



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship December 5, 2021 9:30am
The Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

Carrie DeVries, pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

ALL: For gloom shall cover the earth, and thick gloom all the peoples;

ONE: but the Lord will arise upon you,

ALL: and God's glory will appear over you.

ONE: Lift up your eyes and look around.

ALL: See and be radiant.

ONE: Let your heart thrill and rejoice.

ALL: Let us worship God.

*SONG TO PRAISE

“O Come, O Come”

based on the recording by KING & COUNTRY

Praise Team

Featuring Cal Sweeten on dulcimer and Christopher Callender on guitar

O come, o come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear.

REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL HAS COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer your people by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL HAS COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL!

O come, thou Key of David, come and open our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.

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SONG TO REFLECT *(Video)*

“Joseph’s Lullabye”

by Mercy Me

Nelson Townsend, soloist

SONG TO REFLECT

“Be Born in Me”

by Nicole Nordeman

Terri Monrad, soloist

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Aaron and Katie Rickley

Teagan and Bennett

SUNG RESPONSE, *stanza 2 soloist*

“Live into Hope”

Text by Jane Parker Huber

TRURO

TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Confessing is like walking into a dark cave...

(a time of silent confession)

ONE: Friends: hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven.

You are free to go and live in the light of love.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

SONG TO PRAISE

“Light of the Stable”

by Selah

Praise Team

Featuring Cal Sweeten on dulcimer and Christopher Callender on guitar

Equipping

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1–5, 31

Tom Stroud

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1–14 (CEB)

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light. A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God. The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“See Hope”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Communion

SONG TO RECEIVE

"Gloria/Angels We Have Heard"

by Casting Crowns

Praise Team

Featuring Cal Sweeten on dulcimer and Christopher Callender on guitar

Come to Bethlehem and see ~More than a story, it'll set you free
Are you tired of the running? ~Are you tired of the shame?

Baby born in a manger's gonna break every chain

~Angels fill up the heavens with the sound of his name

Gloria to the Promised One, to the only Son

Gloria ~Now the Peasant King changes everything

Angels we have heard on high ~Pierce the silent midnight sky

From a throne to a manger ~Trading glory for shame

From a King to a stranger with a love to proclaim

Angels fill up the heavens with the sound of his name

Gloria to the Promised One, to the only Son

Gloria ~Now the Peasant King changes everything

*Come adore on bended knee ~Lay your burden at the
feet of Christ the Lord, the newborn King.*

Gloria to the Promised One, to the only Son

Gloria ~Now the Peasant King changes everything

Prayer After Communion

Sending

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

"Light of the Stable"

by Selah

Praise Team

Hail, hail to the newborn King ~Let our voices sing him our praises
Hail, hail to the Guiding Light ~That brought us tonight to our Savior

Halle, Hallelujah

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Come now, let it shine so bright ~To the knowing Light of the Stable
Kneel close to the Child so dear ~Cast aside your fear and Be Thankful

Halle, Hallelujah

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GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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