

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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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 95:6-7

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Let us worship the LORD, our Maker!

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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 Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born 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

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

Colossians 1:15-20

Minister: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

People: We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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

Chorus

Come and worship

Come and worship

Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Chorus

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In his temple shall appear

Chorus

continued

All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One

Chorus
Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Call to Confession

Mark 7:14-16, 21-23

Minister: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Public Confession

Adapted from Psalm 51

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, I pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 6:23

Minister: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort comfort ye my people
Speak ye peace thus saith our God
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load
 Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them
 Tell her that her sins I cover
 And her warfare now is over

Yea her sins our God will pardon
Blotting out each dark misdeed
All that well deserved his anger
 He no more will see or heed
 She hath suffered many a day
Now her griefs have passed away
God will change her pining sadness
 Into ever springing gladness

For the herald's voice is crying
 In the desert far and near
Bidding all men to repentance
Since the kingdom now is here
 O that warning cry obey
 Now prepare for God a way
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him

Make ye straight what long was crooked
 Make the rougher places plain
Let your hearts be true and humble
 As befits his holy reign
 For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad
And all flesh shall see the token
 That the Word is never broken

Advent Scripture Reading

John 1:6-13

Come Adore the Humble King

Come adore the humble King
 Lowly in the manger
 Fall before his majesty
 Hail the little Savior
Hope what hope no tongue could tell
God has come with us to dwell
 His name is Emmanuel
 O praise the humble King

Come adore in humble state
 He the song of angels
Join the wise who call his name
 And with all creation
Who oh who would condescend
God unknown now calls us friend
Love that none could comprehend
 O praise the humble King

continued

Come adore the King who came
To our world to save us
Born to heal our prideful race
Crown us with forgiveness
Fall oh fall before the One
Who in mercy left his throne
Christ the Lord God's only Son
His glories now we sing
O praise the humble King

Come adore come adore
Come adore the King
Bow before come adore the
Name above all names

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

Sarai Frances Smith

Pastoral Prayer (11:00)

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

"Leaping for Joy"

Luke 1:39-45

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News news Jesus Christ is born today
Earth and heav'n before him bow
And he is in the manger now
Christ is born today
Christ is born today

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Peace peace Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

Benediction

Postlude

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