



LORD'S DAY | December 29, 2024

A Service of Covenant Renewal

PRELUDE

Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: [Psalm 113](#)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us worship the Triune God.

OPENING HYMN: No. 203, "[Hark! the Herald Angels Sing](#)"

*GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

*HYMN: No. 216, "[Infant Holy, Infant Lowly](#)"

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: [Joel 2:12-13](#)

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: [Psalm 103:8-12](#)

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 207, "[Good Christian Men, Rejoice](#)"

PROFESSION OF FAITH: Psalm 23
(Responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.**

*He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;*

**you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: [Deuteronomy 5:6-21](#)

GLORIA PATRI: [No. 734](#)

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: [Psalm 131](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [Matthew 18:1-4](#)

SERMON: *Like a Weaned Child*

***CLOSING HYMN:** No. 218, "[Angels, from the Realms of Glory](#)"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

***CLOSING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF ADVENT:** No. 194, "[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)" (all verses)

POSTLUDE