 p.m.	Men's Caroling (meet in Narthex)
	7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area)
	7:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance (Zoom)
Wednesday Dec. 17	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Parlor)
	11:00 a.m.	CPP Staff Holiday Lunch (100)
	7:00 p.m.	Esperanza Board Meeting (100 & Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday Dec. 18	7:30 p.m.	Advent Study/Discussion: What Do You Fear? (Zoom)
Friday Dec. 19	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateen (Youth Area)
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday Dec. 20		
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	11:30 a.m.	Oak City Cares Meal

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**What do
you fear?**