

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 27, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Il Est Né Le Divin Enfant*

Traditional French Carol  
Arranged by Noël Goemanne

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Here on the heels of Christmas,

**We speak of love.**

We speak of joy.

**We speak of candle light and fireside.**

We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

**We speak of “glorias” and angel choruses.**

We speak the words, “Do not be afraid.”

**Here on the heels of Christmas, We are called to speak, for the world needs a light.**

A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

**Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.**

## HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

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! *Refrain*

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,

Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Very God, begotten, not created! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of today and tomorrow,

We know that your fingerprints are all over this world.

And we know that those who dream cannot keep silent.

So today we pray, give us eyes to see you.

Give us courage to trust you.

And give us lips to speak of you in our midst.

Gratefully we pray...

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## RESPONSE TO THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Come Christians All, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

Come Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven's door and we are blessed forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Phyllis Bearden

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*from Luke 2:9-11*

Light of Grace

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Away in a Manger*

Light of Grace

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:22-40

**REFLECTION**

*Those Who Dream...Will Not Keep Silent*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*One Voice*

Light of Grace

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in telling the story—

**The story of a loving and merciful God, Who will not let God's people go; The story of a baby who grew up and changed the world; The story of our faith.**

We believe in speaking up—

**For our neighbors, For the oppressed, For the overlooked And marginalized.**

We believe in speaking out—

**Against violence, Greed, Abuse, Fear, Scarcity mindset, And bigotry.**

We believe in passing the mic—

**So that we are not the only ones speaking, So that we can lift up the voices of those around us, So that we too might listen and learn.**

We believe in the good news of the gospel.

**We believe that this good news is too good to keep to ourselves. We believe that those who dream cannot keep silent.**

Speak to us, Holy God.

**Speak through us, Holy God. May it be so, amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Response**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**HYMN**

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

#### *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

*Refrain:* 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 o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (*Refrain*)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (*Refrain*)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (*Refrain*)

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