



ALL
SAINTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work,
Or watch, or weep this night,
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
Bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
Pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
And all for your love's sake. Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Evening, December 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship. Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

*Hymn of Praise. Trinity Hymnal, 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

**Please stand during these portions of the service.*

A room with the service's live stream is available down the hallway in case parents need to step out with their children

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt.

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.D.ref.
 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840
 Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson 2 Samuel 9:1–13
(See page 6)

*Sung Response Trinity Hymnal, 144, 4th stanza
(Sung to the tune of Dundee)

Here the Redeemer's welcome voice spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys attend the blissful sound.

The Children's Lesson Rev. Matthew Bradley
Children of all ages are invited to come forward and sit in front of the Communion Table
for a lesson from the pastor.

Prayer of the Covenant

Catechism Lesson The Shorter Catechism: Questions 63–64

Q. 63. What is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals.

*Hymn of Christ's Incarnation. Trinity Hymnal, 210

Silent Night! Holy Night!

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round you
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep- herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant
4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Silent Night! Holy Night!'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with four different versions of the hymn provided.

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

Joseph Mohr, 1818
 Tr. ca. 1850

STILLE NACHT Irreg.
 Franz Gruber, 1818

GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Second Scripture Lesson Ezra 9:1–15
(See page 7)

Preaching of the Word Rev. Matthew Bradley

Acknowledging Our Sin

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri Trinity Hymnal, 735

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.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

Postlude



First Scripture Lesson

¹ And David said, “Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?” ² Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” And he said, “I am your servant.” ³ And the king said, “Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?” Ziba said to the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.” ⁴ The king said to him, “Where is he?” And Ziba said to the king, “He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.” ⁵ Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. ⁶ And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, “Mephibosheth!” And he answered, “Behold, I am your servant.” ⁷ And David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.” ⁸ And he paid homage

and said, “What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?”

⁹ Then the king called Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said to him, “All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master’s grandson. ¹⁰ And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master’s grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master’s grandson shall always eat at my table.” Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, “According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table, like one of the king’s sons. ¹² And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba’s house became Mephibosheth’s servants. ¹³ So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king’s table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

2 Samuel 9:1–13, ESV

Second Scripture Lesson

¹After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, “The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. ²For they have taken some of their daughters to be wives for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy race has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost.” ³As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled. ⁴Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered around me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice. ⁵And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God, ⁶saying:

“O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. ⁷From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as it is today. ⁸But now for a brief moment favor has been shown by the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant and to give us a secure hold within his holy place, that our God may brighten our eyes

and grant us a little reviving in our slavery. ⁹For we are slaves. Yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to grant us some reviving to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us protection in Judea and Jerusalem.

¹⁰“And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments, ¹¹which you commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, ‘The land that you are entering, to take possession of it, is a land impure with the impurity of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations that have filled it from end to end with their uncleanness. ¹²Therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.’ ¹³And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserved and have given us such a remnant as this, ¹⁴shall we break your commandments again and intermarry with the peoples who practice these abominations? Would you not be angry with us until you consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? ¹⁵O LORD, the God of Israel, you are just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is today. Behold, we are before you in our guilt, for none can stand before you because of this.”

Ezra 9:1–15, ESV

Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

Join us every week here at the Martin Center:

Morning Worship
Sunday 9^{AM}

Evening Worship
Sunday 6^{PM}

Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 6:30^{PM}

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