

DECEMBER 26, 2021

OUR LORD IS GOING TO MAKE EVERYTHING WONDERFULLY RIGHT

The Prelude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. C. Uehluin

The Call to Worship

Rev. Christian Brewer

The Hymn No. 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord. Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Felix Mendelssohn

The Invocation

Rev. Brewer

The Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism #45

Pastor: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

*Pastor and People: Christ executes the office of a king,
in calling out of the world a people to himself,
and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them;
in bestowing saving grace upon his elect,
rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins,
preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings,
restraining and overcoming all their enemies,
and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good;
and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.*

The Hymn No. 439

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea, earth's remotest regions shall his empire be; they that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring, kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.

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When the needy seek him, he will mercy show; yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know; he will surely save them from oppression's might, for their lives are precious in his holy sight. Refrain

Ever and forever shall his name endure, long as suns continue it shall stand secure; and in him forever all men shall be blest, and all nations hail him King of kings confessed. Refrain

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings; he alone is glorious, doing wondrous things. Evermore, ye people, bless his glorious name, his eternal glory through the earth proclaim. Refrain

From Psalm 72:8-14, 17-19, The Psalter, 1912, music by Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

The Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-22:6

The Offertory

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

arr. Don Hustad

Children ages 2-4 may come forward for the Children's Message. Afterward, those in the 2-3 year old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.

The Children's Message

Rev. Dean Williams

The Song

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free, O, the miracle of mercy Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul. His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began; sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own. Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure. God of grace now crowned in glory where one day I'll see your face and forever I'll adore you in your everlasting grace.

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The Intercessory Prayer

Mr. Adam Adcock

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Sermon

Rev. Williams

Life in a Right Side Up World

The Hymn of Response

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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

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

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

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Spiritual

The Benediction

Rev. Williams

NO EVENING WORSHIP OR MINISTRIES TONIGHT

It is our practice as a congregation not to hold the evening service on the Sunday night closest to Christmas Day.

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.

LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY: Please prepare your heart this week for the celebration of the Lord's Supper next Sunday in morning worship. Paul writes, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (I Corinthians 11:27-28). Examine yourself regarding your knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of your faith to feed upon Him, and of your repentance, love, and new obedience (Westminster Shorter Catechism #97).

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS: Next Sunday, January 2, from 5:00-5:45 p.m., come join us in the Sanctuary to pray for our missionaries, church planters, ministry partners, and the progress of the gospel in our hearts and around the world. Pray that "the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with [us]" (II Thessalonians 3:1)!

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR YEAR-END SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO CHRIST'S CHURCH: Please remember that your tithes and offerings must be received or postmarked by this 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 (don't forget about the tax advantages of giving gifts of stock). Please prayerfully make Christ's Church the recipient of your heartfelt and generous giving.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: We will resume the evening of January 9, 2022.

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.

FIRST SONBEAMS NIGHT OUT OF 2022: SNO on Friday, January 7, will be a LUAU 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 to those the world often leaves behind. Contact Daphne Clark at dclark@ccs.ms or 601 594-3743 to volunteer or for questions.

TEAM ACCESS MEETING: Team Access will meet on Sunday, January 9, in the Sonbeams room from 4:55-5:50 for pizza and a training session. Contact Daphne Clark at dclark@ccs.ms or 601 594-3743 for questions.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The Sanctuary Flowers are paid for by members who wish to contribute the flower arrangement one Sunday or more during the year. Flowers may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones and the cost is \$75. Contact Tricia in the church office (601-956-3282) or email tbaugus@pearorchard.org to pay by check made payable to POPC with "flowers" on the memo line or you can sign-up and pay online by visiting pearorchard.org/church-forms

**MISSIONARY PARTNER OF THE WEEK:
French Camp Academy, French Camp, MS**

French Camp Academy, a Christ-centered home and school, exists to serve young people and families for the glory of God. FCA strives to promote an environment of learning where the students can thrive emotionally, come alive spiritually, be stretched academically, and grow physically and spiritually. Pray for the FCA staff and leadership, that they will do all things with hearts intent on glorifying God, and that He will bless their work, replenish their resources, and establish their steps.

**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