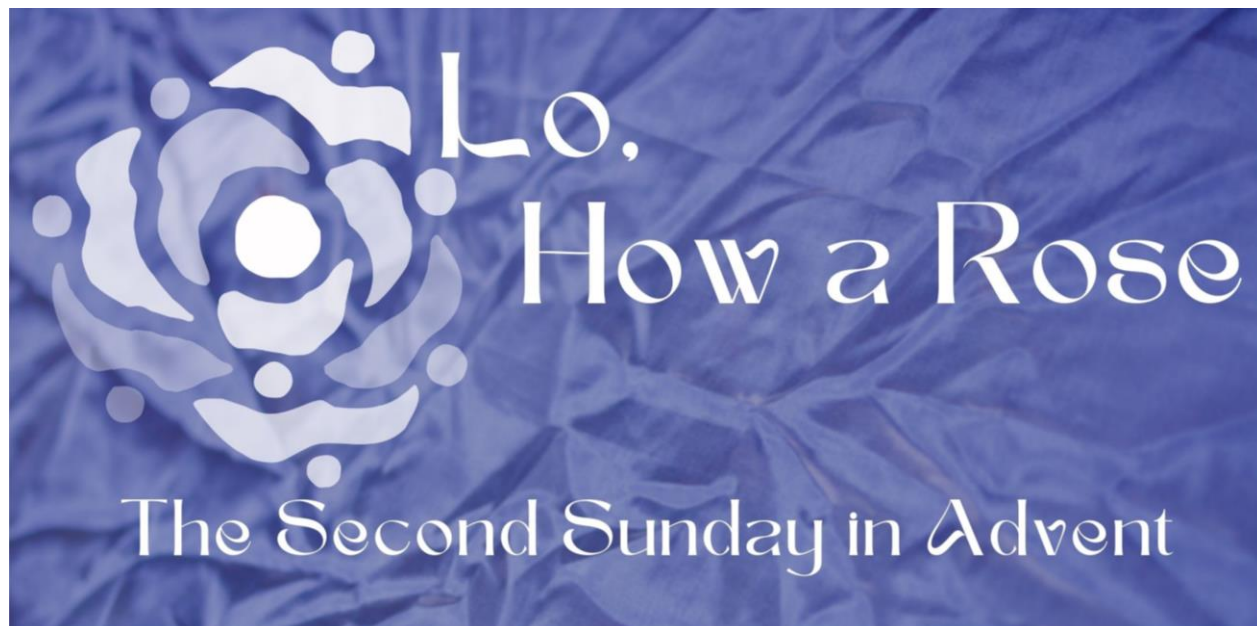


The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

December 4, 2022– 10:00 a.m.



**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

Prelude	Chorale Prelude <i>Nun Komm der Heiden heiland</i> (bww659) (Savior of the Nations, Come)	J.S. Bach
Greeting		The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert
Introit	Savior of the Nations, Come	<i>Nun komm der Heiden Heiland</i>
*Call to Worship		Ruling Elder Erik Woodworth
	Behold: a new branch grows from the stump of Jesse. A rose is blooming in the cold of winter. The spirit of the Lord rests upon him. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the lion eat straw like the ox. And all creation will be at peace.	
*Hymn 104	O Lord, How Shall I Meet You	Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

Please use a connection card found in the pew to write your prayer concern and hand it to an usher or put it in the zoom chat and it will be included in the Joys and Concerns later in the service.

***Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy,
a million times a day we have the chance to be gracious,
to assume the best in others,
to give the benefit of the doubt.
A million times a day we have the chance to choose the better way,
but so often we don't.
Assumptions and insecurities,
comparison and critique get in the way.
Forgive us for forgetting that we are your children.
Forgive us for forgetting that grace and mercy are in our blood.
Give us the courage to love boldly,
and the wisdom to choose the better way.

A time of silence is kept for our personal prayers of confession.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, when we forget God, God remembers us.
When we lose our way, God finds us.
God loves us, forgives us, and holds onto us.
In Jesus Christ, God will never let us go.

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
Let us forgive one another.
The peace of our risen Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

***The People's Response**

Hymn 129, verse 1

***Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.***

Children are invited to come forward to the chancel area.

Time with Children

The Rev. Keith Thompson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Hadden Family

Sung Response:

Veni Emmanuel

***O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

Unison Prayer: O come to us, King of Peace. We long for the day when all people will live together in harmony. Prepare us for your coming reign of justice, righteousness, and peace. Amen.

Gathering Song

Hymn 129, verse 2

***Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior when half spent was the night.***

Following the Time with Children, children may go to Chadsey Hall to make Christmas ornaments, decorations, and decorate cookies.

A Time for Sharing Our Faith

Sunday School
Gifts of Hope

Laura Kolar
Ruth Whiteside and Jim Shelhamer

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please chat box and/or email us your prayer concerns and we will include them in the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying, **Our Father and Mother, 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.**

We Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we long to hear your voice loud and clear. We long to be invited to something more, something deeper, something holy. So, clear our heads, open our ears, and soften our hearts that we may truly listen. Amen.

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Pew Bible p. 1 NT+

Sermon

Joseph's Dilemma

Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

**We trust God, whose love and justice are revealed over and over
through creation, community, and story,
through the voices of prophets and the lives of ordinary people,
through a helpless newborn baby.**

Even as days grow dark, even amid uncertainty, even now:

**the fire of God's love burns bright,
the wind of the spirit cannot be contained,
streams of living water flow in the desert,
a rose blooms and all earth cries glory,
as we wait the dawn of God's new day. Amen.**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Music at the Offertory

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

This beauty doth all things excel,
by faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

Christ the Appletree

For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary with my former toil -Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

Stanford Scriven (b.1988)

Text compiled by Joshua Smith, 18th c.

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table and The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Organ meditation

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Johannes Brahms

Post-Communion Prayer

*Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden väg för herran

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Chorale Prelude *Nun Komm der Heiden heiland (bww661)*

J.S. Bach

Liturgy inspired by *A Sanctified Art*

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+ The scripture translation read is the NRSV Updated Edition 2021; the pew Bible is the 1989 NRSV.

***Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; The Chancel Choir; Erik Woodworth, Liturgist. Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; Mary Strauss, Liturgist. **The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given To the Glory of God.** For future flower donations, please contact John Cox at johnwcox13@gmail.com for more information.

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or just want to check in with us,

Connect With Us!

Scan this code with your smartphone and fill out our form online.

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
December 4 - December 11, 2022		
Sunday, December 4	9:00 – 12:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:00 11:15– 12:15 11:00 – 1:00 11:00 – 12:30 11:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:30 1:00 – 3:00	Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Second Sunday of Advent Sanctuary and Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpSb2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Youth Choir — Room 308 Handbell Rehearsal — Room 300 Deck the Halls — Chadsey Hall Gifts of Hope — Chadsey Hall ESL Classes — Room 104, 122, 130 Confirmation — Geneva Hall
Tuesday, December 6	12:30 – 2:30	Needlework Group – CCPC Library
Thursday, December 8	2:00 – 3:00 7:30 – 9:15	Coffee with Pastor Molly — https://zoom.us/j/93390906145?pwd=QVJqdFNSU0YzUmVlc3dSYS82RWRaUT09 Chancel Choir – Room 300 and Sanctuary
Saturday, December 10	10:00 – 11:00	Children's Playdate — CCPC Playground
Sunday, December 11	9:00 – 12:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:00 11:15– 12:15 11:00 – 1:00 11:00 – 12:30 11:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:30 4:00 – 6:00	Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Third Sunday of Advent Sanctuary and Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpSb2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Youth Choir — Room 308 Handbell Rehearsal — Room 300 Deck the Halls — Chadsey Hall Gifts of Hope — Chadsey Hall ESL Classes — Room 104, 122, 130 Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party — Cline's House

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