

Order of Worship

December 27, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

*Call to Worship

John 4:23-24 (ESV)

Leader: "The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Congregation: God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Song of Praise

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

1. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Call to Confession

1 Corinthians 1:18-21 (ESV)

Leader: For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

Congregation: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 5:2-5a (ESV)

Leader: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

Congregation: And we shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be our peace."

Song of Assurance

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
3. Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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Offering

*Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

*Pastoral Prayer

Morning Message

Rev. Elliott Pinegar

The Lord's Table

Confession of Faith

All:

Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Song of Response

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

This Week's Birthdays

December 27, Madi Oliver; December 29, Tim Crull; December 30, Jim McDonald;
January 2, Jeff Chambers, Meredith Hiatt; January 6, Kevin Misbach, Bonnie Odle,
Drew Reber, Donn Treese