

DECEMBER 18, 2022

LET US PRAISE AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD  
NEWS WITH ZECHARIAH!

The Prelude *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* arr. R. Hobby

The Call to Worship Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

The Introit *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet one who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

Christ brings God's rule, O Zion, he comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

Fling wide your gates, O Zion! Your Savior's rule embrace, and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

Franz Franzen, Swedish folk tune arr. By Sondra Tucker 2000 Hope Publishing

The Carol No. 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

The Invocation Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Scripture Reading **Genesis 3:1-15**

The Anthem *Star Carol*

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies. Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

*See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with message of good cheer: "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!"

See he lies in his mother's tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.

Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; Hurry to the Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

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The Scripture Reading **Isaiah 9:1-7**

The Carol No. 218 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

The Scripture Reading **Isaiah 11:1-10**

*Children in the 2-3-year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.*

The Offertory *Sussex Carol*

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring: News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen!

Traditional Carol arr. by Neil Harmon © Hinshaw Music

The Scripture Reading **Micah 5:2-5a**

The Anthem *Candlelight Carol*

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing, the Christ-child is born.*

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, seraphim round him their vigil will keep; nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: a child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

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The Scripture Reading **Luke 1:67-79**

The Homily Rev. Kalberkamp

*A Christmas Hymn of Praise Prompted by the Holy Spirit!*

The Carol No. 203 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

The Anthem *The Hands That First Held Mary's Child*

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood; from boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood. This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail, but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame, and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name, the angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height, and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.

This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone. The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard, and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human Word.

The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today, but charged with faith may we behold to follow in His way.

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The Scripture Reading **Hebrews 2:14-18**

The Anthem *The First Noel*

Noel, noel, born is the King, noel. The first noel, the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked 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.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord that hath made heav'n and earth of naught and with His blood mankind hath bought.

English carol arr. By Dan Forrest © 2009 Beckenhorst Press

The Song *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man. In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold. Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life, but no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive! *What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes. (repeat)*

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The Benediction Rev. Kalberkamp

The Postlude *Noel! Noel!* arr. G. Martin

Thank you to our guest musicians who have greatly blessed us with their music today:  
Vince Massimino, Ty Maisel, Jerome Hawkins, Zak Joyner, Margaret Pigott, Glenn Hale,  
Rachel Zhou, Kathleen Moffitt and Anne Berthold.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Wendy Glover as an expression of  
gratefulness to God for the blessing Cheryl Reese and her family  
have been to her and to the body of Christ.

#### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Rev. Caleb Cangelosi. We are reading through the book of Acts and working through the Westminster Larger Catechism together on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on Acts 2:1-21 and WLC #27-29.

*The Incomparable God*

Micah 7:18-20

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

- Please join us after evening worship tonight for a reception in the cafeteria to say goodbye and thank you to Christian and Courtney Brewer.
- Congratulations to Ben Clark and Sarah Weill as they were wed yesterday in a ceremony at River Hills officiated by Pastor Carl. Ben grew up at POPC, the son of Rusty and Evie Clark.
- Our Christian sympathies and prayer extend to Mrs. Beth Harper and family on the death of her mother Gustava Cleland. Mrs. Cleland's granddaughter Meredith Johnson is also in the congregation. Mrs. Cleland died securely in Christ and was a long time member of Trinity Presbyterian and First Jackson.
- Mission First: For several years our church has provided coats for the students in the after-school care program. If you would like to donate money towards the cost of the coats you can put cash or check in Tammie Haynes' church mailbox or Venmo Susan @Susan-McCullouch. Make checks payable to Susan McCullouch.
- Our Sonbeams friends and their buddies will be greeting us each Sunday on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the education building. What a joy to have them serving among us and sharing their gifts. Please stop by, let them extend you a welcome, and get to know more of our POPC family.
- Congregational Meeting on January 8, 2023: At the Session meeting last month, the elders approved Mark Henry and John Williams to stand for election by the congregation for the office of Elder, and David Howie, Jared Moffett, Drew Norwood, and Matt Norwood for the office of Deacon. The congregational meeting to elect officers will be held during the Sunday School hour on January 8, 2023. The ordination/installation service of those elected will be on Sunday evening, January 22. More information about these men will be coming soon.

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray the Word of God and the people of God will be an encouragement to you today.



- Scan the QR code to fill out our online information form.
- Visit our website to learn more about us: pearorchard.org.
- Make use of our Nursery for your children under 2. Our cry room, located in the Parlor south of the Sanctuary, is also available.
- Attend one of our Sunday School classes, 10:00-10:45 a.m. every Sunday morning. See the monitors for locations.
- Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. tonight.
- Check out our Wednesday Night Ministries. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with ministry opportunities for all ages at 6:30 p.m.
- We have a thriving disability ministry (Sonbeams) that is here to serve all individuals and families touched by disability.

#### UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

- 12.24 Christmas Eve Service – 4:30 p.m. – Gym
- 12.25 Christmas Day Service – 10:00 a.m. – Gym
- 1.8 Congregational Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary
- 2.12 Missions Festival Begins

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to pursue transformation by truth and grace together  
for the glory of Christ.*