

Providence Presbyterian Church

“KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN”



December 20, 2020

Providence Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship

Prelude and Silent Prayer of Preparation

Mrs. Emily Reeves

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

From Matthew 2:6 & I Timothy 3:16

Pastor: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

All: **Proclaim it among the nations. Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.**

Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Trinity Hymnal; Pg 203

1 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."

2 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]

3 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]

Reading of God's Word

Philippians 2:1-11

[1] So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [2] complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. [5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (ESV)

Hymn

Go Tell it On the Mountain
Trinity Hymnal; Pg 252

Refrain:

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

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger
our humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Confession of Faith

WSC # 27-28

Q. 27. How was Christ humiliated?

A. Christ was humiliated: by being born as a man and born into a poor family; by being made subject to the law and suffering the miseries of this life, the anger of God, and the curse of death on the cross; and by being buried and remaining under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. How was Christ exalted?

A. Christ is exalted by His rising from the dead on the third day, His going up into heaven, His sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and His coming to judge the world at the last day.

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

Confession of Sin

When we allow darkness to overcome the light, forgive us, Lord.
When we reduce Christmas to plastic, tinsel, and consumption, have mercy on us, Father.
When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching the needs of others, let your grace consume us, O God.
When the wars around us are of no concern, forgive us, Lord,
and move us to compassion for those who suffer.
When our caring is not extended to action,
move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters.
We come to confess our sinfulness before you and before each other.
Remove all barriers that divide us, and let there be no obstacle to our love for you
and for one another. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

I Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Trinity Hymnal; pg 200

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heav'n's all-gracious King";
the world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Pastoral Prayer

The Hymn

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

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Sermon

The Humility of Christmas

Hymn of Preparation

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words of Invitation and Fencing of the Table

Distribution of Elements

Hymn

6 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Benediction

Postlude

Angels We Have Heard On High
Trinity Hymnal; Pg 214

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heav'nly song? (Refrain)

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

Rev. Ian Kayser
Luke 2:1-7

Just as I Am
Trinity Hymnal; Pg 501; vs 1-3

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I Am
Trinity Hymnal; Pg 501; vs 6

Rev. Ian Kayser
Mrs. Emily Reeves

Weekly Calendar and Prayer Guide

Scripture Readings for the week:

Proverbs 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Missionary Family: Keith and Debbie

Prayer Family: Woody and Melanie Osborn

Sister Church: Blackmonton Pres; Union

Elder on Call: Chris Govero

Deacon on Duty: David Reeves

Morning Nursery Workers:

Amy Carter, Jennifer and Annie Beaugez,
Patrick Davis

Sunday: Evening Worship - 6pm

Tuesday: Men's Prayer - 6:45am

Thursday: Lady's Prayer - 9am

Friday: Merry Christmas

Sick, Surgeries, and Recovering

- Pray for Jack East as he recovers from radiation treatment and Rosemary as she cares for him.
- Pray for Dot Rosamond as she continues to regain her strength.
- Pray for Janie Melton as she is struggling with poor health and lack of strength.
- Pray for Inez Burris' daughter, Deborah Montgomery, in her battle against cancer.
- Pray for Allen Stanton, pastor of Pinehaven Presbyterian in Clinton.

Announcements

Children's Christmas(k) Pageant

The children of Providence will be having their annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 20th at 6:00pm. Our young participants will be provided with festive masks for the occasion. For more details, contact Bryce Davis (bryce@ppcpca.com) or Albrey Oates.

Silent Prayer Partner REVEAL

The Ladies Round Table feel that a gathering for the reveal of prayer partners is not prudent at this time. Therefore, we are asking all of you who have been praying for a lady in the church to please send her a Christmas card revealing that you have been praying for her. If you have another way you prefer to reveal (in person, etc.) feel free to do so. We are planning as soon as possible to have a ladies gathering for a book project and possible new prayer partners.

Women's Prayer

Church ladies prayer group will meet by conference call for the month of December. If you have a prayer need or would like to be added to the call, please call Lola Bennet 601-924-6622 or Martha Lavallee 601-421-6602

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