

Christmas Day 2020



After he had provided purification
for sins, he sat down at the
right hand of the
Majesty in Heaven.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14

CHRISTMAS DAY 2020

WELCOME to all who have joined us for this festival of the Nativity. May you sense the presence of the Spirit of Jesus speaking to you through the Word, so that you may leave here with a firm desire to yield your life, body and soul, to the gentle influence of his forgiving love and grace.

OPENING HYMN “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (p. 7) *CW, # 56*

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Almighty God, before whom angels veil their faces, and in whose presence they delight, with reverence and joy we acknowledge your glory and worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

C: Praise be to you, O God, for your great glory and majesty.

P: Confessing our sin and our unworthiness, we beseech your mercy and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh to dwell among us, full of grace and truth.

C: Thanks be to you, O God, for your forgiving grace and mercy.

P: When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

C: Thanks be to you, O God, for adopting us as your children.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness - on them the light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: Accept our praise and thanks this day, O Lord, as we meditate on the miracle of the birth of your Son, our Savior and our God.

HYMN “Let All Together Praise Our God” (p.8) *CW, # 42*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

C: Amen. (to be sung)

THE LESSONS - The Christmas Story, from Prophecy to Fulfillment...

The Christmas Story - Genesis 12:1-3

Hymn 38:1

1. All

From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

The Christmas Story - 2 Samuel 7:8-16

Hymn 38:2-3

2. Men

"To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

3. Women

"This is the Christ, our God most high,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

The Christmas Story – 1 Peter 1:18-21

Hymn 37:1-2 (ALL)

1. Once again my heart rejoices
As I hear Far and near
Sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born!" their choirs are singing
Till the air Ev – 'ry-where
Now with joy is ringing.

2. Hear! The conqueror has spoken:
"Now the foe, Sin and woe,
Death and hell are broken!"
God is man, man to deliver,
And the Son Now is one
With our blood forever.

The Christmas Story - Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn 38:8-11

8. Pastor

Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That you might share your joy with me.

(Please rise)

9. Instrumental only

(use words as silent prayer)

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, made clean and new,
A quiet chamber kept for you.



10. All

My heart for very joy must leap;
 My lips no more can silence keep.
 I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
 That sweetest ancient cradle song:

11. All

Glory to God in highest heaven,
 Who unto us his Son has given!
 While angels sing with pious mirth
 A glad new year to all the earth.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent his Son as my Savior on Christmas day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, who has freed us from sin, death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought us to faith in the Christ of Christmas, who continues to work in my heart, who leads me to lay before the feet of my Lord the treasures of my love and to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

HYMN

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” (p.9)

CW, # 55

SERMON

Hebrews 1:1-9

“The Promise of God’s Rule”

OFFERING

Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYERS**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

“A Stable Lamp is Lighted” *Soloist:1-3 All:4* (p.10)

CWS, # 706

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

C: Amen, amen, amen. (to be sung)

CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World” (p.11)

CW, # 62

**SILENT PRAYER****THE POSTLUDE****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THANK YOU To all who have worked hard to decorate, clean, organize and facilitate the celebrations. Our deep appreciation to the Lord for all the gifts which He brings together in His church.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU The pastor, staff, principal, faculty, and their families wish to thank the members of Our Savior for all the Christmas cards and gifts received during this festive season. Your expressions of love and gratitude for our ministry are genuinely appreciated. God bless you for your care and concern for us.

2020 CONTRIBUTIONS REMINDER - New Year's Eve will be the last opportunity for 2020 offerings. January 1, 2021, offerings will be recorded for 2021. Please take note of these important dates as you plan your offerings.

OFFICIANT: Pastor Mark C. Wagner

ORGANIST: Bob Klug

VOCALIST: Lisa McLaughlin

Intro: “He sat down.” The implications of this phrase are staggering! No priest in Israel sat down while functioning in his role as mediator, they could never rest because their work was never done. But Jesus, our superior savior, sits now in honor on THE throne.

The Promise of God’s Rule

1. Christ Rules as the Final Revelation from God. (Hebrews Overview)

- 1.1 His Excellence Appears as the Perfect Spokesman.
- 1.2 He is certainly superior to the prophets.
- 1.3 He is not just another messenger; he himself is the message.

App: Revelations were no longer necessary after his arrival because Jesus is the sum of all God’s teachings. We can trust Jesus because we can trust the sender – God the Father has placed the seal of approval and authenticity on him.

2. Christ Calls as the Ultimate Savior of the World. (Hebrews 1:1-3)

- 2.1 The Jews thought that salvation would come from them.
- 2.2 But Jesus paid the ransom and made the gift freely available.
- 2.3 His blood did what their (or any) religion could never do.

App: He isn’t just a remarkable stain remover, he’s the one and only person who can re-create us with a pronouncement. He’s the judge who declares us not guilty!

3. Christ Leads as the Only Lord for All Time. (Hebrews 1:4-9)

- 3.1 Angels will be heard on high.
- 3.2 They were called “sons of God” but never “MY SON.”
- 3.3 Jesus is the Prince anointed and enthroned to rule over all.

Conclusion: There is no comparison between the way our Lord and worldly representatives lead. Here’s (the manger) his king-sized bed to remind us that he is and always was bound to us in love.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

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1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; Wise men sought and found him.
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There he lay, the un - de - filed, To the world a stran - ger.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, Glo - ry all a - round them.
 He is still the un - de - filed, But no more a stran - ger.

Such a babe in such a place — Can he be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing.
 Son of God, of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night; All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise his name in all the earth, Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph S. Cook, 1859-1933

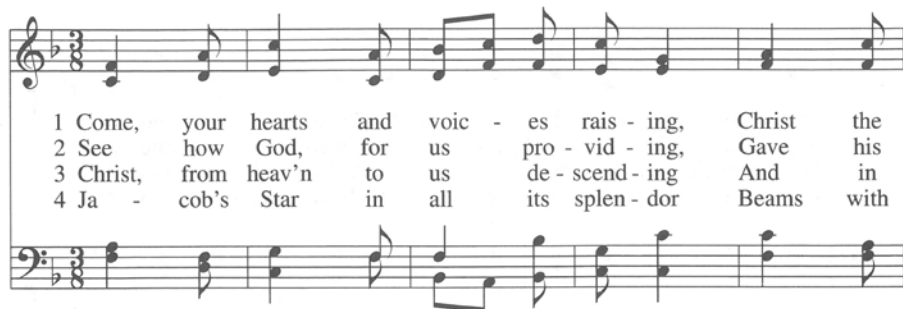
Tune: *Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae*, Griefswald, 1582

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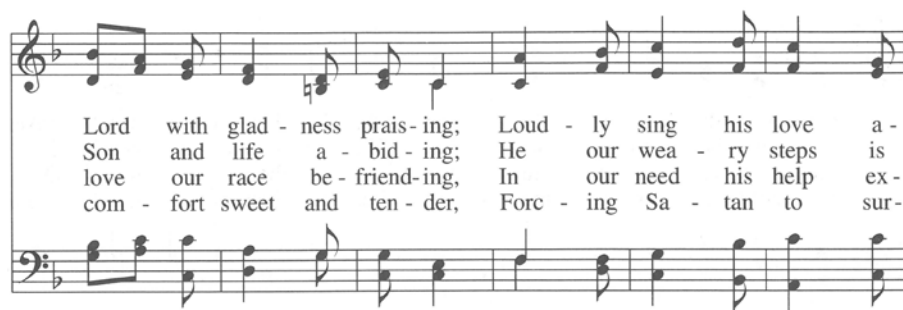
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Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising 42



1 Come, your hearts and voices rais - ing, Christ the
 2 See how God, for us pro - vid - ing, Gave his
 3 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
 4 Ja - cob's Star in all its splen - dor Beams with



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing his love a -
 Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry steps is
 love our race be - friend - ing, In our need his help ex -
 com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
 guid - ing From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy.
 tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
 ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.

- 5 Gracious Child, we pray you, hear us;
 From your lowly manger cheer us.
 Gently lead us and be near us
 Till we join th' angelic choir.

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Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, Oh,
 2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes,
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n,

Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels.
 On - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther.
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est.
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

Refrain

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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A Stable Lamp Is Lighted



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y Shall
 3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en And
 4 But now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their



voic - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And
 branch - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And
 dark - en, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And
 voic - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And



ev - 'ry stone shall cry, And straw like
 ev - 'ry stone shall cry, Though heav - y,
 ev - 'ry stone shall cry For ston - y
 ev - 'ry stone shall cry In prais - es



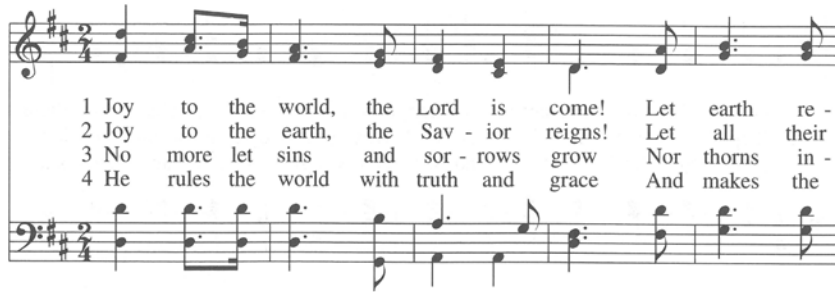
gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor
 dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the
 hearts of men; God's blood up - on the
 of the child By whose de - scent a -



heav - en, A stall be - come a shrine.
 road - way To pave his king - dom come.
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.
 mong us The world is rec - on - ciled.

Joy to the World

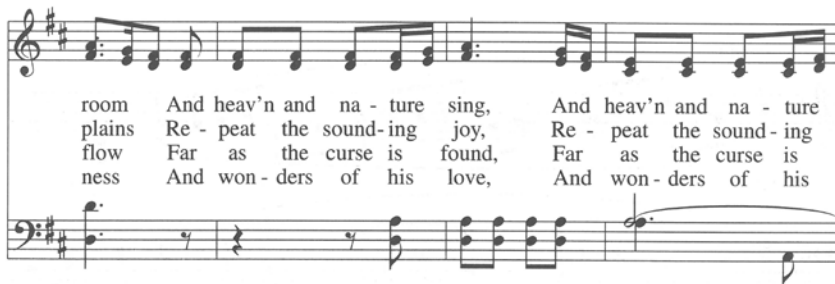
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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

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Our Next Worship Opportunities

December 27th, Sunday Worship at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

December 31st, New Year's Eve Worship Service with Communion 6:00pm

January 3rd, Sunday Worship with Communion 8:00 am & 10:30 am