

THE LORD'S DAY
Covenant Presbyterian Church
December 6, 2020

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN”

ARR. HELD

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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PLAINSONG 12TH CENTURY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LUKE 1: 46-49

**“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call be blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for
me— holy is his name.**

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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*

THE SCRIPTURE READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider
equality with God something to be grasped,
but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance
as a man, he humbled Himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!*

*Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place
and gave Him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

THE HYMN**“JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME”**

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING**LUKE 1: 1-20****THE MORNING PRAYER****THE ANTHEM****“THE WEXFORD CAROL”****ARR. SEDIO****THE SCRIPTURE****MATTHEW 6:1-8**

“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

THE SERMON**“BEWARE WHEN PRACTICING YOUR PIETY”****REV. TIM STARNES****THE HYMN****“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God head see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

3. Hail the heav’nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“SAVIOUR OF THE NATIONS, COME”

ARR. MANZ

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Rev. Ben Ratliff will be preaching tonight at 6:00PM from Exodus 2:11-22. The service will be live-streamed.

If you would like to give a donation to the Christmas flower fund in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the office.

Since there will be no Joy Gift Program this year, you are encouraged to give through Breeze “Joy Gift”, or designate your checks in the memo line for “Joy Gift.” This is a most important ministry of our church, to care for the widows and retired PCA ministers. Please give generously.

The Children’s Advent packets may be picked up in the fellowship hall.

We plan to have Christmas Eve Communion Service at 5:00. More details will be forthcoming.