

Order of Worship December 16, 2018

Prelude

Cornerstone Children

Welcome & Announcements

Taylor King, Youth Director

Preparation for Worship

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (Luke 2:20 ESV)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Matthew 1:18-22

Call to Worship

Pastor: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.

People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Pastor: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased! (Luke 2:10-14 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

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.

(Chorus) 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,
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God all/Glory in the highest!

Yea Lord we greet Thee/Born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father/Now in flesh appearing.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
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Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high/Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply/Echoing their joyous strains.

(Chorus) Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?/Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be/Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see/Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee/Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

"Angels We Have Heard On High"
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Scripture Reading

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. (Micah 5:2-5a ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen/Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour/Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r/When we were gone astray.

(Chorus) O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly 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.

Fear not then said the angel/Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour/Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him/From Satan's pow'r and might.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks feeding in tempest, storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
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Baptismal Reading

Pastor: And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. (Genesis 17:7 ESV)

People: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. (Acts 2:38-39 ESV)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

William Valor Trotter
Son of Brian and Melissa Trotter

Hymn of Response

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

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Pastoral Prayer

John Hinson, Elder

Offertory**

"Wexford Carol"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Wonder of Christmas: The Wonder of the Shepherds" Luke 2:8-20
p. 857

Song of Response

Go Tell It on the Mountain

(Chorus) 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/Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens/There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled/When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus/That hailed the Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger/The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation/That blessed Christmas morn.

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"
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Benediction

****Please register your attendance on the Connect Card and place in offering plate.**

Wexford Carol

Good people all this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day;
In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide, the noble Virgin and her guide
Were longtime seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town.
But mark how all things came to pass: from every door repelled, alas!
As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble ox's stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep,
To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angels said, "to Bethlehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely Babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the Babe to find,
And as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.
Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid,
Attending on the Lord of life, who came on earth to end all strife.

There were three wise men from afar directed by a glorious star,
And on they wandered night and day until they came where Jesus lay.
And when they came unto that place where our beloved Messiah was,
They humbly cast them at his feet, with gifts of gold and incense sweet.

"Wexford Carol"
Irish Traditional

**Special thanks, once again, to Sarah Robins Powell for her artwork
created for our Advent Bulletins.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please speak to one of the greeters, fill out the Blue Connect Card, and visit our website at cornerstone-pres.org.

New Member Class - Concludes today in Room 103 downstairs.

Officer Nominations - Cornerstone members have the opportunity to nominate men for office until Sunday, Dec. 30th. Nomination brochures are available in the narthex. You may place yours in the offering plate or give to a church officer.

Christmas Brunch Next Sunday (No Sunday School) - Please join us for a Christmas Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 23 after the worship service in the fellowship hall. Please go to perfectpotluck.com to sign up to bring a food item.

Coordinator: Kimrey; **Password:** 1275.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - "A Service of Lessons and Carols" Dec 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Disaster Relief Opportunity - MNA Disaster Response Needs Your Help!!

Cornerstone is taking a team to Panama City to help those affected by Hurricane Michael January 18-21, 2019. Volunteers needed - Men, Women and youth the age of 15 or older. The first step is to register as a disaster response volunteer. Please see the website for links and more information. If interested contact Rick and Wendy Dillon (256-651-9730 wendydillon810@gmail.com)

Providence Presbytery Youth Retreat - January 25-27, 2019. Please join us at CampToKnowHim for the ROOTS Retreat January 25-27, 2019. Cost is \$85/student. Registration is now open. Register during Sunday School.

Women's Bible Study - Registration is open for our next study which will begin January 15th. We will be using Nancy Guthrie's *The Son of David, Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books*. Registration cards are available in the narthex and in the adult Sunday School rooms. If you were with us in Bible study in the Fall, there is no need to register. Please see Debbie Jones or Heidi Honeywell for more information.

Women's Winter Retreat - February 1-2, 2019. DoubleTree Hilton (across from The Summit, Birmingham, AL. Our speaker this year is Christina Fox. She will be leading us through her book, "Closer Than A Sister: How Union With Christ Helps Friendships to Flourish". Registration is open now in the narthex or online at cornerstone-pres.org/women. Deadline to register is January 6, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Honeywell at heidi@cornerstone-pres.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Karen Conners, Bryan Gassaway, Emily Hinson, Mark Hundscheid, Alan Patterson, Randy Petcher, David & Margaret Powell, Earl and Jean Wells.

Dee Petcher - Please remember Dee and her family as they mourn the loss of her mother, Betty Carter, this past week.

Pray for our expectant mom - Jennie Stanford (May).

Serving Overseas - John Hinshaw, son of Johnny and Karen Hinshaw.

Pray for God's will on future plans for the new church property.

Ministries - Alex & Suzanne Sarran, Church Planting in Lyon, France, The Village Church, Huntsville (Alex Shipman)

Officers

Session: Wilson A. Shirley, Brian Russ, John Bise, Frank Cohee,
John Hinson, Mike Honeywell, and Shep Park

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