

THE LORD'S DAY
Covenant Presbyterian Church
December 20, 2020

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE **"COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS"** **ARR. BLAKEMAN**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE **"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"** **BROOKS/REDNER**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Proclaim it among the nations. Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness:
Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!

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 2:6-11

*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

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

THE RESPONSIVE READING

MATTHEW 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”— which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE ANTHEM

“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”

TRAD. CAROL/
ARR. SHAW-PARKER

THE SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 6:9-13

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

THE SERMON

“OUR PRIORITY IN PRAYER”

REV. TIM STARNES

THE HYMN

“ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth;
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light;
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
4. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
5. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“WACHET AUF”

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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.

Christmas Eve Communion is at 5:00 PM. We will ask you to sit on every other pew, and there will be seating available in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear a mask.



The beautiful Christmas flowers and greenery
are placed in the sanctuary
to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

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