

**December 11, 2022**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**  
*11 am Worship*



# Christmas Cantata



**DUNDEE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Sunday, December 11, 2022 · Third Sunday of Advent

***We're grateful for your presence today!*** *We believe our purpose is to love God and share Jesus Christ. We strive to be a congregation in which all feel welcomed and find opportunities to engage and grow. Wherever you are in your journey with God, we want you to know you are welcome here.*

*We are pleased to offer nursery care for children 0-3 years old at every service.*

## **Meditation**

An old Christian joke says that you should never ask God for patience, because He might actually give it to you. That means that God will make you wait, perhaps for a long time, for the one thing that you want the most. We don't want to be guilty of asking for something like that! Yet, in the waiting, we will develop character, and our faith will deepen and become stronger. The idea of patience asks the question of what it is that we really want God to do in our lives.

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## PREPARATION FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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**Prelude** *Come, Thou, Savior of the Nations* (Buxtehude)

Dr. Wayne Kallstrom

## **Announcements**

**Introit** *Shepherd's Evening Prayer* Sarah Leonard - soloist, Engstrom Family and Choir

**Advent Candle Lighting** **The Candle of Joy**

Liz Schaben

Alexandra Karnes, Child of Kris and the late Dave Karnes

**Response** *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Choir

## **Call to Worship**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.

**The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind. Jesus reigns forever.**

God has shown strength with His arm. He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has lifted up the lowly and has filled the hungry with good things.

**God keeps His promises. God makes a way in the wilderness and brings life to dry and desolate places. We are witnesses of the power of God.**

The Mighty One has done great things, and Holy is His name. His mercy is for those who fear Him, from generation to generation.

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and rejoices in God, my Savior, for He has looked with favor upon me. God has certainly blessed my life.**

## **Invocation**

**Movement I:** *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

## Call to Confession

Rev. J.D. Georlett

### Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, as we wait once again for Christmas Day to arrive, we are reminded that we have not been patient in our relationship with You. The birth of Jesus testifies to the fact that You always keep Your promises, but when we wait for You to act, we are quick to assume that You will not be faithful to Your Word. The birth of Jesus declares that You know exactly what we need, and that You are perfect in Your timing, but we allow ourselves to feel as if You do not know who we are. The birth of Jesus is already the most glorious thing that You could do for us, but we are impatient for something more, while we miss our opportunity to fully celebrate the beauty of Your mercy, grace, and love. Please forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

**\*Gloria Patri** Hymn 805

#### **\*Passing of the Peace of Our Lord**

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

#### Moment with Children

*Children age 3 - second grade are invited to join Kids' Own Worship*

Rev. J.D. Georlett

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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**Anthem / Movement II: *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear***

Choir

**Movement III: *Whilst Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night***

Jonathan Mueller and Sarah Leonard - soloists, Engstrom Family and Choir

### The Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS TO GOD

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### The Calling to Christian Offering

**Offertory/ Movement IV: *My Soul Magnifies the Lord***

Choir

**Movement V: *Slumber, My Darling***

**\*Doxology** Hymn 808

### **\*Prayer and Dedication of the Offering**

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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**Old Testament Scripture** Isaiah 35:1-10

**New Testament Scripture** Luke 1:46-55

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**Today's Sermon:**

**"Mary's Song"**

Rev. J.D. Georlett

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CELEBRATING THE LIVING WORD

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**Movement VI:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Choir

**\*Closing Hymn / Movement VIII:**  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Choir and  
Congregation

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *Shepherd's Dismissal*

Sarah Leonard - soloist,  
Engstrom Family, Choir and Congregation

**\*Postlude** *Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God* (Walther)

Dr. Wayne Kallstrom

**Christmas  
Eve  
Worship**

**Christmas Eve Service  
at 4 pm**

**Lessons & Carols Service  
at 9 pm**

In-person and live streamed.

**Please  
Note...**

**Christmas Day  
Worship  
is a single  
worship service  
at 10 am**

In-person and  
live streamed.