

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – WHOEVER
FOLLOWS HIM WILL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS

The Prelude

Picardy

arr. G. Martin

The Call to Worship

Rev. Dean Williams

The Hymn No. 194

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, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by the drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, the Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Words translated by John Mason Neale, 1851, music arranged by Thomas Helmore, 1856

The Invocation

Rev. Williams

The Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Hymn No. 156

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright? Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, your lamp within my breast to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me; your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty. O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace, in love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom, who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom. Despair not, he is near you, yea, standing at the door, who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress; your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace. He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n, for all God's sons securing their heritage in heav'n.

Words by Paul Gerhardt, 1653, music by Melchior Teschner, 1615

The Scripture Reading

Acts 13:13-52

The Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Jennifer Kimbrough and Lauren Neiswinger, flute

arr. L. Larson

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David" (Luke 1:68-69).

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

The Hymn No. 216

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Words by Edith M. G. Reed, 1925, Traditional Polish Melody

The Intercessory Prayer

Mr. Jonathan Werne

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-13

The Sermon

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

Songs of the Servant: The Light for the Nations

The Hymn No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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 ev'ry nation, joy for ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings for a birth: "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born they people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now they 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.

Words by Charles Wesley, 1744, and Mark E. Hunt, 1978, music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Falling

arr. R. Hobby

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Rev. Nate Shurden. This evening Mr. Christian Brewer will be ordained to gospel ministry by the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.

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.

CHRISTIAN BREWER'S ORDINATION SERVICE TONIGHT: Please join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. as the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley gathers to ordain Christian as an assistant pastor of POPC. Rev. Nate Shurden, Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN, will be preaching God's word. A reception for Christian will follow in the Gym.

GUOS ARE MOVING: Today is the Guo family's last Sunday to worship with us. They are moving to Delaware to begin work with RUF International at the University of Delaware. Their new address is 233 Fenwick Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804. The Guos are moving on Friday, December 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you can help let Graham know at 601-708-3651.

ATTENTION LADIES COLLEGE AGE AND UP: You are invited to **Comfort and Joy** Christmas Celebration, hosted by our Women's Ministry this Thursday, December 2, in the gym at 6:30. We will enjoy fellowship over delicious holiday foods and hear our special speaker, Alleen Tomas. No registration required. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY: Please prepare your heart this week for the celebration of the Lord's Supper next Sunday in morning worship.

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS: Next Sunday, December 5th, 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)!

SONBEAMS CHRISTMAS GIFT DELIVERY: All ages are welcome to come deliver gifts on December 14 from 5:30- 7:30. Everyone will gather in the gym at 5:30, be assigned to a group of 4-10, receive their sack of gifts for their families, and head to their assigned homes. Once there you can visit with your families, give them their gifts, and sing a few Christmas carols. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of Christ as we remember our special needs friends and families in their suffering. Whether you've done this many times or this is your first, we'd love to have you fellowship with us as we deliver. If you are able to help deliver or have questions, contact Daphne Clark at dclark@ccs.ms or 594-3743.

YOUNG MARRIEDS FELLOWSHIP: Save the Date for the Young Marrieds Fellowship Christmas Party on Friday, December 17 from 6:30-8:30 at the home of Glen and Emily Ulrich. Whether this is your first time to attend or you have been several times, we hope you will join us for this festive evening of fellowship!

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR UPCOMING MISSIONS FESTIVAL: This year's Mission Festival will be February 6-13, 2022. We are looking for volunteers to serve by arranging meals and lodging for visiting missionaries, keeping visiting missionaries informed on their schedule, and coordinating the Ladies' Luncheon. If you can help with any of these, please contact Tom Young at 601-955-5685 or tyoung444@comcast.net or Dean Williams at dean@pearorchard.org.

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are using an online pictorial directory for use with a smartphone that allows members to connect with our church and other members. The pictorial directory is part of an application called MinistryOne. Additionally, you can watch the latest worship service (or a live worship service in progress), register for events, see which church groups & studies are available for you to join, and give in support of our church ministries. Instructions for getting the MinistryOne app are available at pearorchard.org/church-directory.

MISSION MINISTRY OF THE WEEK
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)

Each year, Operation Christmas Child delivers nearly 10 million gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls in more than 100 countries. POPC serves as a collection location for these boxes in the Central Mississippi region. POPC Lead Person/Coordinator Jenny Murphy, and her team, are asking us to join them in praising God for the receipt of 26,656 shoeboxes, and ask that we would pray that God would mightily reveal himself to each of the 26,656 children who will receive their own box, filled with gifts that will ultimately point to the greatest gift of all, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.