

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

### DECEMBER 15, 2019 – 9:30 AM

*The worship of the Triune God is a person's most important duty.* We are told in John 4:23-24 that God is seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. As you prepare for today's worship service, purpose to be a participant and not a spectator. Join in the praise of the congregational singing (even if the song is unfamiliar), and in the joyful giving of tithes and offerings; pray along with the elders, adding your "Amen" (signifying your agreement with the petition, confession of sin, or adoration), and carefully listen to God Himself speaking through the reading and preaching of His Word. May our sovereign Lord receive glory today as you actively worship Him in the way that He has prescribed.

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Introit

*Please use this time to set your hearts on Christ and pray for the Word, our worship, and that holiness and reverence will be known among us.*

"Coventry Carol"                      Women's Chorale

Lul-lay, Thou little tiny child, by-by, lul-ly, lul-lay.

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O sister, too, how may we do for to preserve this day,  
This poor young-ling for whom we sing by-by lul-ly, lul-lay?

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day  
his men of might, in his own sight, all children young to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for Thee! And ever, morn and day,  
for Thy parting neither say nor sing by-by lul-ly, lul-ay.

#### \* Call to Worship Luke 2:10-14

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests!"

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

\* **Hymn of Praise**                      "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"                      #203

#### \* Invocation

#### Confession of Faith Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

**I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."**

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;**

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

**The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.**

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One see corruption.

**You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

#### Preparation for Confession of Sin Psalm 51:9-11

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

#### Confession of Sin

#### Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 38:17

...in love You have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

\* **Hymn of Thanks**                      "Arise, My Soul, Arise"                      #305

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#### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Please fill out the fellowship pads at this time and pass them down the aisle)*

#### Offertory

"Born 'Neath a Star"

*Words and Music by Cynthia Gray*

Choir

Born 'neath a star was a child so small  
with no shelter o'er but a drafty stall;  
yet He'd be known as the Lord of all,  
born beneath a star that night.

Led by a star was a shepherd boy,  
after angels told him of wondrous joy;  
sent down to earth as a baby boy,  
born beneath a star that night.

Led by a star were the wise men three,  
trav'ling miles and miles, the young child to see;  
bringing Him gifts, for a king He'd be,  
born beneath a star that night.

Under the star of the Christmas tree,  
we still share the joy of that ancient eve  
when Christ was born, the King of peace,  
born beneath a star that night.

And love filled the earth  
at the news of the Christ child's birth,  
and hope did abound  
that through Him peace would be found.

Born 'neath a star was a child so small  
with no shelter o'er but a drafty stall;  
yet He'd be known as the Lord of all,  
born beneath a star that night.

#### Prayer of Response

\* **Scripture Reading** Psalm 110; Matthew 22:41-46

\* **Hymn of Preparation**                      "Revive Thy Work, O Lord"                      #370

#### Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Aaron Myers

"The Book of Acts (VII): Pentecost – The Promise of the Spirit Explained"  
Acts 2:14-41

\* **Hymn of Affirmation**                      "My Hope Is in the Lord"                      #523

#### \* Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

#### \* Postlude

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