

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!

**Isaiah 6:3**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 111 (p. 826)

Praise the LORD.

**I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

**He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

**He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**To him belongs eternal praise.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

***Hark! the Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King." Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions.

**All:** We have broken your holy laws by our careless deeds, our hurtful words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Forgive us, we pray.

**Leader:** Help us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All:** Thank you for sending him to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Isaiah 6

Congregational Response

Hymn 210

### *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 19.** *What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?*

**A.** All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

**Q. 20.** *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

**A.** God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

**Q. 21.** *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

**A.** The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 734

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.

### 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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Luke 2:1-21

Congregational Response

Hymn 208

## *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of angels;  
*O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Very God, begotten, not created;  
*O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels;  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest;  
*O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Late in flesh appearing;  
*O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”  
Luke 2:1-21

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 214

### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo,*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav’nly song?  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo,*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo,*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.*

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit,  
three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

## SERMON NOTES

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”  
Luke 2:1-21

1. Let us join the heavenly chorus of praise to God!

Isaiah 6; Revelation 4-5

2. Let us give all glory to God!

Isaiah 43:7

John 17:1-5; 24

3. Let us rejoice in the peace of God!

Colossians 1:19-20

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, December 12**

Scripture: Amos 7:1 - 9:15; Revelation 3:7-22; Psalm 131:1-3; Proverbs 29:23

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, December 13**

Scripture: Obadiah 1:1-21; Revelation 4:1-11; Psalm 132:1-18; Proverbs 29:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 51

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, December 14**

Scripture: Jonah 1:1 - 4:11; Revelation 5:1-14; Psalm 133:1-3; Proverbs 29:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 52

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in Kuwait and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, December 15**

Scripture: Micah 1:1 - 4:13; Revelation 6:1-17; Psalm 134:1-3; Proverbs 30:1-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 53

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.  
Our pregnant moms.

## **Friday, December 16**

Scripture: Micah 5:1 - 7:20; Revelation 7:1-17; Psalm 135:1-21; Proverbs 30:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 54

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

## **Saturday, December 17**

Scripture: Nahum 1:1 - 3:19; Revelation 8:1-13; Psalm 136:1-26; Proverbs 30:7-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 55

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, December 18**

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1 - 3:19; Revelation 9:1-21; Psalm 137:1-9; Proverbs 30:10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 56

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

## Prelude

### Greeting and Call to Worship\*

Psalm 118:22-26

**Leader:** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All:** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

### Hymn\*

“O Lord Most High, with All My Heart” Hymn 48

### Congregational Confession of Sin

Our God and Father, we approach your throne because we know that you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive our sins and enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ. Cause us to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” Hymn 198

### Scripture Reading\*

Isaiah 56:1-8

### Hymn

“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor” Hymn 230

### Prayer

**Sermon** “The Spirit-Empowered Witness Evangelizes Unlikely Converts” Rudy Manrique  
Acts 8:26-40

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Hymn\*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Hymn 201

### Benediction\*

### Congregational Benediction Response\*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.