

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 18, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Welcome

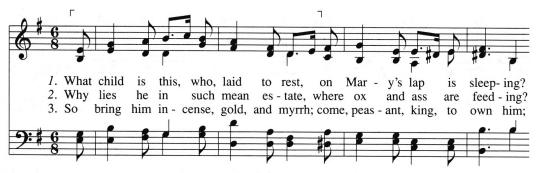
Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

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.

What Child is This



*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



Traditional English carol Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

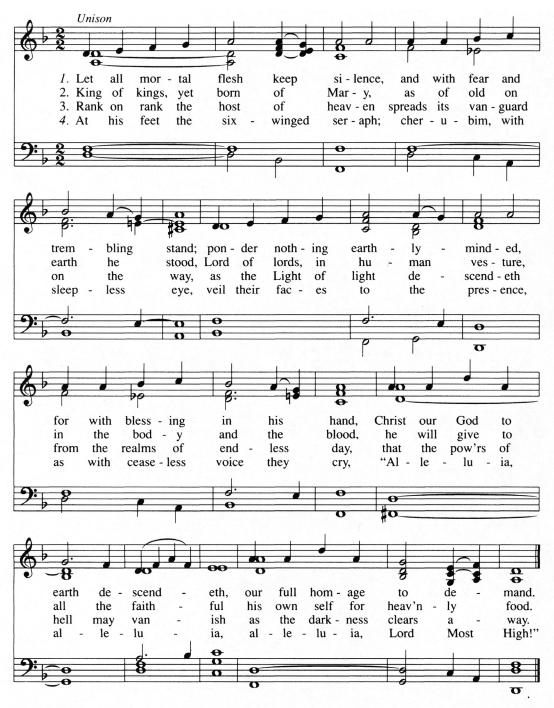
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*Prayer of Invocation

God Calls His People to Confess

First Scripture Lesson. Joel 3:1–21 Minister: This is the Word of the LORD; People: Thanks be to God!
*Sung Response
Father of mercies, in your Word what endless glory shines; Forever be your name adored for these celestial lines.
The Children's Lesson
Prayer of the Covenant
Catechism Lesson The Shorter Catechism: Questions 36–38
Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?
A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.
Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?
A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.
Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?
A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.
*Hymn for Christ's Incarnation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent. Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864 PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7. French melody, 17th cent. Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

God Takes His People to the Cross

Second Scripture Lesson		
Preaching of the Word		
Faith and Works		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*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.		
*Benediction		
Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. <i>Amen</i> .		
Postlude		

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Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart

from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

James 2:14-26, ESV

Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

The mission of All Saints is to glorify God according to his Word by preaching the gospel to all people, equipping the saints for the work of ministry, and building up the body of Christ until the day of Christ's return.

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