

# CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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. "Please be sure to turn off your cell phones or silence them during the service. Thank you."

### The Announcements and Words of Welcome

**The Prelude:** Offertory on the Wexford Carol  
By John S. Dixon

**\*The Call To Worship** -- Advent Reading  
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck and Carol Bretz

### \*The Invocation

**\*The Gloria Patri** #813

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning. It is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. CCLI 176590

**\*The Hymns:** Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus #244  
It Came upon the Midnight Clear #251

### The Morning Prayer

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**\*The Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

### \*The Offertory Prayer

**The Adult Choir:** Redeeming Love  
By William J. Gaither

**The Scripture Lesson:** Luke 2:11-12

**The Message:** WORDS OF CHRISTMAS:  
LOVE IN A MANGER

**The Closing Hymn:** Away in a Manger #262

### \*The Benediction

### \*The Postlude

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**The altar flowers today :** Unto Us a Child is Born! Merry Christmas, Mike and Jody Minnich.

**Visitors:** Welcome to Carlisle First Church of God. We are glad you visited with us and would love for you to be a part of our church family. Before you leave our church today, please stop by the "Visitors' Center" in the lobby. We would like to give you a mug and a pen to take home. Also we have information and maps about our church. The staff at the Visitors' Center can answer your questions. Thank you.

**Cookie donations** are needed for refreshments after the Cantata on Sunday, December 12. If you are interested in donating cookies, a sign up sheet is available on the Sisters of the Heart Bulletin Board in the hallway. All cookies should be delivered to the Gymnasium no later than the start of the Cantata at 6:30 PM on December 12.

**The Organ Concert** is today at 3:00 PM. Come out and hear music of the season presented by Mr. Michael Minnich.

**Newly elected council members** are invited to attend the council meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM.

**This year the offering(s) from both the organ concert and the Cantata** will be donated to organizations who work to remove people from situations in countries where they are enslaved or persecuted for their beliefs. Those organizations are The Nazarene Fund and Gospel Passion Ministries. The Nazarene Fund was established to liberate the captive, to free the enslaved, to rescue and rebuild and restore the lives of Christians and other persecuted religious and ethnic minorities wherever and whenever they are in need. The Gospel Passion Ministries was started in order to reach broken people with the love of Jesus. The main focus is currently to come alongside victims of exploitation in Ethiopia and help with escaping the situation they are in. They will be given the opportunity to receive educational training as well as learning first hand about the love God has for them! Thank you in advance for supporting this effort.

**Please check your mailboxes today** as the winter newsletter is available. IF you don't have a mailbox and would like one, please see the church secretary, Mary Jane Wickard.

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE—11:15 AM

### The Announcements and Words of Welcome

Call To Worship Advent Reading

Opening Prayer

\* We Sing Praise to the Lord”

The Morning Prayer

The Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:11-12

The Message: : WORDS OF CHRISTMAS:  
LOVE IN A MANGER

The Closing Song

- Closing Prayer

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Scripture Today: Luke 2:11-12



11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."



If you would like to sponsor a Christmas Poinsettia, please pick up a form in the lobby, fill it out and return it with your check made payable to Carlisle First Church of God. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 19 and may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service. If you are unable to attend the Christmas Eve service, you may take the poinsettia home following the worship service on December 19. Returned papers can be placed in the bag in the lobby. The cost of the 5" branched bloom is \$6.00.

If anyone would like to sponsor a luminary for a life to be remembered or a life to be honored, you can write a check payable in any amount to Carlisle First Church of God. Checks may be placed in the offering- please note "Luminary \$" on the envelope. All monies received will be given to the American Cancer Society. If your donation is in memory or honor of someone, please include a note with your check. A list of the loved ones and their sponsors will appear in the bulletin that evening. Deadline to get the information into the Christmas Eve bulletin will be December 20th.

### BRIDGE OF HOPE:

Mark your calendar for March 19, 2022 for the Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area Blossom Ball! A single mother and graduate will share her story of hope and transformation as our featured speaker. The event will offer a chance auction, photo booth, plated meal, and dancing will be an option at the end of the evening. We invite you to join us as we support single mothers and their children experiencing homelessness! Covid-19 health protections will be in place. Event will be held virtually in the event of a Covid-19 shutdown. The Ball will be held at the West Shore Country Club, 100 Brentwater Road, Camp Hill and will begin at 5:00 PM.

**Reminder:** Just a reminder to everyone and even for the parking lot service attendees: if you are not feeling well, or you are experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms, or even cold like symptoms, PLEASE STAY HOME and we will see you again when you are feeling better and no longer displaying any symptoms. Stay home even if you think it is something other than the coronavirus. Thank you for thinking of the safety and health of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Those Serving Us Today:

**Nursery Attendant:** Mrs. Nancy Roof  
**Junior Church:** Natinha Poe, Cindy Stevens, Linda Brenize  
**Head Usher:** Mr. Jim Heinbaugh  
**Ushers:** Mr. Shane Britcher and Mr. Shane McConnell  
**Organist/Music Director:** Mr. Michael Minnich  
**Pianist:** Mrs. Elaine Shughart  
**Visitor Center:** Mr. Bill Hench

## Those Serving Us December 12, 2021

**Nursery Attendant:** Mrs. Charlotte Horner  
**Junior Church:** Nicole Smith, Ron Stevens, Elaine Shughart  
**Head Usher:** Mr. Jim Heinbaugh  
**Ushers:** Mr. Larry Bigham and Mr. Alan McConnell  
**Organist/Music Director:** Mr. Michael Minnich  
**Pianist:** Mrs. Elaine Shughart  
**Visitor Center:** Mrs. Linda Brenize and Mrs. Karen McConnell

**Attendance: Nov 28** Sanctuary 127, Jr. Church  
Nursery 2, Second Service 32  
Sunday School 70, Awana Kids 17  
Awana Adults 11, Youth 6  
Adult Bible Study 35

**PARKING LOT GOAL:** \$156,303.50  
**FUND TO DATE:** \$117,480.50

To provide information for next Sunday's bulletin, please contact Mary Jane Wickard by **Wednesday evening** at marwic@comcast.net or by calling her at 717-243-8695.



## Today – Second Sunday in Advent

Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM  
Drive In Parking Lot Service 9:00 AM  
Junior Church 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:15 AM  
Contemporary Worship Service 11:15 AM  
**3:00 PM Organ Concert of Christmas Music**

## Looking Ahead:

**December 6—** 7:00 PM Council Meeting

**December 8 -** JOT Christmas Luncheon  
Awana Choir 6:00 PM  
Awana Clubs 6:30 PM  
6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice  
**No Adult Bible Study**

**December 9—**Ladies Doubling Gap Christmas Dinner

**December 11—**Adult Choir Practice

**December 12- Third Sunday in Advent**  
Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM  
Drive In Parking Lot Service 9:00 AM  
Junior Church 9:00 AM  
Sunday School 10:15 AM  
Contemporary Worship Service 11:15 AM

**December 12—** 6:30 PM Christmas Cantata

**December 15—**Family Night Programming  
Awana Choir 6:00 PM  
Awana Program 6:30 PM  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 PM

**December 19—** Fourth Sunday in Advent

**December 22—**Family Night Programming

**December 24—**7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

**December 25—**Christmas Day

**December 26—** Morning Worship Services

**December 29—**Family Night Programming