

Welcome to Derry Presbyterian Church

We proclaim God's Word, share God's love, and practice God's justice.



CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

December 5, 2021

8 & 10:30 am

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Worship Information

Please silence cell phones as you prepare for worship.

Bold print indicates congregational reading or response.

An asterisk * indicates when to stand if able.

Offerings may be placed in the wooden boxes at each of the entrances.

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Service for the Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Grant Wareham

Johannes Brahms

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Gloria
Sanctuary Choir

Antonio Vivaldi

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this Advent season we await the coming of Christ.

We need the peace your light brings. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come and bring us the peace we long for and need.

We wait for the light of Christ to come.

Come, Light of the World, illuminate our path with peace.

We worship in faith that Christ will bring hope and peace into our homes and lives.

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 4, 5, and 7)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Liturgy to Light the Candles (two candles are lit)

Suzie and David Gloeckler (8:00 am)

The Giampetro Family (10:30 am)

Let us pray together,

Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord. We confess that we do not receive your peace in our lives, and we do not work for peace in our world. Forgive us Lord. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from your justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

One Candle Is Lit (verse 2)

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare for a gift that compels us with justice to care.

Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease. One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:1-25

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

*Children age 4 - kindergarten are welcome to join Mrs. Steelman in the Chapel for KIWI.
Children in grades 1 & 2 are welcome to join Pastor Pam in the John Elder classroom for
RECONNECT "graduation." Please pick up your children from assigned spaces following worship.*

SERMON

"Christmas at Matthew's House"

ANTHEM (10:30 am)

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day
Sanctuary Choir

John Gardner

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

*In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

*Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

*HYMN 150 (8:00 am)

As with Gladness Men of Old

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS GIVEN AND RECEIVED

*SONG OF RESPONSE 144

In the Bleak Midwinter (verse 4)

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 145

What Child Is This

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'
Grant Wareham

Andrew Carter

Music Notes from Grant Wareham

The prelude comes from a set of 11 chorale preludes that Brahms published as a set. Although Brahms was one of the most prolific composers of his era, his works for solo organ were only a recital's worth in length.

The Sanctuary Choir sings the opening movement of Vivaldi's famous *Gloria* and John Gardner's *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* as a preview of our Christmas Concert, "A Weary World Rejoices," on Sunday, December 12 at 2 and 5 pm. We have a beautiful concert planned, and I hope you will join us for the celebration.

Andrew Carter, the composer of the postlude, was born in England in 1939, was trained as a singer and sang with the York Minster for several years before switching his focus to composition. Known primarily for his choral works, his accolades include multiple performances of his works on the Nine Lessons and Carols broadcasts from King's College Cambridge, and a commission to write a mass setting for the 300th anniversary of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. His rousing Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel* is one of only three organ works he has published.

UPCOMING

TODAY: Mission Drive-Thru

1-2 pm in the parking lot

Evening Taizé Worship with Communion

Tuesday, December 7 with Rev. Tom Folts

Christmas Concert: *A Weary World Rejoices*

2 & 5 pm Sunday, December 12 in the Sanctuary

Live streaming at 5 pm

Poinsettia Orders Due Dec 12

It's time to order poinsettia plants that will brighten the church during the Advent season. After Christmas, you're invited to take your poinsettias home to enjoy for weeks to come.

A single plant is \$13; baskets are \$32. Forms available at the insert rack in the Narthex.

Longest Night Worship

7 pm Tuesday, December 21 in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Worship Services

2:30, 5:00, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 26

10:30 am Worship in person and live streaming

8:00 am Worship & church school classes resume on January 2, 2022