

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

DECEMBER 25, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Isaiah 9

Minister: People of the Living God, come and worship! Worship Jesus Christ the Incarnate King!

All: His Name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Worthy is He of all praise and honor and glory and blessing!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Joy to the World | No. 195
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Galatians 4.4-7

Minister: Christian, for what reason was Jesus born?

All: But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might be adopted as sons. Because we are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So we are no longer slaves, but sons; and since we are sons, God has also made us heirs.

SONG OF PRAISE

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.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we come to you on this Christmas morning in awe and wonder that you have given us the greatest and most magnificent gift of all. You have given us your Son – your one and only Son. We give you earnest thanks on this day for the Advent of Christ Jesus. Yet we must also recognize that we are not worthy of Him. Given our sin and rebellion, there was nothing about us that required such sacrificial love. And yet you gave Him, willingly, lovingly, and freely. Forgive us, we pray! By your Spirit, help us to grow more and more in our gratitude for the Christ of Christmas! In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING*

Matthew 2.1-12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “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.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They 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.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And 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.”

⁹ After 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And 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. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

DEVOTIONAL

God’s Greatest Gift

Rev. David Rea

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.

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.*

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

The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.

During the bread

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor | No. 230 QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE
Stanzas 1-3

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav’n-ward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
Worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

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

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education Holiday Break

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

Weekly Update

If you would like to receive our weekly email that includes announcements, information about Bible studies, and details about upcoming events, please email office@providencedallas.com. We would be happy to include you!

Church Offering

We have two white offering boxes in the lobby outside the sanctuary, one on each of the gray tables. Our hope is that these boxes will provide a place for you and your family to thoughtfully, cheerfully and discreetly bring your offerings to worship on Sunday mornings. If you have been giving online through our church's website or mailing a check to the office, please feel free to continue doing so if that is your preference.

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