

# The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

## The First Sunday after Christmas



**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**

Carol of the Manger

Dale Wood

**The Greeting**

The Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams

**\*Call to Worship**

Ruling Elder Mary Strauss

As the land is renewed each year and new crops sprout,  
**so the Lord God is restoring us.**

We are transformed by God's glory and power,  
**God's revelation in a little child.**

Salvation shall bring complete transformation. The Lord God is saving us.

**With our whole being we rejoice in our God.**

**Let us worship God!**

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\*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**

Holy God of light and life,  
you gave birth to the universe  
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.  
Yet amid creation's glory, we see sin's shadow:  
in power misused and beauty marred,  
in the discord that divides humanity.  
In your great mercy forgive us  
and enable us to forgive each other.  
Come to us. Challenge us.  
Help us to walk in the ways of Love.

*A time of silence will be kept for our personal prayers of confession.*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news:  
New life breaks in upon us!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
**let us forgive one another.**  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

*We invite you to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**The People's Response**

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally.**

*Puer nobis*

**Time with Children**

**Gathering Song**

**Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.**

*Puer nobis*

**We Share Community Joys and Concerns**

**Joys and Concerns**

*Please come to the microphone to share your prayer request, or write it on the connection card found in the pew,  
or in the chat box on zoom.*

**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**

**Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; open our hearts to your Word and to your will. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22-40  
The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

Pew Bible, NT, Pg.59

Sermon

Cross-Generational Meeting

The Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn 145

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

\*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. Amen.*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Music at the Offertory

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
Martha and Chris Hersman

Michael Praetorius

\*The People's Response

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praise, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally.*

*Puer nobis*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*In dulci Jubilo*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

Mele Kalikimaka  
Martha and Chris Hersman

R. Alex Alexander

*Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say  
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day  
That's the island greeting that we send to you  
From the land where palm trees sway  
Here we know that Christmas will be green and bright  
The sun to shine by day and all the stars at night  
Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way  
To say Merry Christmas to you*

**Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams, Guest Preacher; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; Mary Strauss, Liturgist; Mark Sneigoski, audio. **The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given To the Glory of God. For future flower dedications, please contact the church office at [office@chevyCHASE.org](mailto:office@chevyCHASE.org). Flower donations are \$75.**

## The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church Staff

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## January 7, 2024 – 10:00 am A Celebration of Epiphany and The Lord’s Supper

WEEKLY CALENDAR December 31 – January 7, 2024		
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00  11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary & Zoom at <a href="https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09">https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09</a> Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — Conference Room ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130
<b>Monday, January 1</b>	(All Day)	Church Office and Building Closed
<b>Tuesday, January 2</b>	(All Day)	Church Office and Building Closed
<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>	2:00 – 4:00	Wednesday Circle Meeting — Geneva Hall
<b>Friday, January 5</b>	7:45 – 8:45	Men’s Spirituality Group Meeting — Chadsey Hall
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	8:30 – 9:45 9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00  11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00	Earth Stewards — CCPC Library Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary Worship — Sanctuary & Zoom at <a href="https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09">https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09</a> Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — Conference Room Children’s Choir rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130

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