

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 29, 2020



**CHRIST**  
EVANGELICAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH (PCA)

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

To all who are weary and need rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;  
To all who fail and desire strength;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;  
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:2

Minister: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Hymn of Praise**

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Come thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee

Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear Desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee  
Dayspring from on high appear  
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of thy birth we long to hear

O'er the hills the angels singing  
News glad tidings of a birth  
Go to him your praises bringing  
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end  
By his life he brings us gladness  
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend

Leaving riches without number  
Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder  
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring

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By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

## Invocation

### 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.

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen Amen

### Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*\*The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*Chorus*

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel*

O come thou Rod of Jesse free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell thy people save  
And give them vict'ry o'r the grave

*Chorus*

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel*

O come thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

*Chorus*

**Sing We the Song of Emmanuel**

Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold  
God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless he lay the Invincible  
Maker of Mary now Mary's son  
O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds sages before him fall  
Grace and majesty what humility  
Come on bended knee adore him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads for your King has come  
Sing for the light overwhelms the dark  
Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive let the gospel ring  
God has made a way he will have the praise  
Tell the world his name is Jesus

Gloria Gloria Gloria Gloria  
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**Call to Confession**

Psalm 139:23-24

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Public Confession**

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in your healing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down, your righteousness exalts us to your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in you plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear your assuring voice; that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you were made to be sin for us that we might be righteous in you, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your cleansing blood. Keep us always clinging to your cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In your merciful name we pray. Amen.**

**Silent Confession****Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Romans 5:6- 8

Minister: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**

Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be  
He is Alpha and Omega  
He the Source the Ending he  
Of the things that are that have been  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore

O that birth forever blessed  
When the Virgin full of grace  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving  
Bore the Savior of our race  
And the babe the world's Redeemer  
First revealed his sacred face  
Evermore and evermore

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This is he whom heav'n taught singers  
Sang of old with one accord  
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word  
Now He shines the long expected  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore

Christ to thee with God the Father  
And O Holy Ghost to thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unwearied praises be  
Honor glory and dominion  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore  
Amen

### **Advent Scripture Reading**

John 1:1-3

### **(8:30) Pastoral Prayer**

### **(11:00) Sacrament of Baptism**

Caleb Michael Cordeiro  
Jacob Matthew Cordeiro

### **Tithes And Offerings**

### **The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

### **Prayer Of Dedication**

### **Sermon**

#### **"The Angel Visits Zechariah"**

*Luke 1:5-25*

Rev. Nolan Williamson

### **Closing Song**

#### **Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the Light of Life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In his living in his suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hellbound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in him we stand

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him  
Praise the Lord he is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

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## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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