

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 2, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Luke 1.68; 2.25, 30-32

Minister: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people, for those who have been waiting for the consolation of Israel.

All: For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMNS*

O Worship the King | No. 2
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

LYONS

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Angels We Have Heard on High | No. 214
Stanzas 1-3

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

Chorus:
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?

Chorus

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Proverbs 3.13-18

Minister: Christian, what is the value of wisdom?

All: Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

SONG OF PRAISE

O Little Town of Bethlehem | No. 201

ST. LOUIS

Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Heavenly Father, we praise you for your wondrous grace and love in sending Jesus to save us. Yet we find that sin continues to have great power over us in our daily lives. Every day we struggle to put the love of others above our love of self. Every day we sin against you in thought, word and deed. We thank you for Jesus, who gave up the glory of heaven to redeem and rescue a sinful people like us. We pray that more and more our hearts would be changed and sanctified by the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Children's Time

After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.

SCRIPTURE READING***Matthew 2.1-12**

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

SERMON**The Unfolding of God’s Plan***Rev. Chris Bennett***HYMN OF RESPONSE****Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

BOSWELL/PAPA

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

A word to parents: *Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.*

During the bread

Instrumental

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | No. 196
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

BENEDICTION*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Matthew 2.13-20

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter/Spring Christian Education

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, January 9 at 9 a.m. Please look for an email this week with the class descriptions! Our weekly Bible studies will also be starting back up this month. More details on those are coming soon!

WOW Winter Brunch

Please save the date for a WOW (Women of Wisdom) Winter Brunch on Saturday, January 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Location and RSVP details will be coming soon! All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

Small Group Opportunity

Colossians 2:7 Bible Study, "Growing Strong in God's Family": Noah "walked faithfully with God." (Genesis 6:9) What does it mean to walk faithfully with God? This series of classes includes instruction and encouragement through group interaction, in personal Bible Study, sharpening one's devotional life, scripture memory/meditation skills and becoming more effective in sharing our faith.

This study will be held at the home of Ken and Tammie Hargrove (3022 Cortez Ct. E., Irving TX 75062) and is open to young and old, men and women, couples or singles. There is a workbook fee of \$10. The spring session will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will start on January 12, 2022. Please call or text Ken at 972.849.3052 or Sally Smith at 603.770.9087 for more information and to RSVP.

Table Guild Volunteers

If you are a member of PPC and would like to serve on our table guild committee, we would love to have you! Please email Allyson Crow at office@providencedallas.com for more information about this volunteer opportunity.

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