

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 P.M.

*“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”*

(Isaiah 49:6, ESV)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Come Down, O Love Divine* arr. Todd Marchand

The Brass Ensemble and Ann Barnes Wilson, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 353:** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine,
Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
Shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+ **HYMN 125:** *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

Stanza 1 before the Children's Sermon

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
‘Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Mark Capper

Children's Catechism #16

Q. Who were our first parents?

A. Adam and Eve.

HYMN 125: *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

Continue stanza 2

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
‘Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

PASTORAL PRAYER Elder Tom Ryan

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Nunc Dimittis* William Byrd, arr. K. Paul

+ **DOXOLOGY:** TALLIS' CANON

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:22-40
(Pew Bible page 857, Children's Bible page 1100)

SERMON: *The Gospel According to Luke*
“Nunc dimittis” Mr. David Henderson

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 196:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories know no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

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 own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

May the Peace (Benediction) Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
*And to him be praise for his glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n;
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

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TO BE NOTED

- ☞ Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- ☞ The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask deacons for a receiver.
- ☞ Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Education Building.
- ☞ A quiet room with a live video feed of the service is available in the Education Building, Room 113. There, mothers may attend to the needs of their children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Molly Floyd given by their children.

SERMON NOTES

“Nunc dimittis”

Luke 2:22-40 | Mr. David Henderson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVENING SERVICE



MISSIONARIES



Katie Schooler

Katie is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church located in northeast Columbia and is a World Witness cooperative missionary. She serves with SERGE in Japan, working at Covenant Community School International, which has students from five different nationalities in grades 1–12.

Pray:

- For her teaching and administrative roles at the school.
- For increased language acquisition.
- For Gospel discussion with Japanese friends.

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