

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

DECEMBER 26, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 22:22b, 97:12, 145:1,3

Minister: In the midst of the congregation I will praise You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**All: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMNS*

O Come, All Ye Faithful | No. 208

ADESTE FIDELES

Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

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;

Chorus:

*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;

Chorus

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;

Chorus

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing | No. 203

MENDELSSOHN

Stanzas 1-3

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*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from Jeremiah 31.31-34

Minister: “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

All: “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Minister: No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.

All: “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

SONG OF PRAISE

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*

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

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

All: Gracious Heavenly Father, you have attributed my sin on my substitute and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom’s robe, a robe of holiness. But in my daily living, I am still in rags. I have no robe of my own to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness, and by grace alone do I receive a change of clothes. For you justify the ungodly. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day’s work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the throne in it, and enter heaven in it shining as the sun. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

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* **Hebrews 13.20-21**

²⁰ May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

A Covenant Christmas

Rev. Dave Clelland

HYMN OF RESPONSE

As with Gladness Men of Old | No. 226
Stanzas 1-3

DIX

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
There to bend the knee before, him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

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
SONG

O Come, All You Unfaithful

B. Kauflin and L. Clow

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable.
Come, know you are not alone.
O Come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying.
Come, see what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born. Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken. Come, with fears unspoken.
Come, taste of His perfect love.
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run.
See what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born. Christ is born for you.

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe.

So Come, though you have nothing. Come, He is the offering.
Come, see what our God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born. Christ is born for you.

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen | No. 211
Stanzas 1-3

GOD REST YE MERRY

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Chorus:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Chorus

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."

Chorus

BENEDICTION*

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.

SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: Where should our hearts and minds be this day after Christmas?

I. On the God of our peace.

II. On the work of our great Shepherd.

III. On our future of eternal glory.

Answer: On the wonder of Christ as the fulfillment of the eternal covenant!

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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.

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