



Order of Worship

December 6, 2020

10:00 a.m. Service

**During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.**

Prelude

Introit

A Christmas Processional, pt. 1

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bob and Paula Shepherd

Let us pray:

Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony.

**Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that passes all understanding through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

God of Promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

Call to Worship

*Hymn

A Christmas Processional, pt. 2

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!
O come, let us adore Him (3x),
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (hold)
O come, let us adore Him (3x),
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him (3x),
Christ the Lord!

Choir:

Sing alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is born!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we turn away from our neighbors and desert our friends. We run in fear when we should be loyal. Have mercy on us, weak and willful people. Lead us once more to table, and unite us to Christ, who is bread of life, to whom be praise forever.

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Congregational Response**

Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

***Hymn #592**

The Doxology

***Prayer of Commitment 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.

***Choral Response**

Anthem

Celtic Advent Carol

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

Cradle Carols

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Silent night, holy night all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

"Christ the Savior is born."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Songs of the Season: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel'
(which means, God with us)."* (Matthew 1:23)

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.
From our sins and fears release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet, a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne!
By Thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.

Choir:

Come, O come Emmanuel!

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

A Christmas Recessional

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains, in reply, echo back their joyous strain.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

(Glory in the highest to God!)

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. (wait)

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-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 the second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Choir:

Alleluia! Christ is born!

Christ the Lord is born!

*Postlude

A Noel Celebration

*Please stand if able.