

DECEMBER 19, 2021

ALL IS WELL, FOR GOD IS WITH US!

The Prelude *Noel Nouvelet* arr. Brant Adams

The Call to Worship Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Introit *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

The Carol No. 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

The Invocation Rev. Cangelosi

The Scripture Reading *John 1:1-18*

The Anthem *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; pow'rs, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King: let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

This is he who seers and sages sang of old with one accord; whom the writings of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long-expected: let creation praise its Lord, praise the Lord, evermore and evermore. Amen.

Words by Marcus Prudentius, 4th century, 13th century plainsong, setting by Larry Shackley

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

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

The Carol *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

All my heart this night rejoices as I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices. "Christ is born," their choirs are singing till the air ev'rywhere now with joy is ringing.

Forth today the Conqu'ror goeth, who the foe, sin and woe, death and hell o'erthroweth. God is man, man to deliver, his dear Son now is one with our blood forever.

Shall we still dread God's displeasure, who to save, freely gave His most cherished treasure? To redeem us, He hath given His own Son from the throne of His might in heaven.

Choir sings: Hark! a voice from yonder manger, soft and sweet, doth entreat: “Flee from woe and danger. Brethren, from all ills that grieve you, you are freed; all you need I will surely give you.”

Come, then banish all your sadness, one and all, great and small, come with songs of gladness. Love Him who with love is glowing. Hail the star, near and far light and joy bestowing.

Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish; though my breath fail in death, yet I shall not perish; but with thee abide forever, there on high, in that joy which can vanish never!

Words by Paul Gerhardt, 1653, music by Johann Ebeling, 1666, setting by Margaret Sprow

The Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

The Offertory

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today! Earth and heav’n before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today.

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven’s door and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.

Congregation sings: Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

The Homily

Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

God as You would Never Expect!

The Anthem

Murmurs in a Stable

Murmurs in a stable in the silence of the night, murmurs first of pain, then of joy. Murmurs in a stable in the silence of the night, quiet cries from Mary’s baby boy.

Sweet, holy Child, murm’ring myst’ries divine, Son of God, son of man. The holy Word in a helpless baby’s cry, born to be the spotless Lamb.

Murmurs in a stable from the tiny infant King, proclaiming the Word divine. Give me grace to listen, teach my silent heart to sing that I am Yours, You are mine.

Words by Susan Bentall Boersma, music by Craig Courtney

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

The Anthem

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel’s word, I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred; but there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find Him as they said: sweet newborn Babe, how frail! and in a manger bed:
a still small Voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart
I stare: a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace, for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned its way into my heart unasked, unforced,
unearned, to die, to live, and not alone for me? To die, to live, and not alone for me.

Words by Jaroslav J. Vajda, music by Craig Courtney

The Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:16-4:7

The Anthem

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on
Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and
joy!

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed Babe was born, and laid within a manger, upon this blessed
morn; that which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn. O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our Heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds brought tidings
of the same; how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. O tidings of comfort and
joy!

19th century English carol arranged by Keith Christopher

The Carol No. 195

Joy to the World

The Benediction

Rev. Kalberkamp

The Postlude

People, Look East

arr. K. Langlois

*We are blessed to have the following musicians assisting in our worship this morning: Rachel Reese Kollmeyer,
Zak Joyner, Liz Taylor, Margaret Pigott and Steven Ross.*

EVENING SERVICE

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 the book of Exodus and working through the Heidelberg
Catechism together as a congregation on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on Exodus 31 and
Heidelberg Catechism #75-76.

Psalm 110

David's Son is David's King, Priest, and Victorious Lord

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in this Advent season
by Robby and Gisele Hansbrough.*

TO EVERYONE WHO VISITS WITH US THIS LORD'S DAY, we welcome you sincerely and from the heart. Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE CHRIST'S INCARNATION TOGETHER: Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building. Please make plans to join us and bring your unbelieving friends to hear the gospel of our incarnate Savior!

CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENCE OFFERING: As always at our Christmas Eve service we will receive an offering that goes exclusively to our Deacon's mercy fund which enables your officers to meet many needs throughout the year for families needing assistance, both inside and outside our congregation. Your sacrificial support of this offering enables us to display joyfully the loving and merciful diaconal heart of our Savior Jesus.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS HAVE CONCLUDED FOR THE FALL SEMESTER. We will resume on January 9, 2022.

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR YEAR-END SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO CHRIST'S CHURCH: A large portion of the church's contributions are received in the last two months of the year and are annually needed to end the year fiscally sound as a church. Please remember that your tithes and offerings must be received or postmarked by Friday, December 31, to be counted toward 2021. Sacrificial giving to the General Fund and also to Missions is deeply encouraged by all as we imitate our Savior who gave Himself for us. We are equipped to handle gifts of stock also. Please prayerfully make Christ's Church the recipient of your heartfelt and generous giving.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2022: At the Session meeting last month, the elders approved Dr. Mike Atkinson to stand for election by the congregation for the office of Elder. The congregational meeting to elect officers and to present the 2022 church budget, will be held during the Sunday School hour on January 9, 2022. The ordination/installation service of those elected will be on Sunday evening, January 23. More information will arrive in your mail soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OLIVIA KWASNY: Last Saturday in our Sanctuary, Olivia was married to Mr. Matthew Morganti. Pray for them as they begin their life together in Christ. Their new address is 3321 S. Bowman Rd., #326, Little Rock, AR 72211.

FIRST SONBEAMS NIGHT OUT OF 2022: SNO on Friday, January 7, will be a LUAU. Whether it's a warm or cold MS night we'll go LUAU style with grass skirts, leis, Kono Ice snow cones, the limbo, games, singing, and a devotional. All volunteers come at 5:55 to the gym to help us give our special needs friends a night of fellowship and fun as well as to give their parents and caregivers a night of respite. What a beautiful picture of the body of Christ: young, old, new volunteers and long timers bringing the joy and love of Christ to those the world often leaves behind. Contact Daphne Clark at dclark@ccs.ms or 601 594-3743 to volunteer or for questions.

SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH US: To ask the congregation to pray for you or a loved one, please email Laura Herbison at pray@pearorchard.org.

**UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
BEGIN JANUARY 2, 2022**

Book of Acts – Bruce Baugus

Parables of Jesus – John Kwasny

Gospel of Mark (part 2) – Carl Kalberkamp

Letter to the Hebrews – Newell Simrall

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Arklie Hooten, Mission to North America (MNA)

Arklie Hooten serves as MNA's Short Term Missions and Disaster Response Director. He oversees the growth and development of staffing, volunteer training and mobilization, and the Sheds of Hope project. Arklie asks us to join him and his co-laborers in giving thanks that the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season has concluded, and thus they have been able to demobilize their well-resourced TN, NC, AL, and LA worksites. Pray for their efforts in recruiting a staff member to further develop their Sheds of Hope ministry, as they lost their beloved coworker Pastor John Browne who went to be with the Lord last year. Pray that they will again be well resourced as they render assistance to those areas that were devastated by the recent tornado strikes and storms.

PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Tricia Baugus – Administrative Assistant
Josh Beck – College Ministry Intern
Ashley Biggs – Associate Youth Director
Daphne Clark – Sonbeams Director
Susie Cook – Organist
Heatherly Edgar – Financial Administrator
Maggie Ethridge – Director of Fellowship
Rick Goodwin – Business Administrator
Howard Graylin – Sound Team Leader
Tammie Haynes – Women's Ministry Director
Cathy Haynie – CCS Head of School

Adelle Johnson – Children's Ministry Assistant
John Kwasny – Director of Discipleship Ministries
Edwin Lewis – Maintenance Director
Katie Long – Youth Ministry Intern
Serena Lucas – Nursery Director
Scott Miller – Assistant Youth Director
Chris Payne – Maintenance Technician
Paul Randall, III – Maintenance Technician
Margaret Sprow – Music Director
Liz Taylor – Media Communication Manager
Madison Taylor – Worship Team Leader