

Order of Worship

December 6, 2020

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21 ESV)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Luke 1:26-33 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shone.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Pastor: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

People: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

(Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory / Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story / Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*(Chorus) Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding / Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing / Yonder shines the infant light.

Sages, leave your contemplations / Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations / Ye have seen his natal star.

Saints before the altar bending / Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending / In His temple shall appear.

All creation join in praising / God the Father, Spirit, Son
Evermore your voices raising / To the eternal Three in One.

"Angels From The Realms Of Glory"
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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 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 the 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 Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen 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."

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Scripture Reading

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-14 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises / Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness / Now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / He the perfect Son of Man,
In His living, in His suff'ring / Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption / See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him / Praise the Lord He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance / How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when He comes.

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Confession of Sin

Pastor: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

People: When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Pastor: Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

People: We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Pastor: There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

People: But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

(Isaiah 64:1-9 ESV)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4-5 ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory*

"I Saw Three Ships"

Preaching of the Word Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"Ancient Christmas: The Child"

*Isaiah 9:1-7
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Song of Response

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian fear for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading

Nails spear shall pierce Him through the cross be borne for me for you.

Hail hail the Word made flesh, the babe the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh; come peasant king to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy joy for Christ is born, the babe the son of Mary.

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Benediction

**Tithes and offerings also can be made online at cornerstone-pres.org/giving, in the offering baskets located throughout the building, or text to give 77977 then add CPCHSV in message area.*

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.

Communicant's Class - The class will meet today in the Fellowship Hall following the second worship service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - We will have two services this year - 4:00pm and 5:30pm. A sign up will be sent later to reserve your spot(s).

Women's Ministry Project - We will be collecting items for the ladies living at the Owen's House - Downtown Rescue Mission - to bless them this season. Sign up link in newsletter. Collections begin next week! Contact: Heidi Honeywell heidi@cornerstone-pres.org.

Lincoln Village Giving Tree - This year we are once again are partnering with Lincoln Village preschool to bless their children with needed items for Christmas. A tree will be set up in the Narthex beginning on November 29th. You can take an ornament (or two) off the tree, buy the item printed on the ornament and return by next Sunday, December 13th.

CORNERSTONE PRAYER MINISTRY

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Mark/Shelby Hundscheid, Gail Kimrey, Alan Patterson, Randy Petcher, and Bill/JoAnn Sneed.

Pray for healing - Earl Ricks, the Shorter Family, Jean Wells and those who are sick with COVID-19.

David Hoover - Please be in prayer for David Hoover and his family at the loss of his mother, Joan Hoover, last week.

Pray for our nursing home residents - Ruby Petcher & Marcy Renegar.

Pray for our expectant mothers - Amanda Pendegraft (January) and Andrea Mace (March).

Pray for our administrators, teachers, leaders and healthcare workers as they lead during crisis.

Pray for wisdom for the Building Committee.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Sacred Road Ministries (Chris Granberry), First Presbyterian Church, Russellville, AL

Officers

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