

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 5, 2021



**CHRIST**  
EVANGELICAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH (PCA)

**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.

**Prelude**

**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Worship Choir

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:3-5

Minister: For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

Let us worship our great God together!

**Hymn of Praise**

**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

## 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 Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*

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

### 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

*continued*

*Chorus*

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

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*

**Call to Confession**

Matthew 7:3-5

Minister: Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**Public Confession**

Prayer of Confession from the  
31st General Assembly of the PCA

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numberless and aggravated offenses? We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserved your grace and thus have mocked your gospel. We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency. We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood. Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us.**

**Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed. Lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to believe the gospel for your glory!**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Romans 8:1

Minister: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand  
Ponder nothing earthly minded  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth  
Our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary  
As of old on earth he stood  
Lord of lords in human vesture  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away

### **Advent Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:26-38

#### **What Child Is This?**

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails spear shall pierce him through  
The cross be borne for me for you  
Hail hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary

### **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

### **"To Us a Son Is Given"**

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

Rev. Richard Harris

## **The Service of Communion**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."**

## **Words of Institution**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **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

## **Benediction Postlude**

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