



Community Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas
31 December 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Away in A Manger

*Call to Worship (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]

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 148

(One) Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the
heavens; praise him in the heights!

(All) Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

(One) Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you
shining stars!

**(All) Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters
above the heavens!**

(One) Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he
commanded and they were created.

**(All) He established them forever and ever; he fixed
their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

(One) Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters
and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind
fulfilling his command!

**(All) Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying
birds!**

(One) Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

(All) Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

(One) He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

***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.

Prayer of Confession

(All) Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to a season. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Assure us of our pardon that we may find rest in you. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

New Testament Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

***Hymn (218)**

Go Tell It on the Mountains

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 manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles Creed*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our
Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, 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
thence 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.

Offertory *The First Noel*

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

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

SENDING

Charge
Benediction
Postlude

Joy to the World

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Games Up Here

No games this week.

January Session

The elders of CPC will be meeting for our January session
on Wednesday, January 3rd at 10am in Darley Hall.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us for the final chapter of *On the Brink of Everything*
on **Wednesday, January 3rd at 5:00pm** online and in
Darley Hall.

Communion next week

Don't forget that we'll be celebrating communion next
Sunday, January 7th. If you're joining us online,
remember to bring your communion elements to the
broadcast.

January Potluck

Join us for our first-Sunday-of-the-year-potluck on
Sunday, January 7th, directly after the service. The theme
is breakfast!

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SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being
shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the
garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of

righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

61:11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

62:2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

62:3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4:4-7

4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

4:5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

4:6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

4:7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2:22-40

2:22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

2:23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

2:24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

2:26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

2:27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

2:28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

2:29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

2:30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

2:31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

2:32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

2:33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

2:34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

2:35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

2:36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

2:37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

2:38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

2:39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

2:40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.