



Community Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Christmas
27 December 2020

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

(One) Praise Jesus Christ, the newborn Prince of Peace!
Our Savior is born, and we are reconciled to our Creator.

(All) We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid. We may now live in truth and love.

(One) Praise to the God who has come to us in the flesh!

(All) We are being created anew. We are no longer slaves to the flesh, but have been born into the Spirit.

(One) Praise to the Spirit who calls us together to serve!

(All) We will be sustained. We will proclaim Christ's love for all generations.

(One) Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Psalm

Psalm 148

Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

(1) It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

(4) For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Prayer of Confession

(One) Eternal and gracious God, We spend much of our lives pursuing earthly pleasures, power and influence, and financial prosperity. Yet, You came to us in the weakness of the manger. Even in this holy season, we find ourselves beholden to material gifts. You alone offer us the only everlasting gift: Your Son, Jesus Christ, God with us.

(All) **We confess to You our pride, our fear, and our reluctance to receive Your grace. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, heal us, and transform us. We humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.** *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

New Testament Reading *Galatians 4:4-7*

Gospel Reading *John 1:1-14*

Sermon *When the Word Becomes Flesh*

Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

(1) 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 every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

(2) 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.

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles Creed*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

(who) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he
rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Games Up Here

Join us ONLINE tomorrow night, **Monday, December 28st from 7:00-8:30pm MST** to play another game of Metro X. Get more information on our website (<https://lakecitypresbyterian.org/games-up-here/>).

Weekly Bible Study

We're gathering online this week for our Wednesday Bible Study. Join us as we explore the book of 1 Samuel this **Wednesday, December 30th from 5:00-6:30pm**. The Zoom link is available on our website: www.lakecitypresbyterian.org

Save the Date for Zoom 101

On, **Tuesday, January 12th from 4:00 to 5:00(ish) MST**, we're going to have a **Zoom 101 workshop**, where we'll explore some great features the Zoom platform has to offer our community during times of physical distancing. The Zoom link for this gathering is forthcoming.

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

All joys and concerns are located and updated on www.lakecitypresbyterian.org. The password is: **CPC1876**

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