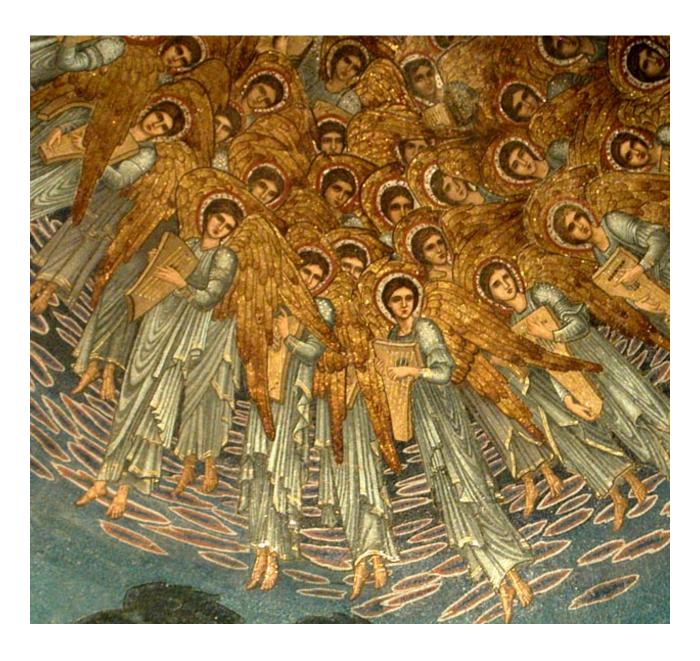


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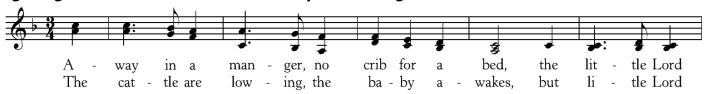
Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve 24 December 2019

Prelude and Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Away in a Manger







Text: Anonymous; Music: MUELLER, James R. Murray, 1887

Call to Worship—from Psalm 98:I-4

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

All: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Reader I: The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

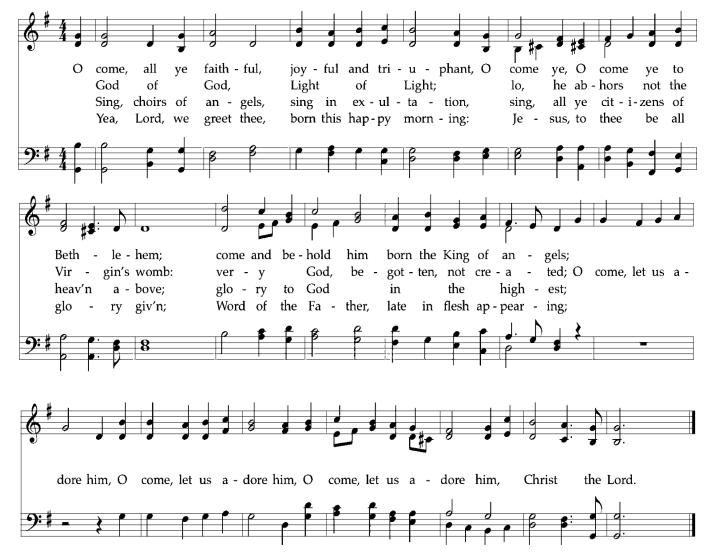
Reader 2: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

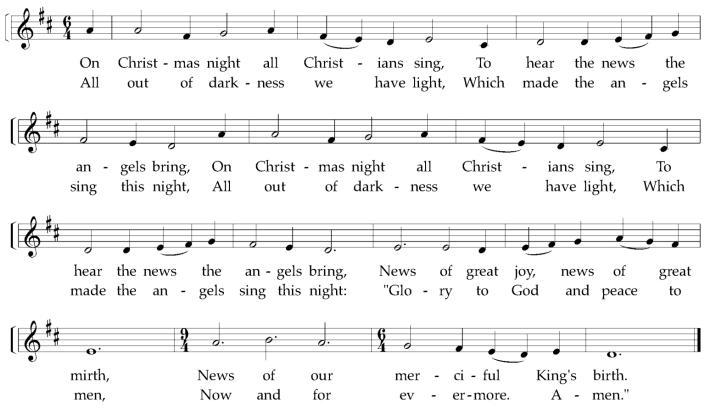
Pastor: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises! For He has done marvelous things!

Hymn of Praise—O Come, All Ye Faithful



Text: Latin Hymn, Tr. By Frederick Oakeley, 1841; Music: Cantus Diversi, 1751.

Hymn of Praise—On Christmas Night, Vs I & 4



Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

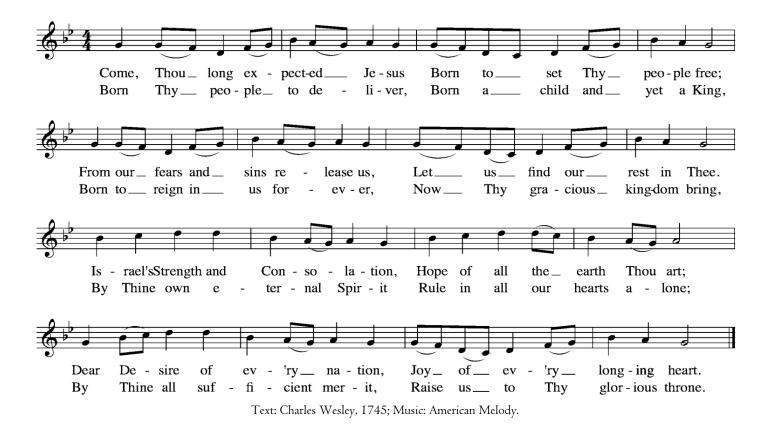
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of God's Promise—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Vs I and 5



Hymn of Expectation—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



New Testament Reading—Luke 2:1-18

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

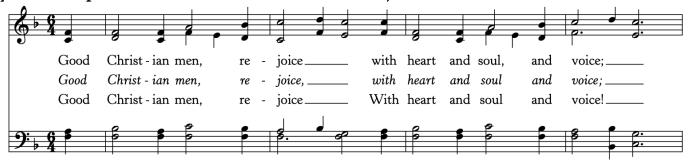
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise—What Child is This



Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1865; Music: GREENSLEEVES, 16th Century English

Hymn of Expectation—Good Christian Men, Rejoice





Text: Medieval Latin Carol, Tr by John Mason Neale, 1853; Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German Melody, 14th c.

The Reading of the Word and Homily

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*



Text: 15th century German Carol, Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894; Music: ES IST EIN ROS, harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609.

Hymn of Praise—Hark the Herald Angels Sing



Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840, Arr. William H. Cummings, 1856.

Responsive Benediction—Luke 2:29-32

Elder: Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

Our own eyes have seen your salvation

All: which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

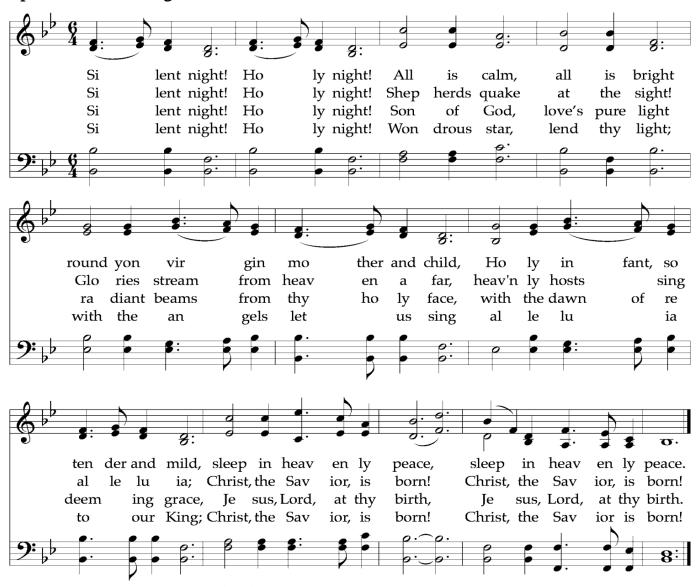
Elder: a light to lighten the nations

All: and the glory of your people Israel.

Elder: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Response—Silent Night



Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818; Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1818.

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