



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

10:30 A.M.

# PEACE BE WITH YOU

As pastors of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, we know that this is a community of love, care, and true welcome. We pray that you will experience our hospitality and our delight in your presence.

Not only do we welcome you and your family, but we seek to welcome the full range of experiences, identities, and feelings that you carry. Our life together is often marked by a desire to thoughtfully engage God's world and our own humanity. We're compelled by the reality that the Christian life is often full of doubt, fear, loneliness, shortfalls, and uncertainty, in the same way that it can be full of beauty, belonging, love, and hope.

Whoever you are today, whoever you have been, and whoever you have yet to be: you are welcome in this space. We hope to meet you this morning, and if not, we hope to say hello in the coming days. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, consider opening your phone's camera and following the QR code on this page. We'll send a short email with some ways to get connected this week and in the weeks to come.



Once again, welcome. You are a beloved child of God.

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

We actively engage our intellects and our hearts in what we believe to be true: that God's peace, justice, and radical love are good news for every corner of our lives. We seek to be a place of freedom and liberation, where people of all ages and backgrounds deepen their connection to God and others while making a tangible difference in our Catonsville community and throughout the world.

Rooted in this faith, our congregation proudly affirms the gifts, callings, and God-given identities of LGBTQIA+ members, friends, and guests. God invites all of us to explore and discover the person God has created and known before all time.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Today is a Second Sunday, when ministry for children and youth is especially active. We know that it might not be comfortable or appropriate for kids to leave their parent during worship, and they are always welcome to remain in the service. Children's bulletins, books, and activities are available in the back of the sanctuary.

### Second Sunday Ministries

- Childcare for infants to age five is available from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the lower level room beneath the France Room.
- Church school for children in kindergarten through fifth grade will meet at the conclusion of the children's message, when leaders will escort them to the lower level room beneath the Fellowship Hall.
- Cocoa and Conversation for middle and high school youth will meet beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the youth room above the Library.

### Our Commitment to Safety

All adults working with children and youth have completed training to identify and prevent misconduct, and two adults are present at all times with youth and children. If you have any questions about our steps to craft a loving, supportive, and safe environment for children and youth, contact Dorothy Boulton ([dboulton@catonsvillepres.org](mailto:dboulton@catonsvillepres.org)).

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*  
("Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"), BWV 731,  
setting by Johann Sebastian Bach

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*, is translated literally as "Dearest Jesus, we are here." We are here to listen to you and to your word. The text for this Lutheran hymn was written in 1663 and the melody in 1664. The simplicity and gentleness of the melody lends itself to ornamentation, as you will hear in Johann Sebastian Bach's setting of today's prelude. The hymn is a prayer for illumination and ideal for the preparation of one's mind and heart at the opening of worship.

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
**come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is God who made us  
**and we belong to God.**

We are God's people,  
**and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and into God's courts with praise.  
**Give thanks to God and bless God's name.**

For the Lord is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 327

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND  
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:  
To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world,

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:  
To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the  
world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in  
love.

**Amen.**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory to God, Whose  
Goodness Shines on Me”

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE IN COMMUNITY



Come in your faith, and in your doubt! If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.

Upcoming events and recent announcements are available in the back of the bulletin and on our website at [catonsvillepres.org](http://catonsvillepres.org).

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Ron Gunderson

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Gracious God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts.  
By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live,  
that we might be shaped into your people,  
eager to share and embody your grace in our lives.**

**In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 100  
*Page 552 of the Old Testament*

**HYMN # 768**

"We Are the Body of Christ"

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
*Page 174 of the New Testament*

**SERMON**

"Together"  
*Ken Kovacs*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

We give out of abundance, whatever that may be. If you would like to contribute financially to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, scan the QR code or use the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.



**OFFERTORY**

*“Shalom,” Dan Forrest*

Peace. Peace. *Shalom.* (Peace)

Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you: Peace. Peace. *Shalom.*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: Peace. Peace. *Shalom.*

Not as this world gives, I give to you,

Do not be afraid. *Shalom.* Peace. *Shalom.*

† **DOXOLOGY # 607**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, you have given us what we need; indeed, you have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see your reign at work in the world and in ourselves. Amen.**

† **HYMN # 309**

*“Come, Great God of All the Ages”*

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

*Amazing Grace, arr. George Shearing*

Sir George Albert Shearing (1919-2011) was best known as a British jazz pianist and is the composer of more than 300 songs. He was the ninth child of a poor family, blind from birth: his father delivered coal for a living and his mother cleaned trains. But there was a piano in the house, and from a young age he was drawn to music. Shearing became a huge hit in the US and his jazz-inflected sound was influenced by the Glenn Miller saxophone section. Please enjoy Shearing’s setting of “Amazing Grace.”

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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## SOURCES

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## LEARNING & GROWING

Find resources and articles at [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](https://catonsvillepres.org/belonging)

### God's Glorious Creation

**November 19 | Led by Mark Buehlman | 9:00 a.m. in the Library**

God is longing for us to connect with God's glorious creation, and to be good stewards of it. The two November classes will cover a couple of areas of God's creation: the "just right" timing of climate, and the breathtaking design of plants, animals, and natural systems. As part of the sessions, we will discuss some of the science involved, human impacts, and ways we and the church can protect and help restore these systems. Led by Mark Buehlman, author, speaker, inventor, and teacher, who has over 45 years of diverse environmental experience. Most recently, he worked for 11 years as an Adjunct Professor at the Community College of Baltimore County, where he taught Environmental Science and Environmental Law.

### Advent: Facing the Darkness Together

**December 3 and 10 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 a.m. in the Library**

"Advent," says Fleming Rutledge, "begins in the dark." And, therefore, it is not for the faint of heart. At the midnight of the Christian year, the season of advent is rife with dark, gritty realities, suffering, sin, alienation, oppression, and the apparent hiddenness and absence of God. Three articles will guide us through this season, we who might fear the dark. Visit [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](https://catonsvillepres.org/belonging) to read them.

Advent reminds us that God's light shines in the darkness (John 1:5), but we might first have to face the darkness to see it. Join us for a rich, unconventional take on the meaning of this season.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

**Next Meeting on November 30 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library**

We'll resume our exploration of the Letter to the Ephesians after Thanksgiving on November 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library and online.

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Pastor's Schedule

Ken Kovacs will out of office beginning this Thursday, November 16, and will return on Tuesday, November 21.

### Cookie Walk

Join in the fun as we bring back the Cookie Walk on December 17, 2023 after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to participate, you will need to bake 6 to 7 dozen fancy cookies or candy. You should be careful to label any allergens. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/cpc-cookies](http://tinyurl.com/cpc-cookies)

Proceeds will go to the Santi School in Nepal. Thank you for helping us bring back this wonderful tradition! Contact Megan Peercy ([mpeercy@umd.edu](mailto:mpeercy@umd.edu)) or Alison Enokian ([aenokian@gmail.com](mailto:aenokian@gmail.com)) with questions.

### Troop 306 Christmas Tree Sales

Scout Troop 306 will again be selling Christmas trees on the front lot facing Frederick Road, beginning on Saturday, November 25 at noon. This project is the Troop's major fundraiser for the year and supports the entire operating and program budget, including merit badge and rank advancement materials, equipment, and leadership training. As an added bonus, Scout Pack 306 is excited to announce their "Trees & Treats" fundraiser during the weekend hours of the Troop Tree Sale. There will be many types of homemade holiday baked goods and hot chocolate for sale.

The sale will be held from November 26 to December 23 (or sooner if all trees have been sold) during the following hours:

- Mondays through Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
- Fridays, 6-9 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (including Trees and Treats)
- Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. (including Trees and Treats)

### New Members' Gathering

On Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the France Room, all who are interested in exploring membership are invited to gather for a Q&A session. Ken Kovacs,

Dorothy Boulton, and Debbie Davis are eager to spend time in conversation and fellowship before exploring the membership process.

### Trivia Night

On Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting a trivia night with dessert! Get ready to participate in Christmas trivia, with categories such as Christmas Music, Holiday Traditions, and Exegetical Analysis of the Nativity from the Synoptic Gospels (just kidding - that category is for Ken and Dorothy!) Please contact Stephanie Stevens ([shfemrite@gmail.com](mailto:shfemrite@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### Christmas at Sea

The Mission Committee asks for the congregation's support and participation in the Christmas at Sea project through the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center (BISC). Stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall any Sunday in November to get details, see a sample, donate online, and pick up a bag to fill. We'll assemble gift bags after worship on December 3 during the Advent gathering.

### Clothing Drive for Westside Men's Shelter

Deacons are collecting winter clothing for the Westside Men's Shelter, especially coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, and warm boots. Collection bins in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and on the Church House porch will be available for donations through January 31, 2024. There are three ways you can give:

1. Drop off items in the collection bins
2. Make a financial gift through the online giving form by selecting "Westside Men's Shelter" from the available funds.
3. Make a check out to CPC and include "Westside Men's Shelter Clothing" in the memo line.

## GIVING UPDATE

We publish these numbers every week out of our gratitude for your financial giving. Thank you for your generosity towards our ministry and life together!

Actual income . . . . .	\$ 672,763
Actual expense . . . . .	\$ - 693,967
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ - 21,204</b>
<b>Per capita . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 2,110</b>

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

The most accurate and up-to-date calendar is available on our website at [catonsvillepres.org/events](http://catonsvillepres.org/events).

Day	Event	Location/time	Contact
<b>Today</b>	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Envision Board Meeting	France Room, after worship	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
<b>Mon.</b>	Stephen Ministry Meeting	Nesbitt Room, 5 p.m.	Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org
	Contemplative Prayer	France Room, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
<b>Tues.</b>	Needlework Group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
<b>Thurs.</b>	No Bible study or choir		
<b>Next Sun.</b>	Adult Education	Library, 9 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Commitment Sunday	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Mission Committee	France Room, noon	John Dittman jndittman3@gmail.com
	Concerts at 3	Sanctuary, 3 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net

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**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

*Unison*



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -  
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

*Harmony* *Unison*



rise: Let the Re - deem - er's  
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
 word: Thy praise shall sound from



name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Harmony*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

*Unison*


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a unison vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line is written in a soprano clef and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music consists of two staves. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note Bb4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, then a half note Bb3, and a half note C4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## 582


# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

# 768 *Somos el cuerpo de Cristo/* We Are the Body of Christ

Capo 1: (E)

Refrain / F

Estribillo All / Todos



So - mos el cuer - po de Cris - to. We are the bod - y of  
So - mos el cuer - po de Cris - to. We are the bod - y of

(B) (B7)

C

C7



Christ. ¶ He - mos o - í - do el lla - ma - do; we've an - swered  
Christ. Tra - e - mos su san - to men - sa - je. We come to

(B) (B7) 1 2 Final

C

(B7)

(E)

(B7)

(E)

to Stanzas / (E)

F

C7

F

a las Estrofas

F

Leader / Líder

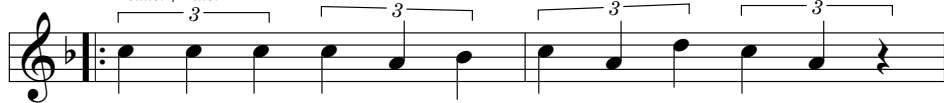


"yes" to the call of the Lord.  
bring the Good News to the world. 3 Que world.

(E)

F

Leader / Líder



1 Dios vie - ne al mun - do a tra - vés de no - so - tros.  
mun - do a cum - plir la mi - sión de la I - gle - sia,  
2 Ca - da per - so - na es par - te del rei - no;  
To - das las ra - zas que ha - bi - tan la tie - rra,  
3 nues - tras ac - cio - nes re - fle - jen jus - ti - cia;  
Va - mos al mun - do a cui - dar su re - ba - ño.

(E)

F

All / Todos

(B)

C



So - mos el cuer - po de Cris - to.

In this bilingual hymn the leader and the congregation sing both Spanish and English, so that the very act of singing becomes the beginning of mutual understanding as each language endeavors to mirror the other, highlighting words that are similar and words that are different.



(B7)

C7



God is re - vealed when we love one an - oth - er.  
 Bring - ing the light of God's mer - cy to oth - ers;  
 Put - ting a stop to all dis - crim - i - na - tion;  
 All are in - vit - ed to feast in the ban - quet.  
 Stop - ping a - buse and re - liev - ing the hun - gry,  
 Serv - ing each oth - er we build up the king - dom;

(B)

(B7)

(E)

(E)

(B7)

C

C7

F

F

C7



We are the bod - y of Christ.

1 Al Christ.

2 †

3 †

## 309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly  
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,  
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to  
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;  
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;  
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,  
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -  
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sages to each  
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -  
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the  
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong  
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to  
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

# THE CHURCH

work of build-ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.  
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.  
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.  
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.