



ALL
SAINTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire hope;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
To whomever will come—*

*All Saints Presbyterian Church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.*

Looking Ahead

TODAY – December 24

9AM at The Martin Center
and via live stream
Morning Worship

No Sunday School

6PM at The Martin Center
and via live stream
Evening Worship

December 27

No Prayer Meeting

December 31

9AM at The Martin Center
and via live stream
Morning Worship

No Sunday School

No Evening Worship

Announcements

December Missions Prayer: Please remember to be in prayer for Equipping Leaders International (ELI). ELI exists to equip church leaders around the world and works especially in Africa and India. To learn more about this work and how you can pray for and support them, please visit their website, equippingleadersinternational.org.

Members of the Week: Mike & Stefanie Burns; Samuel, Molly, Avery

Midweek Prayer: We will not meet for prayer this week due to the holidays. We will meet again on January 3rd.

Christianity Explored: Join us at the Martin Center on Wednesdays at 6:30pm beginning January 24th through March 6th as we walk through the Gospel of Mark together. The structure of each session is simple: a short Bible study, a video talk, and a discussion based on the talk. Join us!

High School Sunday School Series: Beginning January 14th, All Saints will offer a high school Sunday school series for the first time. If your children are in 9th-12th grade, be on the look out for more details to come on the topic and location – Thank you!

Youth Nights – 2024: Beginning January 13th, youth fellowship nights will be held at the Hollis' home on the 2nd Saturday of the month, every month, from 5-7pm. As always, dinner will be provided. Reach out to Matt Bonner with questions.

Support: All Saints is a registered 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductible. Please consider giving to support the work we're doing to bring the gospel to Brentwood! There is a collection box on the table at the door for those who are able to give. You can also give on our website at allsaintspres.net. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars:

Discipleship Now Youth Retreat, February 23-25

THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Morning, December 24, 2023

9:00 a.m.



Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship. Psalm 96:1-6

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Psalm Reading. Psalm 55

Minister: Salvation belongs to the LORD;
People: Your blessing be on your people!

*Hymn of Christ's Advent. Trinity Hymnal, 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

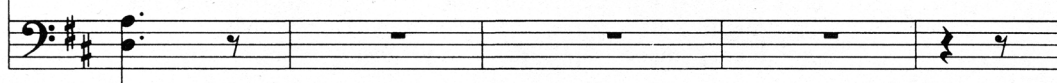
**Please stand during these portions of the service.*



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,



and



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heav'n and na - ture sing,

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 52:13–53:12
(See page 10)

Elder: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin adapted from Psalm 38

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! Amen

Meditation

Here we pause in silence to confess our sins and meditate upon the forgiveness that is ours in Christ.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32:1–2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

*Hymn of Christ's Incarnation Trinity Hymnal, 211

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

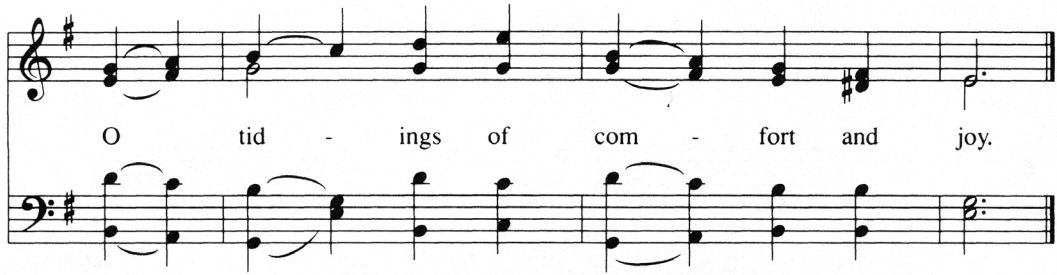
1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,



English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.8.6.8.6.ref.
English melody, 18th cent.

GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1–21
(See page 11)

Preaching of the Word Rev. Matthew Bradley

The Song of the Angels

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

We use wine and gluten-free bread in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

*Doxology Trinity Hymnal, 193, 4th stanza

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

*Hymn of Christ's Advent Trinity Hymnal, 216

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Polish carol
 Paraphrased by Edith M. G. Reed, ca. 1925

W ZLOBIE LEZY 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
 Traditional Polish melody
 Arr. in *The Kingsway Carol Book*

*Benediction Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. *Amen.*

Postlude



First Scripture Lesson

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond
human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children
of mankind—

¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of
him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they
understand.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from
us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD
been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should
look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with
grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him
not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought
us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own
way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is
silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken
away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my
people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush
him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong
his days;

the will of the LORD shall prosper in his
hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see
and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my
servant,

make many to be accounted righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with
the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the
strong,

because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 52:13–53:12, ESV

Second Scripture Lesson

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with
whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:1–21, 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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