



*Hope Like a Dancer* by Lauren Wright Pittman (from *A Sanctified Art*)

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 7, 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

*O Thou, of God the Father*

Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Introit

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (v. 2)*

No. 314

### Call to Worship

Family of faith, God is at work!

**God is healing and creating,**

redeeming and dreaming,

**calling and sending,**

listening and loving.

**Yes, indeed, God is at work!**

So may we worship our God who never gives up.

**May we worship our God who holds onto hope.**

**Amen.**

#### \*Candle Lighting: Peace

Beth, John, and Rachel Campbell

#### \*Hymn

*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

No. 94

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**On-the-move God,**

**we have every reason to hold onto hope.**

**We have every reason to believe that spring will come,**

**that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise.**

**And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers.**

**With anxious hearts we cry out to you,**

**“Will change ever come? Will things ever get better?**

**Will I ever make a difference?”**

Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where  
the sun is shining.  
Show us the places where you are on the move.  
With open hearts we pray, amen.

*Silent Confession*

**\*Kyrie**

*Lord Have Mercy*

No. 551

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) (D) B $\flat$  C F

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

(A) C (D/F $\sharp$ ) F/A (F $\sharp$ m) Am (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (Bm) Dm

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

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) (Bm) C 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

Audrey Sausman

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:19-21

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:1-11

### Message

#### ***What Do You Fear?***

Paul Burgess

*When we're running out of hope, God is at work.*

### \*Hymn

*Looking Out a Prison Window* Strickland/Gauntlett



Look - ing out a pri - son win - dow, who can  
All the things that keep us cap - tive shrink our  
To our sib - lings still im - pris - oned be - hind  
We are called to li - ber - a - tion, to be



see the flow - ers bloom? Hope dis - solves like dreams at  
op - ti - mis - tic faith We must prac - tice hope on  
bars of steel or fear Bring the mes - sage from our  
freed and to set free Break - ing chains of world - ly



day - break leav - ing us an emp - ty room Still be - yond what  
pur - pose e - ven when our spi - rits break 'Til at last our  
Sav - ior: hope is real and dawn - ing near Tell the gos - pel  
pow - ers who would claim our li - ber - ty Bo - dy, spi - rit,



we can see God is al - ways plant - ing seeds  
free - dom comes And we fin - ally see the sun  
all a - round New life springs up from the ground  
mind and heart Li - ber - ate each cap - tive part

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Time with Our Children**

Jen Pierce

*A Pageant in Four Parts*

**Responding**

**Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

*Prepare Ye the Way*  
Chancel Choir

Smith/arr. Barrett

*Prepare ye the way, the way of the Lord.  
Make straight in the desert a highway for God.*

*Church of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious king.  
You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness, complete.  
Shout to the north and the south. Sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.*





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## **Today's Worship Service Participants**

**Ministers:** Rev. Paul Burgess, Rev. Alan Bancroft

**Music Director:** Ed Yasick

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Candle Lighting:** Beth, John, and Rachel Campbell

**Lay Reader:** Audrey Sausman

**Children's Time:** Jen Pierce

**Ushers:** Russell Diggs, Jane Dunbar,  
Susan Bowdish, Kevin Steidinger

**Tech:** John Campbell

**Slides:** Jane Dunbar

# **This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church**

Website and Online Member Directory: [www.carypresbyterian.org](http://www.carypresbyterian.org)

<b>Sunday</b> Dec. 7	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)
	11:30 a.m.	Neurodiversity Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner & Christmas Crafts (Riffle Home)
<b>Monday</b> Dec. 8	11:00 a.m.	Abigail Circle (100)
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:15 p.m.	GSA Troop 362 (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.	Preschool Ministry Board (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b> Dec. 9	7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Fellowship (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b> Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday</b> Dec. 11	12:00 p.m.	Triple F Christmas Buffet (Prestonwood CC)
	6:00 p.m.	Carying Place Holiday Dinner (FH, various rooms)
	6:00 p.m.	CPC Mindfulness Course (Youth Rooms)
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Study/Discussion: What Do You Fear? (Zoom)
<b>Friday</b> Dec. 12	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateen (Youth Area)
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
<b>Saturday</b> Dec. 13		
<b>Sunday</b> Dec. 14	9:15 a.m.	Intergenerational Advent Art Experience (C. Ed. Wing)
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	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group: Christmas Party/Progressive Dinner

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What do  
you fear?