

DECEMBER 27, 2020

**ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND
THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU**

The Prelude *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. G. Martin

The Call to Worship Rev. Dean Williams

The Hymn of Praise *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!

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!

Medieval Latin Carol trans. by John Mason Neale, 14th century German melody

The Invocation Rev. Williams

The Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

The Scripture Reading **Isaiah 49:1-18**

The Offertory *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. Zechariah 2:10

Traditional English Carol arranged by Howard Helvey

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

The Psalm *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility, his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Based on Psalm 24, Words by Georg Weissel, trans. Catherine Winkworth,
Music from Psalmodia Evangelica, 178

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Scripture Reading **Luke 2:22-38**

The Sermon Rev. Cangelosi

*Caroling with Dr. Luke
Simeon's Song: Surprise!!*

The Carol *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. *Chorus*

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

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

Traditional Spiritual

The Benediction Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude *People Look East* arr. K. Langlois

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

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 be in prayer and prepare your heart this week for the celebration of the Lord's Supper next Sunday in morning worship.

COME PRAY WITH US! We invite you to gather in the Parlor during the morning worship service you do not attend in order to pray for the worship services and the preaching of God's word.

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR YEAR-END SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO CHRIST'S CHURCH: 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 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.

WE'RE DEBT-FREE! This past Tuesday Christ Covenant School gave the church \$95,592 it had received from a generous donor to enable us to pay off the remaining balance on our Education Building mortgage. Give thanks to God for His generosity through His people, for the faithful stewardship of our officers, and for the way He has used and continues to use our ministry through Christ Covenant School and all other means of discipleship in that building!

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 in the Gym 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.

SONBEAMS CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES were an early Christmas gift to so many of our special needs families. Thank you to the over 70 volunteers who helped wrap, pick out, and deliver these gifts to over 30 families and individuals. The heart of Christ to go, bearing gifts, with tidings of comfort and joy was on display that evening!

**WINTER/SPRING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
BEGIN JANUARY 3, 2021**

I Corinthians ~ John Kwasny
Room 312

Gospel of Mark - Carl Kalberkamp
Room - Cafeteria

Galatians ~ Dean Williams
Room 314

I, II, Timothy and Titus - Josh Beck, Interns
Room 238

New Members Class - Caleb Cangelosi
Parlor

*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.*

MINISTRY IN THE AUTUMN OF LIFE

What would the Lord have us to do [in the autumn of life]? For undoubtedly, we are not privileged to fold our hands, and sit down in idleness, as if our work was ended. Indeed, it would be no privilege to be exempt from all occupation. Such a life to the aged or the young, must be a life of misery; for man never was made to be idle, and his happiness is intimately connected with activity. We may be no longer qualified for those labors which require much bodily strength - we may, indeed, be so debilitated or crippled by disease, that we can scarcely move our crazy frame - and some among us may be vexed with excruciating pain - yet still we have a work to perform for God, and for our generation.

If we cannot use our hands and feet, so as to be useful in the labors which we were wont to perform, yet we may employ our tongues to speak the praises of our God and Savior. We may drop a word of counsel to those around us; and especially, the aged owe a duty to the young, to whom they may have access, and who are related to them. Every aged Christian must have acquired much knowledge from experience, which he should be ready to communicate as far as it is practicable. Why is it, my dear friends, that we suffer so many opportunities of usefulness to pass without improvement? Why are we so often silent, when the suggestions of our own conscience urge us to speak something for God? How is it, that we consume hours in unprofitable talk, and seldom attempt to say anything which can profit the hearers? We may plead inability - we may excuse ourselves, because we are unlearned and not able to speak eloquently and correctly - but let us be honest; is not the true reason because our own hearts are so little affected with these things? Let us never rest, then, until we find ourselves in a better state of mind. Let us get our hearts habitually under the influence of divine things, and then conversation on this subject, will be as easy as on any other. "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh."

(Archibald Alexander, *Aging in Grace: Letters to Those in the Autumn of Life*)

MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF GOD

REV. CALEB G. CANGELOSI ~ SENIOR PASTOR

REV. CARL H. KALBERKAMP, JR. ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR

REV. DEAN WILLIAMS ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR

SESSION

Adam Adcock (2021)	Neil Barnes (2024)	Phil Ethridge (2023)
Bill Hatcliff (2021)	Ken Haynes (Stated Clerk)	Jack Haynie (2021)
Brad Ingram (2023)	Eddie Moran (2021)	Steve Morris (2023)
Rod Russ (2020)	Newell Simrall (2024)	John Slater (2023)
Ken Smith (2022)	Ben Sones (2022)	Craig Stockmeier (2022)
Rob Waltzer (2023)		

DIACONATE

Michael Bryant (2020)	Tim Barnes (2023)	Bobby Bullock (2019)
Allan Edgar (2023)	Rob Hembree (2019)	Michael Johnson (2022)
Walt Lucas (2023)	Ron McMaster (2019)	Jamie Murphy (2022)
Parker Reece (2023)	Stephen Shelt (2020)	Greg Sprow (2020)
Austin Stewart (2022)	Charlie Upton (2022)	Matt Walker (2019)
Jack Wilson (2020)	Seth Winchester (2020)	

PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Josh Beck - College Ministry Intern	Adelle Johnson- Children's Ministry Assistant
Ashley Biggs - Assistant Youth Director	John Kwasny - Director of Discipleship Ministries
Daphne Clark - Sonbeams Director	Willie Lane - Day Porter
Susie Cook - Organist	Edwin Lewis - Maintenance Director
Jan Duran - Administrative Secretary	Serena Lucas - Nursery Director
Heatherly Edgar - Financial Administrator	Scott Miller - Director of Youth Ministry
Rick Goodwin - Business Administrator	Margaret Sprow - Music Director
Howard Graylin - Sound Team Leader	Liz Taylor - Media Communication Manager
Tammie Haynes - Women's Ministry Director	Madison Taylor - Worship Team Leader
Cathy Haynie - CCS Head of School	Georgia Upshaw - Youth Ministry Coordinator
Madeline Hogue - Youth Ministry Coordinator	

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