

# The Lord's Day Worship Service

December 13, 2020

10:45 a.m.



*In the Word, In the Church, In the World*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

### \* Gathering Song

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation —  
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love—Jesus, born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,  
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness  
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.  
Gold—a King is born today, incense—God is with us,  
Myrrh—his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*  
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\* *Congregation Standing*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Mr. David Livernois

**Arden Focus—Mercy Ministry**

Mr. Kenneth Dupee

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Pressley Family

## PRAISE

# JESUS SAVES

### \* Call to Worship

*The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

(Luke 19:10)

### \* Hymn of Adoration 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

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):* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
glory to God in the highest; *(Refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; *(Refrain)*

### \* Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

Mr. Livernois

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. 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.

# RENEWAL

## Reception of New Members

Rev. Basham

Magdalene Dean, Victoria Dean, Tessa Dupee, Reagan Moore  
Freddie Pressley, Jones Pressley

## Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Robert Jones Pressley, Thomas Frederick Pressley

## Hymn No. 189

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know  
(Verses 1, 2)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.  
(*Refrain*) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (*Refrain*)

## Small Talk (Children ages 3 years old – 5th Grade)

## Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Livernois

## Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

## Offertory

Miss Lydia Basham, Mrs. Pepper Basham

### *Messiah*

*Long awaited, precious promise, Son of God and Son of Man.*

*Heaven's glory in a manger has come to us in Bethlehem.*

*(Chorus) Messiah, Messiah, a baby born to save us all.*

*Messiah, Messiah, on our knees we fall.*

*All we longed for, all we needed, shining in a child's eyes.*

*Hope forever, death defeated because of this one holy night. (Chorus)*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Long awaited, precious promise, coming back again. (Chorus)*

# COMMITMENT

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1:18-25  
(Pew Bible Page 807)

**Sermon**

Rev. Basham

*The Coming of Jesus Christ:  
An Unexpected Announcement*

**\* Hymn of Response 203**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*(Refrain)*

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

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *(Refrain)*

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n 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 them second birth. *(Refrain)*

**\* The Lord's Benediction**

**\* The Doxology**

No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Postlude**

*\*Congregation Standing*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to Arden Presbyterian Church! We hope your time in worship with us is a blessing and help to you. For all **first-time guests**, we have a gift for you at our **Welcome Center** temporarily located outside the **Sanctuary Building**. Please drop by and see us!

**Worship Modifications:** Our worship service has been temporarily modified to reduce the potential for the spread of Covid. We are requiring masks for everyone 12 and older. However, we are not requiring masks for those serving in worship since they are socially distanced from the congregation and one another. To prevent sharing potentially contaminated surfaces, we are not using pew friendship registers nor are we passing offering plates or communion trays. The worship service includes singing fewer verses of music selections in an enclosed space. Despite all of these changes, we trust that our worship will be pleasing to God, who is the sole object of our worship. As we learn more about the virus and how to host safe worship services, we look forward to the gradual lessening of these modifications.

We offer **Nursery** (Sanctuary Building Lower Level Room 2) for birth through age 4 for both **Sunday School** (9:30-10:15 a.m.) and the **Worship Service** (10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.). For sanitation purposes, we are asking parents to please not enter the room. Upon arrival, a caregiver will greet you at the door and take your child's temperature. Caregivers will be wearing masks, but masks are not required for the children.

Our **Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes** are using a "hybrid" (in-person and virtual) model. All classes will begin at **9:30** and end at **10:15 a.m.**, with the exception of **Children's Sunday School**, which will end at **10:20 a.m.**

**Thank you** for your gracious generosity in providing for our gifts, food and preparation needs for this year's **Angel Tree**. The final need remaining is having enough teams to **deliver the gifts and food on the 19th**. There are 15 Angel Tree families with delivery needs and we currently have 5 delivery teams committed. Won't you **please consider helping** us to finish strong and sharing Christ's love in a very tangible way? Please contact Sue Baker (231-2073).

**Help Needed:** On behalf of the **Diaconate and Session**, we are looking for **volunteers** on a rotating schedule to **assist during Sunday worship** this fall. Contact the church office or go to [ardenpres.org](http://ardenpres.org) and click on the image "**Opportunity for Service**" to express your willingness to serve. Thank you for serving your Church!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Pastoral Search Committee** invites you to join us **immediately following today's worship service** for a visit with **Rev. Dwight Basham**, our recommendation for our next Senior Pastor! This will be a **Q & A** time for the congregation (live and via Zoom) with Pastor Dwight, his wife Pepper, and members of the Pastoral Search Committee with Chris Wright leading the discussion. Questions may be submitted in advance *via email* to [ardenpastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:ardenpastorsearch@gmail.com) *in person* at the meeting (following social distancing protocols at a stand microphone) or *via the chat feature* on Zoom during the meeting.

We will have a **congregational meeting** next **Sunday, December 20** immediately following the worship service for the purpose of **voting on the PSC's recommendation** of **Rev. Dwight Basham** as **Senior Pastor**. Our *Book of Church Order* does not allow for mail-in voting or proxy voting. However, due to the pandemic, the Session has agreed to allow **drive-thru voting by members** who do not feel comfortable attending the congregational meeting inside the church. Deacons and elders will be available from noon until 1:30 pm during the congregational meeting, **in the driveway in front of the church**, to provide ballots in-person for members to vote in-person without leaving their cars. Look for an email with more details this week.

**Welcome New Members:** The Session recently received into membership **Dr. Ron & Mrs. Judy Godat**. Ron is a retired periodontist and Judy is a retired financial planner who have recently moved to the area from northeast Tennessee. They are currently participating in Sunday school via Zoom and watching the worship service via live stream. Welcome Ron & Judy!

Please plan to join us in-person or via livestream ([ardenpres.org](http://ardenpres.org)) for our annual **Christmas Eve Service** on **Thursday, December 24 @ 6:00 p.m.** We plan to open the balcony if necessary but limited seating will be available in order to maintain social distancing. We will provide battery operated candles that you may pick up with your worship bulletin from the Narthex tables as you enter the Sanctuary. We will also receive an offering for the **PCA Ministerial Relief Fund** to help pastors, widows, retired or disabled pastors, missionaries, RUF campus pastors, pastors' wives, and church employees in times of need.

Today, December 13th is the **last day** of Sunday school this year for all Sunday school classes, children, youth, and adult. **All classes will resume** in the new year beginning **Sunday, January 10th!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas is a wonderful time to remember our **Homebound Friends** by sending them a card or making a phone call. A **list** of our friends can be picked up at the **Welcome Center** or by emailing Vikki Malgieri at [vikkiandkurt@gmail.com](mailto:vikkiandkurt@gmail.com) or calling her at 828-272-0168.

**Children's Ministry:** We are seeking willing servants who desire to nurture the children of our church in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider being an active part of our Sunday School and Nursery discipleship ministries. We still have **many needs** to fill, and we can't do it without you! Please contact **Barbara Cameron** or **Kim Hathaway** at 684-7221 x305 or [ardenprescm@gmail.com](mailto:ardenprescm@gmail.com) for more information.

**Doug Tilley Fund:** Please pray specifically about giving to the Doug Tilley Fund that has been set up to help pay for health care expenses related to ALS for our brother and sister Doug and Cathy Tilley. Gifts can be marked "**Doug Tilley Fund.**"

**Women's Fall Bible Study** (The Psalms) has concluded, but you may still access videos of the teaching at [www.ardenpres.org/womens-ministry](http://www.ardenpres.org/womens-ministry). We will begin a study of Joshua in February.

With the holidays coming up and more people in need than ever, we are collecting **canned goods** for **ABCCM South**. There are collection boxes in the Narthex.

**MINISTRY STAFF**

Rev. Dwight Basham  
Interim Pastor  
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Rev. Gabe Malloy  
Asst. Pastor of Youth  
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Rev. James Buckner  
Interim Assistant Pastor for Missions &  
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**CURRENT OFFICERS**

**Elders:**

Kees Auer  
Sherrill Babb  
Monty Baker  
Dwight Basham, Moderator  
Brett Callaway  
John Dean  
Steve Jennings, Clerk of Session  
David Livernois  
Bill Resh  
Tony VunCannon  
Jim Wilde  
Chris Wright

**Deacons:**

Kenneth Dupee  
Zach Holcombe  
Larry Kidd  
Bill Miller  
Mike Neese  
Garrett Pittman

**Save these Dates for All Church Events:**

**December 17:** Assemble Angel Tree Baskets

**December 19:** Deliver Angel Tree Baskets

**December 20:** Congregational Meeting

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Service (6:00pm)

**December 23-25:** Office Closed for Christmas

**January 10:** Sunday School Resumes

**OUR VISION**

The vision of Arden Presbyterian Church is to be a vibrant, Christ-centered body of Reformed believers, who are **in the Word, in the church, and in the world**. We seek to grow in our knowledge and love of the Word, to corporately worship our Triune God reverently and joyfully, and to lovingly communicate the gospel to a lost, yet watchful world. We strive to live out our faith through the active application of our time, talents, and resources in ministry and service to our church, our local community, and across the globe.

**Children's Sunday School Classes**

**9:30AM-10:20AM**

**Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes**

**9:30AM-10:15AM**

**Worship Service**

**10:45AM-12:00 PM**

If you are unable to attend our weekly worship service, you may watch our live stream:  
[www.ardenpres.org](http://www.ardenpres.org)