



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Advent

27 November 2022

God never made a promise that was too good to be true. —D.L. Moody

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—from Lamentations 2:17

Good news. Glad tidings. Great joy. “The Lord has done what He purposed; He has carried out His Word, which He commanded long ago.”

Sung Response—O Come, All Ye Faithful, Vs. 1

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - u - phant,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;

Come and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels;

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - u - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels; O come, let us a - 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: ADESTE FIDELES, *Cantus Diversi*, 1751.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1-5, 8

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name.

All: Give to Him glorious praise.

Reader 1: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”

Reader 2: Come see what the Lord has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of men.

Pastor: Bless our God, O you people.

All: Let the sound of His praise be heard throughout the earth.

Congregational Hymn—Joy To The World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let Earth re - ceive her King;
Joy to the Earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em - ploy;
No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground;
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
He comes to make his bless - ings flow
The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness

And Heav'n and na - ture sing, and Heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy,
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His love,
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Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
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And won - ders, won - ders of His love.
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GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.

Congregational Hymn—All My Heart This Night Rejoices



All my heart this night re - joic - es
Forth to - day the Con - qu'ror go - eth,
He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth
Come, then, ban - ish all your sad - ness



As I hear, far and near, sweet - est an - gel voic - es
Who the foe, sin and woe, death and hell, o'er - throw - eth
Sin a - way and for aye full a - tone - ment mak - eth.
One and all, great and small; come with songs of glad - ness.



"Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
Be - came man, man to de - liv - er;
For our life His own He ten - ders;
Love Him who with love is glow - ing;



Till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
The dear Son now is one with our blood for - ev - er.
And our race, by His grace, meet for glo - ry ren - ders.
Hail the star, from a - far, light and joy be - stow - ing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1653, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt. 2018;
Music: WARUM SOLLT' ICH MICH DENN GRAMEN, Johann Ebeling, 1666.

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the Word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—Come All You Worthy Gentlemen



Come all you wor - thy gen - tle - men that may be stand - ing by. —
Christ our bless - ed Sav - ior now in the man - ger lay;
God bless the rul - er of this house, and long — may he reign; —



— Christ our bless - ed Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day.
He's ly - ing in the man - ger, while ox - en feed on hay.
— Man - y hap - py Christ - mas - es he live to see a - gain!



The bless - ed vir - gin Ma - ry un - to the Lord did say,
The bless - ed vir - gin Ma - ry un - to the Lord did pray.
God bless our gen - er - a - tion who live both far and near;



O we wish you the com - fort and tid - ings of joy!

Text: Traditional; Music: SOMERSET CAROL, Traditional English Carol,
arr. Cecil Sharp, *Folk Songs From Somerset*, 1909.

Reading of the Word—Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—O Come, All Ye Faithful, Vs. 2



God of God, Light of Light; Lo, He ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb:



Ver - y God, be - got-ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore Him,



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

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Sermon—Mary's Song: *The Magnificat*

—Pastor, George Grant

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—from Psalm 51:3-12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For we know only too well our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

All: Against You, and You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach wisdom in the secret of our hearts.

All: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Pastor: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

All: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Lamb Of God

UNISON

O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. ___

O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. ___

O Lamb of ___ God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

Slightly faster WOMEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN

Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Assurance of Pardon—based on Isaiah 44:21-22; Titus 2:11-14

Remember, O My people, for you are My servants; I formed you; you are My servants; you will not be forgotten by Me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to Me, follow Me, and walk in your calling for I have redeemed you.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

All: **And so we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Sung Response—Twofold Amen

A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th Century.

HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

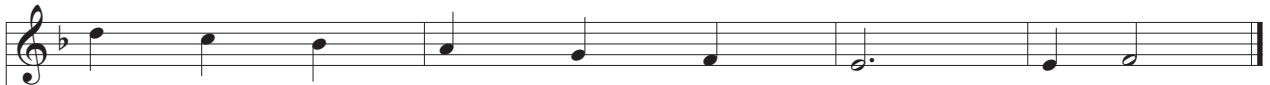


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

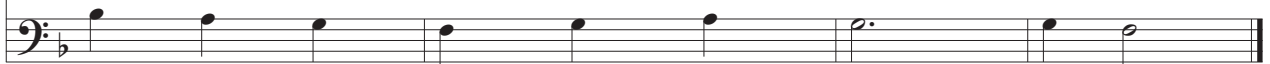
MEN



We praise You, we bless — You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—The Angel Gabriel



The An - gel Gab - ri - el from heav - en came, his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
"The hand-maid of the Lord thy ti - tle be. Thy Son as Lord and King ex - al - ted He!—
Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, to me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ was born in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, — most high - ly fav - ored la - dy."
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told; most high - ly fav - ored la - dy."
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy His ho - ly name: to all the on - ly Sav - ior."
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: — "Most high - ly fav - ored la - dy."



Glo - - - ri - a! —————

Text: Traditional, tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 19th Century; Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Traditional Basque Carol.

Congregational Hymn—O Little Town Of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
While mor - tals sleep the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on Earth.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1867; Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1868.

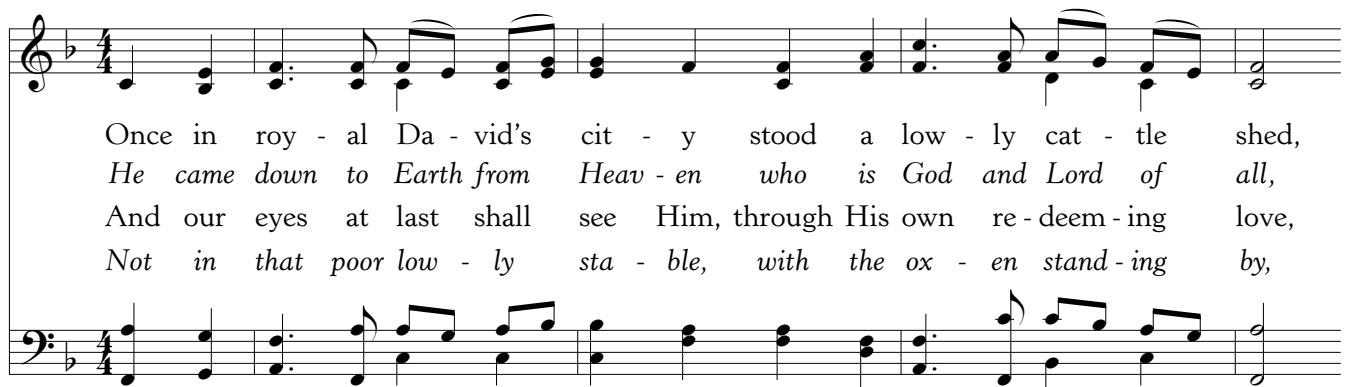
GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

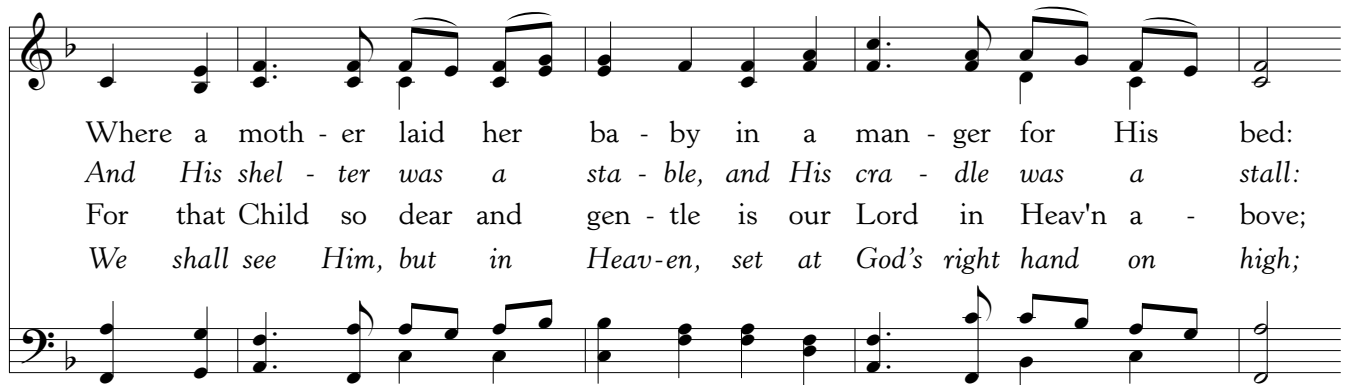
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.*

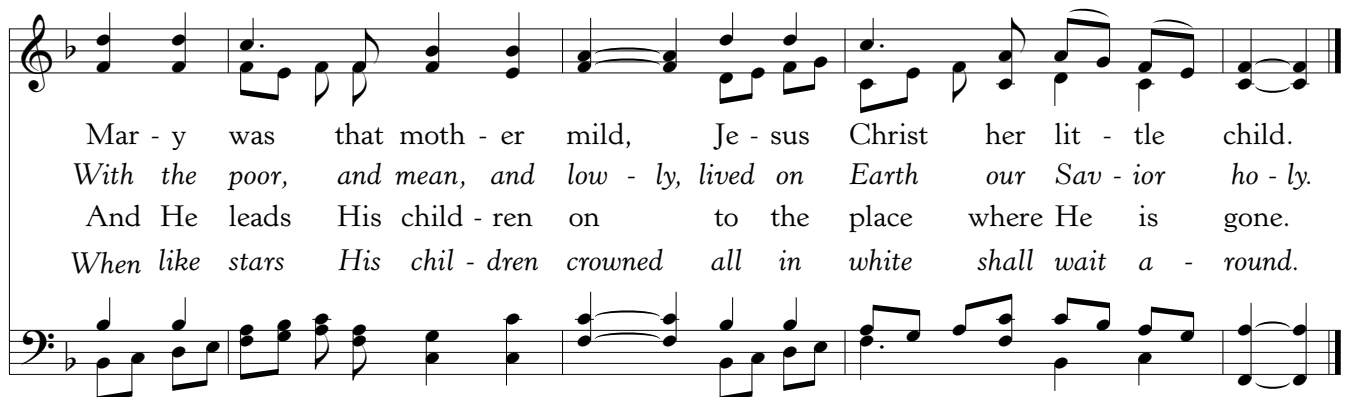
Congregational Hymn—Once In Royal David's City



Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
He came down to Earth from Heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own re - deem - ing love,
Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



Where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for His bed:
And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, and His cra - dle was a stall:
For that Child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in Heav'n a - bove;
We shall see Him, but in Heav-en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on Earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
And He leads His child - ren on to the place where He is gone.
When like stars His chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Text: C.F. Alexander, 1848; Music: IRBY, H.J. Gauntlett, 1849.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Come, All Ye Faithful, Vs. 3

Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of Heav'n a - bove;
Glo - ry to God in the high - est;
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines. The first system has two lines of music. The second system has two lines of music. The third system has two lines of music. The fourth system has two lines of music. The fifth system has two lines of music. The sixth system has two lines of music. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Announcements

Worship Notes:

This Sunday, we begin a short sermon series on the “songs” in the New Testament that surround the birth of Christ: Zechariah’s song (Luke 1:67-79), the angels’ song (Luke 2:14), Simeon’s song (Luke 2:29-32), and today, Mary’s song (Luke 1:46-55). Several of the hymns we sing this morning allude to Mary’s actions in the story of Jesus’ birth. *Come All You Worthy Gentlemen* mentions her praying and rejoicing, just as we read in the sermon text. *The Angel Gabriel* gives a poetic recounting of her entire encounter with the Angel of the Lord, with the third verse paraphrasing Luke 1:46 (“My soul magnifies the Lord...”). Strikingly, Mary’s own words focus on the majesty and power of God (“He has shown strength with His arm;” “He has scattered the proud;” “He has helped His servant Israel;” “He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham...”), drawing on the language of the Old Testament, especially the psalms. Because of this, we’ll also sing hymns that emphasize Christ’s victory and exaltation: *Joy To The World* (a paraphrase of Psalm 98) and *All My Heart This Night Rejoices* (“Forth today the conqueror goeth”). As we sing in *Once In Royal David’s City*, Jesus was not merely the little child of Mary, but the Lord in Heaven above, seated at God’s right hand, and leading His people to glory. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Magnifies, Rejoices, Savior, Humble, Holy, Mercy, Forever
Keystone Verse: He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. (Luke 1:49)



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