

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 20, 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**

Luke 1:46-47

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we magnify and worship him together!

**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

The Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

Minister: What do we believe about the Son of God, Jesus Christ?

**All: The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.**

### Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains

*Chorus*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song

*Chorus*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

*Chorus*

## Call to Confession

Luke 2:10-11

Minister: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

## Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want, instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever in Christ. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 John 2:1-2

Minister: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

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

*continued*

O ye heights of heaven adore him  
Angel hosts his praises sing  
All dominions bow before him  
And extol our God and King  
Let no tongue on earth be silent  
Every voice in concert ring  
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 1:14-18

#### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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

*Chorus*

*O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord*

God of God Light of Light  
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God begotten not created

*Chorus*

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God in the highest

*Chorus*

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

*Chorus*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **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**

### **"Singing for Joy: The Magnificat"**

*Luke 1:46-55*

Rev. Richard Harris

## **Closing Song**

### **Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come**

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world 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

No more let sin and sorrow 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

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

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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