



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope;
to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come;
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in
the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION & WORSHIP OF GOD

1st Sunday of Christmas; December 27, 2020, 10:30 A.M.

Nursery is provided for children aged three and under. The Cry Room located off the foyer is available, if needed for nursing mothers and moms with young children, at any time during worship. A simultaneous broadcast of the service is provided in the room. Children aged four through first grade will be dismissed following the Gloria. Parents, if you have not already registered your child, please accompany your child to their classroom and check in with our Children's Ministry Director, Donna Love.

The sounding of the bells is the call for meditation and prayer as we prepare to worship our holy God.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

"GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD"
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

WELCOME

Please silence your phones and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"
GO TELL IT

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM LUKE 1

Minister: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed his people,

People: *And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as He spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.*

Minister: That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

People: *To show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that He swore to our father, Abraham.*

Minister: O come, let us adore Him.



*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Minister and People: *Almighty God, You have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Pew Bible, page 45

EXODUS 1:1-2:10

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *The congregation is invited to kneel.*

Minister and People: *Our great God and Father, You loved the world so much You gave your only Son for us and for our salvation. Forgive us for our lack of gratitude for this inexpressible gift. Open our eyes to the wonder of your love in the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of your Son. And may your grace so enliven us that, as we await his second coming, we might be conformed more and more to his image, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever, world without end. Amen.*

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Hear this good news: God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. To all who repent and believe the gospel, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

Unison: *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister and People: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

The congregation is encouraged to offer their silent prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #211

“GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN”
GOD REST YOU MERRY

RENEWING OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM
Questions #41 & 42

Minister: Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

People: *Our Mediator was called Jesus, because he saves his people from their sins.*

Minister: Why was our Mediator called Christ?

People: *Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.*

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

*GLORIA PATRI #735

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

We welcome children for the entire worship service. However, a specifically designed time is provided for children aged four through the first grade in the New Testament Hall. Please meet the Children's Church leaders at the Fellowship Hall entrance of the Sanctuary at this time.

*GOSPEL LESSON *Pew Bible, page 808*

MATTHEW 2:13-23

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: *Thanks be to the Lord!*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Advent According to Matthew:
"THE DARK SIDE OF CHRISTMAS"

RESPONDING IN THANKS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #230

"THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR"
QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

GIVING TO GOD & VOCAL OFFERTORY

"EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED"
G. F. Handel From Messiah; Isaiah 40:4

*Every valley shall be exalted,
And every mountain and hill made low;
The crooked straight,
And the rough places plain.*

*DOXOLOGY II

Text: Traditional; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen

Andante $\text{♩} = 66 - 69$

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8

9 10 11

12 13 14 15

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Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow— Praise Him all
crea-tures here be- low— Praise Him a- bove— you hea-ven-ly hosts!— Praise to the
Fa - ther, praise to the Son, and the Ho - ly Ghost. A -
men A - men. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN #195

“JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME”

Verses 1 & 4

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove,
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

“JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME”

ANTIOCH

In our worship service this morning, Rev. Dan Thompson will be ministering in the pulpit and Dr. Nicholas Reid will be assisting. Leading us in musical praise is our pianist, Sarah Birx; clarinetist, Tamia Dawkins; flautist, Amanda Stewart; trumpeters, Brian Beute and Robert Krahn; trombonists, Jim Crandall and McKinley Beute; percussionists, Devon Costanza and Matt Malhiot; all under the direction of our Director of Music, Ronald Owen. Leading the congregational singing this morning are vocalists, Erin Beute, Peter Benyola, John Hill, and David Romaine. David Romaine will sing the Vocal Offertory accompanied by Gail Mininger.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting St. Paul's today, we are so glad you have joined us for worship! We would love to get to know you. Email staff@stpaulpca.org to let us know your name, how you heard about St. Paul's, any contact information you would like to give, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or ushers.

* Congregation standing

♠ Additional worshipers seated

HYMN #227

ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring;
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News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen.”

HYMN #211

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly 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 Savior
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's power and might.'

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks afeeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find.

GOD REST YOU MERRY

HYMN #230

THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becomes poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.

Frank Houghton, 1894-1972
QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

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