

# CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

705 Glendale Street  
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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:** Sheep May Safely Graze  
Arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz

**\*The Call To Worship** -- Advent Reading  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis and Grace Smith

### \*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:** God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (bulletin insert)  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #271

### 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 Special Music:** "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Grobin  
Mrs. Linda Brenize

**The Scripture Lesson:** Romans 5:1-5

**The Message:** WORDS OF CHRISTMAS:  
JOY TO THE WORLD

**The Closing Hymn:** How Great Our Joy! #269

### \*The Benediction

### \*The Postlude

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**The altar flowers today** are presented in honor of the Adult Choir, Elaine Shughart, pianist and Brenda Mallery, reader for the Cantata tonight.

**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.



**The Christmas Cantata will be held today at 6:30 PM** followed by a time of fellowship in the gym. Cookies and punch will be served. Following the time of fellowship, anyone who would like can join Pastor Greg in going to Boiling Springs to do Christmas Caroling at the home of a woman who is very sick.

**Mission Moment:** Pray for Everett and Mary Teller as they reach their fellow Navajo in the Tsaile Church community. Seek the Lord's direction as they navigate challenges.

**Altar Flowers:** Beginning next Sunday, a flower chart will be available if you would like to sign up for flowers in 2022. If we do not have anyone sign up on any given Sunday, we will use silk flowers in place of the delivered ones. Cost will be \$40.00 for two vases. This cost is for Carnations and Baby Breath only. If you choose to have other flowers added, there will be an additional cost. If you have any questions, please see Mary Jane Wickard.

**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  
The Britcher Family

### Opening Prayer

\* We Sing Praise to the Lord”

### The Morning Prayer

**The Scripture Lesson:** Romans 5:1-5

**The Message:** : WORDS OF CHRISTMAS:  
JOY TO THE WORLD

### The Closing Song

- Closing Prayer

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Scripture Today: Romans 5:1-5



1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

**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. **Today is the last day to order.**

**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. 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

## Those Serving Us December 19, 2021

**Nursery Attendant:** Mrs. Melissa Brandt  
**Junior Church:** Cindy Stevens, Rick Greenwalt, Linda Brenize  
**Head Usher:** Mr. Jim Heinbaugh  
**Ushers:** Mr. Larry Carmody and Mr. Rick Thomas  
**Organist/Music Director:** Mr. Michael Minnich  
**Pianist:** Mrs. Elaine Shughart  
**Visitor Center:** Jim and Trudy Strine

**Attendance: Dec 5** Sanctuary 127, Jr. Church  
Nursery 2, Second Service 32  
Sunday School 56, Awana Kids 16  
Awana Adults 9, Youth 4  
Organ Concert 39

**PARKING LOT GOAL:** \$ 156,303.50  
**FUND TO DATE:** \$ 118,205.50

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 – 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  
**6:30 PM Christmas Cantata**

## Looking Ahead:

**December 14:** 6:00 PM Edge/Youth Group

**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**  
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 21:** 6:00 PM Edge/Youth Group

**December 22—**Family Night Programming

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

**December 25—**Christmas Day

**December 26—** Morning Worship Services

**December 28:** 6:00 PM Edge/Youth Group

**December 29—**Family Night Programming

**January 2 -** Morning Worship Services with Communion

**January 3 -** 7:00 PM Council Meeting

**January 4 -** 6:00 PM Edge/Youth Group

**January 5 -** Family Night Programming

*Come join us*

## WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY NOTICE:

If it is necessary to cancel a Sunday morning service, we will make that decision by 8:15 a.m. and attempt to have it announced over TV Station ABC-27. Since there are several Churches of God in Carlisle, our church will be distinguished by the use of the word or symbol *FIRST* (1st), i.e. Carlisle *First* Church of God or *First* Church of God, Carlisle. We will also post it on our Web site at [www.carlislecog.org](http://www.carlislecog.org). **When in doubt, call a member of the Council** before attempting to drive to church in snowy or icy conditions.

We tend to cancel **Wednesday evening** services *more frequently* because snow-covered roads and slippery highways are much more treacherous to drive on at night. **If the Carlisle School District cancels classes on a Wednesday or dismisses early on a Wednesday because of weather conditions, all Family Night Services will be automatically cancelled.** Otherwise, the decision to cancel Family Night services will be made no later than 4:45 p.m. We will post cancellations on the Web site and on the aforementioned TV station. If you have any questions, call either the Pastor, the Music Director, the EDGE Leaders, or the AWANA Leaders.

Regardless of our decision, please use your best judgment concerning your safety when weather conditions are deteriorating. *If you have reservations about driving, it may be advisable to stay home that morning or that night.*

**Correction on recipe in newsletter for shoe fly pie—the amount of Baking soda was not listed on the recipe when adding it to the boiling water. The amount should be 1/2 teaspoon.**

**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. Checks should be made out to Carlisle First Church of God.

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## God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*  
Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;  
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

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