

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

DECEMBER 19, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Luke 1.51-55

Minister: "He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

All: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMNS*

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing | No. 203
Stanzas 1-3

MENDELSSOHN

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!"

Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'nborn 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. *Refrain*

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They lookèd up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Chorus*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Chorus*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Jeremiah 23:5-6

Minister: Christian, why was the Messiah to come called a “righteous branch”?

All: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

SONG OF PRAISE

Silent Night | No. 210
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

STILLE NACHT

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! 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!

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

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

All: Heavenly Father, this morning we confess that we are easily distracted, constantly diverted from your ways, and quick to follow our own sinful hearts. We often focus more on our sinfully defined desires and aspirations than we do on living for the sake of your kingdom. Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you did not guard your own interests, but chose to leave the comfort and richness of heaven for us. You willingly emptied yourself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men to make your rebellious enemies into your redeemed brothers and sisters. Change our selfish hearts, we pray. Enlarge them with love and gratitude so that following you will be our greatest joy and delight. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

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*

Luke 2.1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

SERMON

Christmas

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Joy Has Dawned

GETTY AND TOWNEND

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today; incense, God is with us,
Myrrh, His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heaven, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | No. 193

PICARDY

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

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!"

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Good Christian Men Rejoice | No. 207

IN DULCI JUBILO

Stanzas 1-3

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever.

SERMON NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Laurie and Dan Enright, as well as Frances and Eleanor, in the loss of Dan's brother, David Enright. We pray they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

Celebration of Birth!

We rejoice with Anna and Andrew Tomlinson, as well as big brother Luke, as they welcome their daughter and sister, Chloe Marie, born on December 8!

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.

Christian Education Holiday Break

Our Sunday School classes and Bible studies will resume in January. More details to come after the holidays!

Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Children ages 4 – kindergarten and children in 1st – 5th grades are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve service! Brief rehearsals will be held after worship. Interested 1st – 5th graders will meet with Jonathan and Jenna Smith in room #136 (adult Sunday school room). Children ages 4 – kindergarten will meet with Stefani Rea in room #133 (adult Sunday school room). Please contact Kristi Breed at childrensministry@providencedallas.com with any questions.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4 p.m. Childcare will not be provided as this is a family service.

Cody McClarty, trumpet

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