



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 22, 2024

6:00 p.m.



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

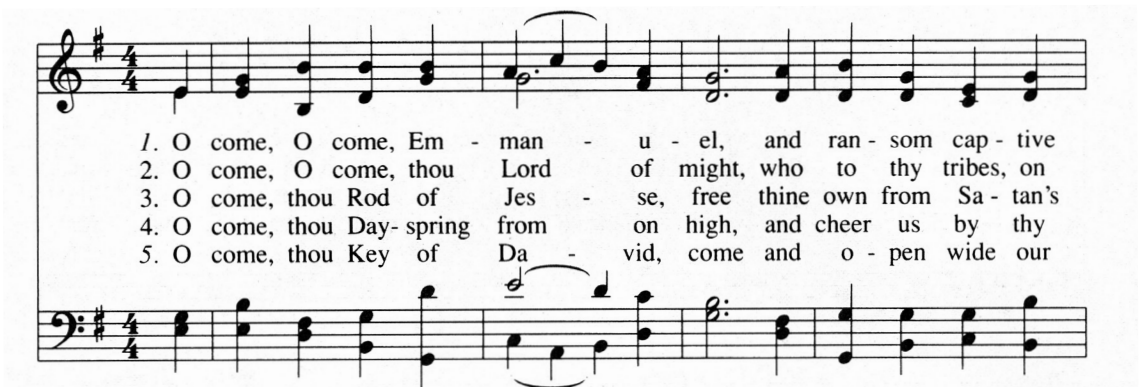
\*Call to Worship. . . . . Psalm 121:1-2

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 Christ's Advent. . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 194

### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

*\*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\**

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Latin antiphons, 12th cent.  
 Latin hymn, 1710  
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMMANUEL L.M.ref.  
 Plainsong, 13th cent.  
 Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856

\*Prayer of Invocation

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson . . . . . 2 Samuel 11:1–27

\*Sung Response . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 144, 6<sup>th</sup> stanza  
*(Sung to the tune of Dundee)*

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord, be Thou forever near:  
Teach me to love Thy sacred word and view my Savior there.

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 67–69

Q 67. What is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, You shall not kill.

Q 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereunto.

\*Hymn of Adoration . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 193

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*Unison*

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard  
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence'. It features a treble clef and a 2/2 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the staff, with four numbered lines of text. The bottom of the image shows the beginning of a bass clef staff with a 2/2 time signature, containing a few notes.

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to  
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to  
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of  
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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 . . . . . Nehemiah 1:1-11  
*(See page 7)*

Preaching of the Word . . . . . Rev. Matthew Bradley

*Relying on God's Promises*

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 . . . . . Ephesians 6:23–24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. *Amen.*

Postlude



## Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, <sup>2</sup> that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.”

<sup>4</sup> As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of

Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father’s house have sinned. <sup>7</sup> We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses.

<sup>8</sup> Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, <sup>9</sup> but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’

<sup>10</sup> They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. <sup>11</sup> O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

*Nehemiah 1:1–11, ESV*

# Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

Join us every week here at the Martin Center:

Morning Worship  
Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>

Evening Worship  
Sunday 6<sup>PM</sup>

Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 6:30<sup>PM</sup>

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