

DECEMBER 20, 2020

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

The Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

French melody arranged by Duane Funderburk

The Call to Worship

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Carol

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

Words by John Mason Neale and Henry Coffin, 15th century French melody arr. Margaret Tucker
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The Invocation

Rev. Cangelosi

The Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-15

The Anthem

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!

Words by Franz Franzen, adapted from Swedish by Charles Price, Swedish folk tune arr. by Sondra Tucker.
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The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Solo

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Anna Clemmer, soloist

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.

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. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, joy of every longing heart.

Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Nancy Walters

The Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

The Carol

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Words by Joseph Mohr, Music by Franz Gruber

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

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-14

The Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

(Choir Only) Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Traditional French Carol, setting by Robert Powell

The Homily

Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

*Caroling with the Angelic Hosts:
Singing in Harmony with the Lord*

The Anthem

Hear Now the Angels Singing

Hear now the angels singing? Hallelujah! Hear now the bells a-ringing? Hallelujah! The angels sing the story to God the highest glory. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hear now the angels singing? Hallelujah! Hear now the bells a-ringing? Hallelujah! This night to us is given the gift of peace from heaven. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hear now the angels singing? Hallelujah! Hear now the bells a-ringing? Hallelujah! The host of heav'n rejoices; we too, would lift our voices. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Music by L. Papier, arr. Wayne Bisbee

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

The Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow in the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him? What can I give him? Give my heart.

Words by Christina Rossetti, music by Victor Johnson

The Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

The Anthem

Come, Run, Ye Shepherds

Come run, ye shepherds! The star is shining, the gates of Bethlehem high are lifted. Make haste to enter, and find the stable, and kneel down and worship the newborn King. Come play your pipe, come play your drum; make merry and dance the way along, for Christ is born, yes, Christ is born; yes, Jesus, our Savior, is born.

Sing Noel on the way to Bethlehem; come and join us; Jesus the Savior, is born.

The prophets wrote, the sages spoke of this night of wonder, this night of joy; come join our hearts, come join our voices in praise of the newborn King. Come play your pipe, come play your drum; make merry and dance the way along, for Christ is born, yes, Christ is born; yes, Jesus our Savior, is born.

Sacred Harp tune, Music and Words by Hal Hopson

The Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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; O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; very God, begotten, not created: O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest: O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing: O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Latin hymn arranged by David Willcocks

The Benediction

Rev. Kalberkamp

The Postlude *And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever* G. Handel

We are blessed to have the following musicians assisting in our worship this morning: Rachel Reese Kollmeyer, Vince Massimino, Liz Taylor, Nancy Bateman and Steven Ross.

**UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
BEGIN JANUARY 3, 2021**

I Corinthians ~ John Kwasny

Gospel of Mark ~ Carl Kalberkamp

Galatians ~ Dean Williams

I, II, Timothy and Titus ~ Josh Beck, Interns

New Members Class ~ Caleb Cangelosi

Please register for the new Adult SS classes beginning in January, if you have not done so already. Visit www.pearorchard.org/adult-sunday-school.

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Mr. Wilson Van Hooser. We are working through the Westminster Shorter Catechism and Scripture proofs (in the ESV) on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on Westminster Shorter Catechism #98, Psalm 62:8, I John 5:14-15, and Philippians 4:6.

Ruth 4

"The Relentless Redeemer"

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Murray and Lanelle Fincher in loving memory of Betty Jo Palmer.*

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR YEAR-END SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO CHRIST'S CHURCH AS THE YEAR CLOSSES: A large portion of the church's contributions are received in the last 2 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 December 31 to be counted by toward 2020. 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.

FAREWELL VAN HOOSERS! Wilson, Grace, and Knox have been with us since the Fall of 2016. On Tuesday they move up to Stillwater, OK, where Wilson will become the RUF Campus Minister at Oklahoma State University. Come say goodbye to them in the Multipurpose Building immediately following the evening worship service tonight.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE will be held **this Thursday** December 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and the Multi-Purpose Building. There is a nursery for children 2 years and under in the nursery building.

CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENCE OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED: 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 10, 2021.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2021: At the Session meeting last month, the elders approved men to stand for election by the congregation. These men are recommended for the office of Deacon: Peter Boswell, Mark Brown, Clinton Carraway, Tony Franklin, Jeff Gamblin, Madison Taylor, Glen Ulrich, and John Wiggins. These men are recommended for the office of Elder: Bob Austin, James Clark, Ken Haynes, John Kwasny, Jonathan Werne and Tom Young. The congregational meeting to elect officers will be held during the Sunday School hour on January 10, 2021. The ordination/installation service of those elected will be on Sunday evening, January 24. More information about each of these men will be coming soon.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Margaret Harvey. Margaret's father, James "Streety" Longstreet Minor, passed away on Sunday, December 13, 2020.