



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 24, 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!

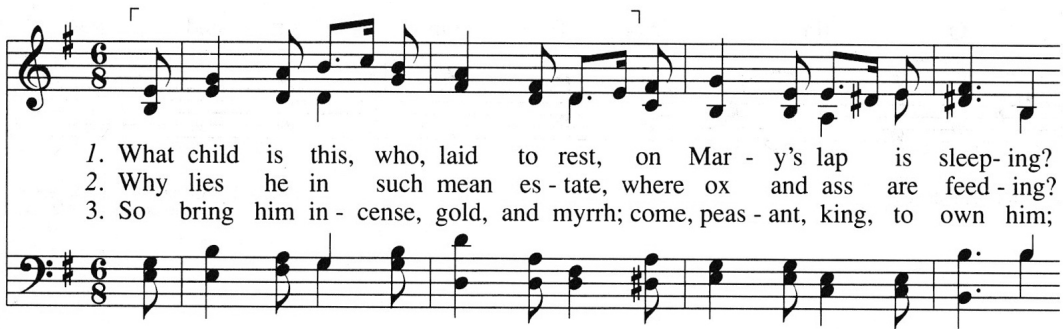
Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

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, 213

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

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

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

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.ref.
 English melody, 16th cent.

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 9:15–27
(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 Matt Bonner
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 55–56

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything
whereby God makes himself known.

Q. 56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is that however the breakers
of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our
God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

*Hymn of Christ's Incarnation. 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

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 Micah 5:1-6
(See page 7)

Preaching of the Word Matt Bonner

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 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



First Scripture Lesson

¹⁵ Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel:

¹⁶ “Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me.”

¹⁷ When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people.” ¹⁸ Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, “Tell me where is the house of the seer?” ¹⁹ Samuel answered Saul, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. ²⁰ As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father’s house?”

²¹ Saul answered, “Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?”

²² Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. ²³ And Samuel said to the cook, “Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, ‘Put it aside.’” ²⁴ So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, “See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests.”

So Saul ate with Samuel that day. ²⁵ And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep. ²⁶ Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof,

“Up, that I may send you on your way.” So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

²⁷ As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant

to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God.”

1 Samuel 9:15–27, ESV

Second Scripture Lesson

¹ Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;

siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of
Judah,

from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the
time

when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in

the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD
his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall
be great

to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

⁶ they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with
the sword,

and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;
and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian
when he comes into our land
and treads within our border.

Micah 5:1–6, 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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