



FROM  
GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...  
*There's room for every story*



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

### **THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERY STORY**

*God of all generations,  
though signs and seasons change,  
your promise is faithful  
and your word will never pass away.  
Give us courage and strength  
as we watch and wait  
for Jesus Christ, our redeemer,  
who is coming in glory to reign. Amen*

GATHERING

Creator of the Stars of Night  
Of the Father's Love Begotten

Michael Larkin

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Quiet Heart

Thomas Keesecker

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

\*SONG OF PRAISE Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn Hymnal, No. 107

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Vince Leseney

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**There's room for every story. Amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria (refrain only)

Hymnal, No. 113

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 550  
Isaiah 2:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM The Promise of Advent

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 783  
Matthew 1:1-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Walking in the Light Melissa Gill

\*SONG OF FAITH Through the Ages Bulletin P. 6

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God  
who promised to Abraham,  
who wrestled with Jacob,  
who walked with Ruth,  
who spoke with Moses,  
who grieved with Bathsheba,  
who danced with David,  
who dreamed with Joseph,  
and who hoped like Mary.  
We believe in a God who has been  
loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us  
from generation to generation.  
And we believe that same God  
is here with us now,  
saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here."  
Amen.**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS  
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY He Comes to Us as One Unknown T. Keesecker

\*DOXOLOGY Doxology (Verse 4) Hymnal, No. 143  
All creation join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING SONG

Generation to Generation (Verse 1)

Bulletin P. 7

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that  
from generation to generation,  
we have been claimed and loved.

From generation to generation,  
God has been by our side.  
From generation to generation,  
we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow  
knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth,  
saying, "Go be the person you are called to be,  
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."

May it be so. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings for December 4** : Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **November are cereal and juice (non-perishable)**. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

# 107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is  
el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and  
world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and  
win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by  
near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the  
free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break  
light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens  
bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der  
forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be  
love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heav - en - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.  
raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.



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# Through the Ages

MUELLER 11.11.11.11

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: James R. Murray (1887)

Oh down through the a - ges and gen - er - a - tions From God in the  
 From A - bra - ham, Is - aac, and Is - ra - el's line How Ra - hab and  
 And still through the a - ges our sto - ries will find Be - long - ing in

gar - den to Je - sus the son Each sto - ry was wo - ven, each one has a  
 Ruth and Bath she - ba sur - vived From From ex - ile in Eg - ypt to Bab - y - lon  
 God's sto - ry of hu - man kind From God in the gar - den to e - ter - ni -

place With - in the great tap - es - try tell - ing God's grace  
 far Christ's lin - e - age shows how com - plex sto - ries are  
 - ty We're wo - ven to - geth - er as one tap - es - try

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From gen-er-a-tion to gen-er-a-tion, we have shared the Christ-mas sto-ry

of a ba-by in a man-ger, who was born in Beth-le-hem.

Hope is wing-ing, Peace now ring-ing, Joy we're sing-ing, Love he's bring-ing.

1. There is room for ev-'ry sto-ry. There is hope through God's great glory.  
2. God will meet you in your fear. And bring peace both far and near.  
3. We can choose a bet-ter way. And find joy in ev-'ry day.  
4. We see God in one an-oth-er. As we learn to love each other.

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