



LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcoming All,
Worshipping Christ,
Working to Share
God's Love!

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First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

10:00 AM

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Carol Sing

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Joy to the World

David Schelot

Gathering Prayer

* Caroling (the congregation singing)

Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

Antioch

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

vs. 1 & 3

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BRING A TORCH Irregular

Traditional French carol (?) Harm. by E. Cuthbert Nunn (1868-1914)
Trans. by E. Cuthbert Nunn (1868-1914); alt., 1972 Ait. in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

1. Bring a torch, Jean-nette, Is - a - bel - la! Bring a torch, to the
2. It is wrong when the child is sleep - ing, It is wrong to
3. Soft - ly to the lit - tle sta - ble, Soft - ly for a

cra - dle run! It is Je - sus, good folk of the vil - lage;
talk so loud; Si - lence, all, as you gath - er a - round,
mo - ment come; Look and see how charm - ing is Je - sus,

Christ is born and Mar - y's call - ing. Ah! ah! beau - ti - ful
Lest your noise should wak - en Je - sus. Hush! hush! see how
How he is warm, his cheeks are ros - y. Hush! hush! see how the

is the moth - er! Ah! ah! beau - ti - ful is her Son!
fast he slum - bers; Hush! hush! see how fast he sleeps!
child is sleep - ing; Hush! hush! see how he smiles in dreams.

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Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with
boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season
to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now
our gay apparel,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Toll the ancient
Yule tide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing
Yule before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp
and join the chorus.
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me
in merry measure,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
While I tell
of Yule tide treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55 N. T. pg.49

Parable Time

Anthem Rejoice, O Virgin S. Rachmaninoff
Arranged for viola and piano by Zoe Yost

Prayer of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

* Caroling (the congregation singing)

Hymn No. 128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W Zlobie Lezy

Hymn No. 121 (vs. 1 & 3) O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis

Hymn No. 141 (vs. 1 & 2) On This Day Earth Shall Ring Personent Hodie

The Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Prayer of Dedication (The congregation uniting)

Good and gracious God, in this season during which we have given and received so many gifts, we thank you for the greatest gift of all, your Son Jesus Christ. In response to your love and mercy, we bring our tithes and offerings to you. Bless them and us, so our gifts may be multiplied and our hearts may be generous as we seek to do good and share what we have; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Offertory Anthem Christmas Troparion Georgy Sviridov
Arranged for viola and piano by Zoe Yost

* Caroling (the congregation singing)

Hymn No. 115 (vs. 1 & 2) Away in a Manger Mueller

Hymn No. 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

* Benediction

One: Go in Peace!

All: We go in the name of Jesus!

One: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Amen.

* Postlude Joy to the World Wilbur Held

Please greet one another with the Peace of Christ, then join us downstairs for a time of fellowship!

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Participants in Today’s Service:

Sean Kennedy, Liturgist

Zoe Yost, Carol Leader/Violist

Candace Smith, Parable

David Schelat, Guest Organist/Pianist

The flowers on the retable are given by the congregation and dedicated to the Glory of God.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship, but should a parent desire, nursery care is provided downstairs.

In case of emergency, an AED unit is located in the hallway on the ground floor across from the bulletin boards.

CALENDAR

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
12/29/2024		First Sunday of Christmas
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
12/30/2024		Church Office Limited Hours
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
12/31/2024		Church Office Closed
1/1/2025		Church Office Closed
1/2/2025	9:30 AM	Church Office Resumes Normal Hours
1/4/2025	8:00 AM	Women's AA Group
1/5/2025		Second Sunday of Christmas/Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
1/5/2025	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
1/5/2025	10:00 AM	Worship Service
1/5/2025	11:00 AM	Fellowship
1/6/2025	7:00 PM	Alanon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very special thank you to our guest musicians, Zoe Yost and David Schelot!!!

Normal church office hours resume on Thursday, January 2nd at 9:30 am. Until then, if any urgent pastoral needs arise, please call the church office at 302-658-2326 or email lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org. Your call or email will be returned as soon as possible.

**STARTING THIS WEEK, CHURCH OFFICE OPEN DAYS WILL SHIFT FROM
MONDAY-THURSDAY TO TUESDAY-FRIDAY.
OPEN HOURS WILL REMIAN THE SAME 9:30-2:30.**

INTRODUCING PLANNING CENTER!!

Flyers containing the introduction and instructions on how to download the app are available in the Social Hall. Also, Becky Kennedy will be available during Fellowship time in the month of January to answer any questions you might have.

It's that time of year AGAIN!

The 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following the worship service on January 26, 2025. If you are a staff member, group leader, or committee chair (you know who you are!), please provide an end of year summary/report for the Annual Report which will be available at the meeting.

Year-end summaries should be submitted to the office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH**. If you have questions or would like to see a copy of reports submitted in the past, please contact Laura or Becky in the office:

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There's still time to submit your 2024 giving before the end of the year! Please contact Chris Jackson at finance@lowerbrandywine.org for more information.

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