

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION

Prelude

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Psalm 72:2-11, "He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth. In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him."

Minister: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

Congregation: **We lift them up!**

HYMN

Joy to the World
Celebration Hymnal #270

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE LAW OF GOD

Deuteronomy 5:16, "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you."

Private Confession

Corporate Confession

Minister: We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

All: **"God, we have failed to give proper respect to those in authority over us: our parents, our superiors, our civil authorities, and our church authorities. ... Our rebellion against these authorities is ultimately rebellion against You. Forgive us, our Heavenly Father, and cause us to walk in humble obedience."** (Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, IN)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Matthew 1:20-21, "But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.'"

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

DOXOLOGY

Glory Be to the Father
Tune: GREATOREX
Celebration Hymnal #813

CONSECRATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lighting the Christ Candle

John 1:1-18

Galatians 4:1-7

Minister: May God bless the reading of His Word.

Congregation: **Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Minister: We make these petitions, ending with the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

All:

**"Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever.
Amen."** (Matthew 6:9-13)

PSALM

Psalm 111:1-4

Tune: MARTYRDOM

Celebration Hymnal #306, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"

1 O praise the LORD! With all my heart
Thanks to the LORD I'll bring,
Where upright ones assembled are
And congregations sing.

2 The works accomplished by the LORD
Are very great in might.
They are sought out by everyone
Who finds them in delight.

3 His work displays the majesty
And glory of His name,
And His enduring righteousness
Is evermore the same.

4 His works most wondrous He has made
Remembered still to be.
Jehovah is compassionate
And merciful is He.

SERMON

The Advent of Our Lord
The Christ of the Advent
Matthew 1:21

COMMUNION

EXHORTATION

John 6:35, "And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'"

THE BREAD

1 Corinthians 11:23-24, "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'"

THE WINE

1 Corinthians 11:25-26, "In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

HYMN

What Child is This?
Celebration Hymnal #281

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

Minister: "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. ... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (2 Thessalonians 3:16a, 18)

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

In the foyer, a plate is designated for tithes and offerings.

SERVICES

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Evening Worship 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

Children's Ministry 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

Church Conference 7:40 PM

WEDNESDAY

Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

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The Lord's Day, December 26th, 2021

The First Sunday of Christmas