

***A Prayer for Christmas** (from the Iona community)

Sophia Haupt

***Carol #119**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

***Benediction and Blessing of the Meal**

Beloved, children of God,
do not be afraid to celebrate the presence of Christ this week,
for the true gifts we receive are from the Holy Spirit.
Let us go out to bear Jesus' promise into the world,
that we are saved from our sins,
just as the prophets have foretold!
Just as the angels heralded!
Go out in the strength of Emmanuel, for God is with you.
Go out in the grace of God almighty, for the Holy Spirit is upon you.
May we go out filled with the love of the Holy Spirit, for Emmanuel is born
among us again today! Amen.

Postlude

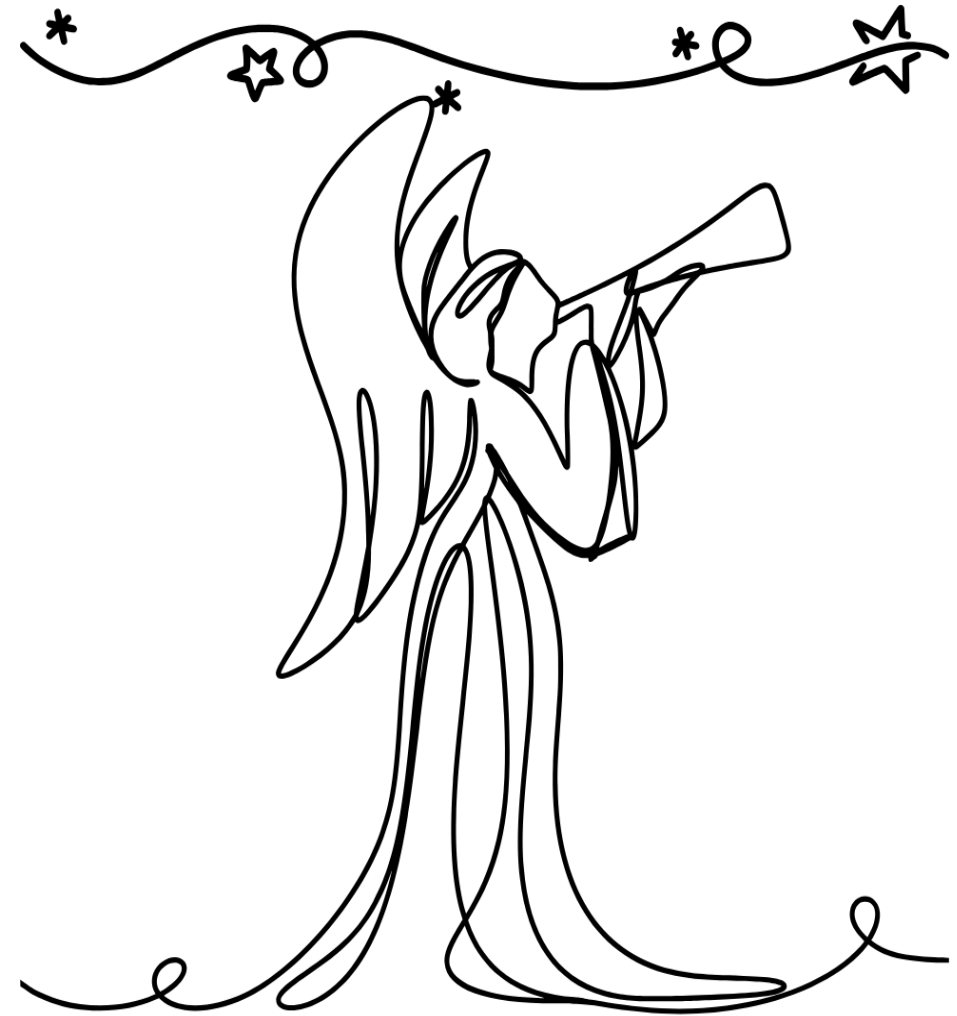
Joy to the World

arr. Ellson

**Please stand if able*

This evening we will receive the Christmas Joy offering. This special offering provides assistance to current and retired church leaders and to help students attend Presbyterian-related schools.

You are invited to an informal Buffet Supper in the
Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.



Christmas Candlelight
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

Lynchburg, Virginia

December 14, 2025

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The Angelic Messengers of Christmas

Prelude Coventry Carol arr. Ellson

Welcome and Instructions

Lighting of the Advent Candle Gerald & Kim Doyle
and Stephen & Julia Bryan

Joy is the birthright of the people of God. . .

Psalms 146:5-10

Unison Prayer

Everlasting Father, grant us inspiration, to imagine a world free from chaos and destruction. Grant us calm to seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. May we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. Help us to remember that our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children. With joy may our hearts be full and our spirits glad as we behold the Good News given this day. A child has been born, the one sought through the ages and still sought today. We pray in the authority of the child that has been born for us, the son given to us this day. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Carol Gesu Bambino
Anghaarad Teague Dees, soloist

Introduction Thomas Sorrels

*Carol #143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angel to Zechariah (from Luke 1:5-25) Laura Robert

Carol God, Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Mens Quartet

Angel to Mary (From Luke 2:26-38) Tami & Grace Jacob

Carol Mary, Did You Know Youth Choir

Angel to Joseph (from Matthew 1:18-25)

Sally Sease

Carol Do You Hear What I Hear? Chancel Choir

Joy Gift Offering

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, giver of every good and perfect gift, receive the gifts we offer you this day - our resources, our time, our hearts, our lives. Use these gifts and use our lives to proclaim the good news that you are with us always; through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Offertory O Holy Night Youth Choir

Angel to the Shepherds (from Luke 2:6-17) Julie Burnett

*Carol #113 Angels We Have Heard on High

Angel to the Wise Men (from Matthew 2:1-12) Amanda Stanbery

Carol Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Bob Beilfus

Angel to the Holy Family (from Matthew 2: 12-14) Harper Stanbery

Carol Come and See the Child Chancel Choir

*Sharing the Light

In the beginning of creation, when God made heaven and earth, the earth was without form and void. Darkness was over the face of the deep, and a mighty wind swept over the waters. God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. **God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from darkness** When all things began, the Word already was. The Word dwelt with God, and what God was, the Word was. Through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him. All that came to be was live with his life, and that life was the light of the world.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

*Carol #122 Silent Night
As the Christ light passes by your row, please turn your candle on.