



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 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship. Psalm 113:1–3

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

*Hymn of Christ's Incarnation Trinity Hymnal, 218

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

**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

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 9:1–14
(See page 6)

*Sung Response Trinity Hymnal, 144, 1st stanza
(Sung to the tune of Dundee)

Father of mercies, in your Word what endless glory shines;
Forever be your name adored for these celestial lines.

The Children's Lesson Rev. Nathan McCall
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 53–54

Q. 53. What is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.

Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word and works.

*Hymn of Christ's Incarnation. Trinity Hymnal, 226

As with Gladness Men of Old

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Below the treble staff, there are five lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 5. The lyrics are: 1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold; 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed, 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare; 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way; 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 • so may we with ho - ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious God, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 • all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1860
 Alt. 1961

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Second Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 10:1-18
(See page 7)

Preaching of the Word Rev. Nathan McCall

Sermon Title

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.

*Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Now and forevermore. *Amen.*

Postlude



First Scripture Lesson

¹ Where was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. ² And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

³ Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the young men with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." ⁴ And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then they passed through the land of Benjamin, but did not find them.

⁵ When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us go back, lest my father cease to care about

the donkeys and become anxious about us."

⁶ But he said to him, "Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says comes true. So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go." ⁷ Then Saul said to his servant, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?" ⁸ The servant answered Saul again, "Here, I have with me a quarter of a shekel of silver; and I will give it to the man of God to tell us our way." ⁹ (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer," for today's "prophet" was formerly called a seer.) ¹⁰ And Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

¹¹ As they went up the hill to the city, they met young women coming out to draw water and said to them, "Is the seer here?" ¹² They

answered, “He is; behold, he is just ahead of you. Hurry. He has come just now to the city, because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place. ¹³ As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat till he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will

meet him immediately.” ¹⁴ So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

1 Samuel 9:1–14, ESV

Second Scripture Lesson

¹ I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!— ² I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh. ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

⁷ Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ’s, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ’s, so also are we. ⁸ For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed. ⁹ I do not want to appear to be frightening you with my letters. ¹⁰ For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is

weak, and his speech of no account.” ¹¹ Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present. ¹² Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

¹³ But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. ¹⁴ For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. ¹⁵ We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, ¹⁶ so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another’s area of influence. ¹⁷ “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” ¹⁸ For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 10:1–18, 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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