

Community Presbyterian Church

Christmas Sunday 25 December 2022

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Prelude

Mary Did You Know?

*Call to Worship

(One) Our season of holy waiting is over.

(All) We celebrate God's presence in the world. (One) The incarnate God has come and brought salvation to the world. Yet we still wait.

(All) We wait patiently for the Light of the World to appear once again.

(One) Come let us walk in the light of God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn (182)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(1) 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;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

(2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

(3) Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given;Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

Christ Candle

(One) Joy to the world, the Lord has come. (All) Christ is the light of the world, let his light shine through us.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(One) Incarnate God, out of darkness you brought light. Make us your light throughout this holy season of Christmas, that all may know that we are your children.

(All) Christ Jesus, the newborn King, come into our lives and grant us your hope, peace, joy and love.

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

*Hymn (179)

Joy to the World

(1) 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.

(2) Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;let all their songs employ;while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,repeat the sounding joy,repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

(3) No more let sin 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.

(4) 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.

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-14

What Child is This?

Homily

Hymn (184)

(1) What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

(2) Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

(3) So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Third Reading

*Hymn (185)

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

(1) 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."

(2) Christ, by highest heaven 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 with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

(3) Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!Hail the Sun of Righteousness!Light and life to all he brings,risen with healing in his wings.Mild he lays his glory by,born that we no more may die,born to raise us from the earth,born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Offertory

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespasses)

*Hymn (218)

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

(1) While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

(2) The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

(3) Down in a lowly mangerthe humble Christ was born,and God sent us salvationthat blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

SENDING

Charge Benediction Postlude

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Go Tell It on the Mountains

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth

No IG Study of the Bible for the next two weeks. We'll return on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Games Up Here

No Monday night games for the next two weeks. We'll return on Monday, January 15, 2023.

Wednesday Bible Study

No Wednesday Bible Study for the next two weeks. We'll return on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

No Men's Prayer Breakfast until 2023.

Communion and Monthly Potluck

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, we'll celebrate the Eucharist and have our first-of-the-month potluck directly after the service. Our theme will be noodles, a symbol of life and health for they year ahead.

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SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:2-7

9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

9:3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

9:4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

9:5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

9:6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

9:7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:1-14

2:1 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

2:2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

2:3 All went to their own towns to be registered.

2:4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

2:5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

2:6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

2:8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

2:9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

2:11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

2:12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

John 1:1-14

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

1:3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

1:4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

1:7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

1:8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

1:9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

1:10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

1:11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

1:12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

1:13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.