

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, January 2, 2022 - 10:30 am Service

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Please silence electronic devices during worship.
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Prelude

3 Settings of Von Himmel Hoch
TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Ernst Pepping

Introit

From Heaven Above
QUARTET

Luther

Call to Worship

Rejoice and be glad! Our Lord comes in love and in power!

Our Savior comes in grace and in truth!

Christ is born for us, as one small but mighty: our hope, our strength, and our life.

Open our lips that we might sing praises to our newborn king!

Let us worship God.

+ **Hymn 140** *Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

+ **Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed the light of your Word, nor have we trusted that your Good News is truly good. Forgive the hardness of our hearts that keeps us from seeing and wondering at the fullness of your love in our midst. Move us to share your love with others and extend our caring into action. Help us to do justice and to walk humbly with you, knowing that you are always with us even in the most unlikely of places. For the sake of the Savior of the world, we pray. Amen.

+ **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ **Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)**

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.

+ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

----- Seating Interval -----

Time with the Children

Kelli Masters

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Concerns and Choral Orison

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Fissinger

QUARTET

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Hymn 145 *What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

Announcements and Offering

Giving by text is an easy way to give. Simply text the word GIVE (not case sensitive) to our church's Giving Number (610 819 4483). If it's your first time, you'll be prompted to register before completing your gift. If you've given before, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information.

Musical Offertory

The Shepherds' Farewell

Hector Berlioz

QUARTET

Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare. Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, loving mother, shelter Thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear. In the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to Thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, Thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

+ Doxology (Hymn 606) and Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

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.

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-38

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the

Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mary's Soul and Anna's Speech

KATY SHEVEL

+ Hymn 134 *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

+ Benediction and Choral Response

Lord, Let Your Servants Now Depart in Peace

QUARTET

Pressley

Postlude

From Heaven Above

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Charles Callahan

LITURGISTS

Austin Ricketts

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

A SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS AT THE CHURCH:

As we are observing Covid cases rising, we feel called to take steps to help limit exposure within our church community. To accomplish this goal, we will be temporarily pivoting to virtual-only worship services, programs, classes, and committee meetings for the next three weeks. We plan to resume both in-person and virtual Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23.

VIRTUAL ONLY CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MTG. - JANUARY 9 - 11:30 AM

Please join us for a virtual town hall meeting to hear a presentation from Radnor Property Group regarding their proposed apartment development on the WPC parking lot property and hear from our Administration Committee regarding the reasons this project merits serious consideration. Members are encouraged to join the meeting to learn about the proposed project in advance of a congregational vote at our annual meeting on February 6. The registration link can be found on the church homepage at www.waynepres.org. Registrants will receive a confirmation email including the Zoom link. Presentation materials will be made available on the website following the meeting. Please contact Doug McBrearty at dmcbr@gulphcreek.us with any questions.

SPECIAL VIRTUAL CAREER EVENT - JANUARY 5, 2022, 6-7 PM - REGISTER ONLINE

Sponsored by the Career Exploration & Networking (CEAN) committee of Wayne Presbyterian Church
How networking and social media can help you land that summer internship or first job! This virtual event is geared toward college students who are interested in landing a summer internship or first job to jumpstart their careers. You'll hear advice and networking tips from a panel of experts that represent a variety of industries and job functions. Also learn about the most effective ways to network and use social media to stand out from the crowd. This session will be completely informal and open to everyone – so come as you are and bring a friend as well as a list of questions for our panelists! Learn more at waynepres.org

Workshop participants:

Moderator

Austin Ricketts - Director of Youth Ministries @ Wayne Presbyterian Church

Panelists

Will Gillespie - HR Analyst @ Mobiquity

Anne McCrary - Director of Human Resources @ Valley Forge Educational Services

Bernie Clark - Vice President, Marketing & Strategy @ Catalent Biologics

2022 STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all those who have submitted their Estimate of Giving (EOG) for the new year and for your steadfast support and generosity. For those who have not yet done so, we encourage and ask you to please return your EOG to the church office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can contact Ruth Wisniewski by phone 610-688-8700x241 or ruthw@waynepres.org to indicate your Estimate of Giving. Giving envelopes are available for pick up in the Connector the next time you are at the church.

UPDATE FOR WPC BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION IN JANUARY!

Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy. Start reading now and join us on the new date - Sunday, January 30 at 9:00am or 10:30am. A Zoom option will be January 31 at 7:00pm. You can purchase a book during the week at the church office, M-F 8:30 - 4:30, for \$10. Email Janice Mack, gardengirl65@gmail.com, with questions.

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Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

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What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.