

Joy to the world The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing



He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love



December 25, 2022
Christmas Day
11:30

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Symphony in D
Nicolas Lebègue (1631-1702)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:22-24

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Call to Worship**

Lanette Meister

Leader: For to us a child is born,

People: To us a Son is given,

Leader: and the government will be on his shoulders.

People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

People: a light no darkness can quench.

***Hymn of Praise**

#59 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

Text: Nahum Tate; Music: Georg Friedrich Händel, Arr. Lowell Mason

***The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)**

Nathan Wannemacher

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Words: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

First Scripture Reading

Lanette Meister

Luke 2:1-7 (p. 1027)

Meditation

"Pifa" from *The Messiah*

Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20 (pp. 1027-1028)

Sermon

"Christ is born today!"

Rev. Dennis Wright

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

#43 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Text: Phillipps Brooks; Music: English folk melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Dorli Scherer, Elder of
Children's Ministry

Offertory

"La Vierge et l'Enfant" from "La Nativité du Seigneur"

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

"Conçu par une Vierge un Enfant nous
est né, un fils nous a été donné. Sois
transportée d'allégresse, fille de Sion!
Voici que ton roi vient à toi, juste et
humble."

Livres des Prophètes Isaïe et Zacharie

"Conceived by a Virgin, a Child is born to
us, a son to us is given. Rejoice, O
daughter of Zion! Behold, your King is
coming to you, just and humble."

Books of the Prophets Isaiah and
Zechariah

*Doxology

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Dorli Scherer

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

#31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, arr. William Hayman Cummings

*Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

"Hallelujah" from *The Messiah*

Georg Friedrich Händel

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

*Please stand if you are able.