



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christmas Eve
24 December 2019

Prelude and Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Away in a Manger

A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but li - tle Lord

Je - sus laid down His sweet head; the stars in the sky looked down where he
Je - sus no cry - ing He makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the

lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

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 1: *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



O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - u - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
 God of God, Light of Light; lo, he ab - hors not the
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye cit - i - zens of
 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing: Je - sus, to thee be all

Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels;
 Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a -
 heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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

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

On Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, To hear the news the
 All out of dark - ness we have light, Which made the an - gels
 an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, To
 sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which
 hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to
 mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 men, Now and for ev - er - more. A - men."

Text: SUSSEX CAROL, Traditional English Carol

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

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som cap-tive
O come, O come, thou Day-spring bright! Pour on our souls thy

Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile
heal-ing light; Dis-pel the long night's ling-ring

here, un-til the Son of God ap-pear. Re-joice! Re-
gloom, And pierce the sha-dows of the tomb.

joice! Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

Text: Latin Antiphons, 12th century, Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851 Music: VENI EMMANUEL, Plainsong, 13th century, Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

Hymn of Expectation—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



Come, Thou long ex - ect-ed Je - sus Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
Born Thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, Born a child and yet a King,
From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring,
Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;
Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glor - ous throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1745; Music: American Melody.

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

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good
So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him; the

an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

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

Hymn of Expectation—Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christ - ian men, re - joice _____ with heart and soul, and voice; _____
Good Christ - ian men, re - joice, _____ with heart and soul and voice; _____
Good Christ - ian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul and voice! _____

Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Je - sus Christ was born to save;

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow; and He is in the man - ger now.
 He has op - ened heav - en's door, and man is blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! _____ Christ is born to - day! _____
 Christ was born for this! _____ Christ was born for this! _____
 Christ was born to save! _____ Christ was born to save! _____

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*

Hymn—Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath
 I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in
 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung, of Jes - se's lin - age com - ing, as
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The
 air, dis - - - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the

men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a -
 Vir - gin Mo - ther kind: To show God's love a - right She
 dark-ness ev - r' - where, True man, yet ver - y God; from

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - iour When half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - r'y load.

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

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King; peace on earth, and
 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Late in time be -
 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-teous - ness! Light and life to

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,
 hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
 all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by,

join the tri - umph of the skies; with th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in
 hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em -
 born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them

Beth - le - hem!"
 man - u - el. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."
 sec - ond birth.

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

Si lent night! Ho ly night! All is calm, all is bright
Si lent night! Ho ly night! Shep herds quake at the sight!
Si lent night! Ho ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
Si lent night! Ho ly night! Won drous star, lend thy light;

round yon vir gin mo ther and child, Ho ly in fant, so
Glo ries stream from heav en a far, heav'n ly hosts sing
ra diant beams from thy ho ly face, with the dawn of re
with the an gels let us sing al le lu ia

ten der and mild, sleep in heav en ly peace, sleep in heav en ly peace.
al le lu ia; Christ, the Sav ior, is born! Christ, the Sav ior, is born!
deem ing grace, Je sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je sus, Lord, at thy birth.
to our King; Christ, the Sav ior, is born! Christ, the Sav ior is born!

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

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