

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, January 2, 2021

(10:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service)

(We welcome you. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, wherever you are in your faith journey, whomever you love, whatever your ethnicity or first language, whatever your past, regardless of your abilities and whether you are rich or poor or in between...you are welcome here.)

Musical Prelude—Jay Surdell

Our shared life together, aka, announcements

Here are some things our church is doing this week which just might provide us with even more opportunities to let Christmas have its full effect upon our lives and our life together in this world.

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Colossians 3:14-17—God has given us so much, opened up so much possibility for our lives and world through the birth and life of Jesus. Hearty songs of praise are fitting. Let us worship God.

Opening Song—“*Angels from the Realms of Glory*” *Chalice Hymnal #149*
(Verses #1, 2, & 4)

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.
4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
here among us shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Words: James Montgomery; Music: Henry T. Smart.
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Opening Prayer—Unison—Katie Wilmot

God of all wisdom,
our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love,
and our minds search for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior,
and strengthen us to grow in love,
that at the dawn of his coming
we may rejoice in his presence
and welcome the light of his truth
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response—“What Child is This?” Chalice Hymnal #162
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come rich and poor, to own him,
the Kings of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. *(to Refrain)*

Words: William C. Dix; Music: English melody.

A Story for Children of All Ages—Larry Love

Scripture Text: John 1:1-18—Katie Wilmot

Sermon Text: Psalm 147:1-11—Larry Love

Reader: *The message of God for the people of God.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Message—“Christmas Carols Galore”—Pastor Larry Love

- “Angels We Have Heard on High” Chalice Hymnal #155
(Verses #1 & 3)
1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,

and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ, who comes in lowly birth.
Come adore on bended knee
Jesus, joy of heav'n and earth. **[Refrain]**

Words: Traditional French Carol; Music: Traditional French Carol. Public Domain.

- “*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*” *Chalice Hymnal #153*
(Verses 1, 3, &4)

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.
3. And you beneath life’s crushing load
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way,
with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears; Music: Richard S. Willis

- “*Silent Night*” *Chalice Hymnal #145*
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright

round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Stille Nacht; Joseph Mohr, tr. John F. Young.

Music: Franz Gruber

- **Congregation Requests**

Song of Commitment—“*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” *Chalice Hymnal # 148*

(Verses 1 & 3)

3. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
3. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Words: John F. Wade, tr. by Frederick Oakeley;

Music: John F. Wade.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 the evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever, and ever.
Amen. Amen.

Responsive Song—“*Away in the Manger*” *Chalice Hymnal* #147

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Words: Anonymous (19th Century);

Music: Attr. James R. Murray

Call to Stewardship...and Doxology—Katie Wilmot

Communion Call and Prayer—Gloria Dewey

Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer—Larry Love

Closing Song—“*Go Tell It on the Mountain*” *Chalice Hymnal* #167
(*Verses #1 & 3*)

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.
3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Words: American Negro Spirituals, adapt. John W. Work, Jr.;

Music: American Negro Spirituals.

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Benediction and Postlude

Announcements:

- Today—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link.
- Today—Zoom worship, 9 a.m.
- Today—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday—Fellowship in Parker Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Pastor Larry back in the office after vacation.
- Tuesday—Greg Hayakawa out of the office for cataract surgery
- Tuesday—Bible Study via Zoom, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—WEMM council here at the Christian Church of Woodland, 12 noon
- Wednesday—No book study until January 12th at which time we will begin **Nadia Bolz-Weber's book Accidental Saints**. If you would like to join us as we begin a new book, please contact Pastor Larry.
- Thursday—Social Worker lunch, 12Noon
- Thursday—Choir practice, 6:15 p.m.
- Thursday—CWF Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** is struggling with light sensitivity in her eyes and cannot drive and is in need of persons to drive her to doctor's appointments or to pick up groceries. If you can help, please call Pastor Larry or Leigh directly.
- Once we get our technology updated and begin livestreaming our worship again, we need some persons who are willing to learn the technology and run it on Sunday mornings. Ultimately, we hope hire someone to do this, but we also need several persons who are familiar with the process who can step in now...and fill in when the paid person needs to be away. If you are willing to help out with this important part of our ministry, please contact Pastor Larry, 530-662-9356.
- Larry's hours in the church office are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday.
- Pastor Larry's days off are Friday and Saturday.

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Prayer Requests:

Prayers of concern for:

- All of the people who lost loved ones, homes, places of worship, and businesses in the recent tornadoes in Kentucky and Illinois. The Disciples of Christ church in Mayfield, Kentucky was destroyed by the tornadoes.
- **Judy Mehren's friend, Chrissy** whose **husband, Drew**, died recently.
- Our former regional minister, **Chuck Blaisdell**, who has a recurrence of cancer and is on palliative chemotherapy. Prayers, too, **for his wife, Barbara**, and all of his family.
- Peace on the Russian/Ukraine border...and between China and Taiwan.
- **Becky Holland's nephew, Trevor**, who is serving at the U. S. embassy in Kiev, Ukraine during this time of high tension between Ukraine and Russia.
- Healthcare workers who continue to be under tremendous stress as a result of the COVID pandemic.
- **Everet Frank** who is having some health problems.
- **Ryan Wysong, son of Dan and Heather Wysong** suffering from an undiagnosed illness. Dan is the pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ.
- **Liz Shull** who has begun radiation for a brain tumor. Liz has also lost most of her eyesight. Prayers, too, for her family including **Kris, Megan, Maddie, Clara, and Lydia Shull**.
- New friends of **Barb Patterson, Kathy and Dick**, as Dick deals with Parkinson's Disease.
- The **Shull, Holmes, Zeiger, and Tuman** families who have also lost loved ones recently...and celebrating this Christmas without dear loved ones. Also the friends and loved ones of **Barb Tucker** who passed away recently. **Bonny Carr (a friend of Lori Williams)** recently lost her husband in a tractor accident.
- **Alberta Bradley** dealing with some health concerns as well as concerns for **her husband, Phil**, whose Alzheimer's disease is progressing.
- **Laura Daggett's mother, Pauline**, who is dealing with Lupus. Also **Laura's stepfather, Roger**, concerned about an abnormal blood test result, **Laura's aunt, Sherry**, still recovering from a broken arm, and **brother, Paul**, suffering with mental illness.
- **Terry Shultz, a friend of Bill Powell**, who is on hospice. Prayers too for his **wife, Kimberly**.
- **Jim Craig, Heather Craig's uncle** on hospice following a bout with COVID.
- **Kevin Dooley, friend of Beth Erickson**, is dealing with a debilitating illness.
- **Beth Erickson** recovering from a fractured knee and arm.
- **Pam, a friend of Sue Tarleton**. Pam is dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
- **Nancy Love's parents** as her **mother, Gloria Martin**, is on hospice...and her **father, Ellis Martin**, is dealing with heart valve problems.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** diagnosed with and eye disorder called solar retinopathy.
- **Marjie Echols' friend, Christine**, dealing with mental health issues.
- **Alice Manus** suffering with Guillain-Barre syndrome.
- **Charles Tarleton, Sarah Tarleton's father** who is now on hospice.
- Afghan refugees as they settle into new life here in the U.S. and other host countries.

- All the people of Afghanistan (especially women) as they come again under Taliban rule.
- **Ivana Cruz** (*Ana Mangandi's daughter in El Salvador*) has cancer.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.

Ongoing prayers for:

Joyce Henning, Leigh Dieckmann, Laura Daggett, Alberta Bradley, Ted Pitts and daughter (*Margaret*), Willie Paulucci, Katharine (*Patty Overfield's mother*), Ricardo Rico, Lisa Austin (*friend of Megan Shull*), 3 Flo Tinsley, Debbie Staeden (*Brenda Small's sister*)

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