

December 11, 2022

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*



Prelude

Selection by Musician

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 121:5-8

⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

***Hymn of Praise**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 203

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!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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 God-head see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:13

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. In lifting him up, we humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb, and strengthen us by your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise you that He was born like us that we might become like him. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 121:1-4

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

No. 200

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.

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.

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.

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.

Scripture Reading

Acts 27:13-44

(Pew pg. 936/LP pg. 1169)

WSC # 43-44

(pg 872 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 43. What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Q. 44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Selection by Musician

***Doxology**

No. 731

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.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation** *Psalm 97*

Tune: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* No.30

1 Jehovah reigns; let earth be glad;
Let isles their joy make known;
2 Dark clouds surround Him,
and on right
And justice rests His throne.
3 Fire goes before Him,
and His foes
It burns up round about;
4 His lightnings lightened all
the world;
Earth saw and shook throughout.

5 Before the Lord the
mountains melt
As wax before a flame,
Before the Lord of all the earth
As near His presence came.

6 The heav'ns declare His
righteousness;
All men His glory see.
7 All serving graven images
Confused and shamed shall be.

They who of idols boast
are shamed;
To Him gods worship bring.
8 When Zion hears this, she is glad,
And Judah's daughters sing,
Because of all Thy judgments,
Lord.

9 Thou art the Lord Most High
Above all earth, above all gods
Exalted very high.

10 Hate evil, all who love the Lord;
He keeps His saints secure,
And from the hand of
wicked men
He gives deliv'rance sure.

11 For all the righteous light is sown,
And true hearts gladness claim.

12 Ye righteous, in the Lord rejoice,
And thank His holy name.

1. God's Transcendent Glory (vv. 1-6)

2. God's Worship (vv. 7-9)

3. God's Glorious Rule (vv. 10-12)

Questions:

1. Why does the author use examples from the natural realm to describe barriers to God's transcendent glory? What does this tell us about the irresistibility of God's grace?
2. How does Hebrews 1:6 help us understand Psalm 97? How does this point us to Christ's incarnation instead of some other future event?
3. What does it mean to worship God? How do we build biblical foundations for worship in our churches?
4. How do we hate evil as Christians?

***Hymn of Response** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 201

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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***Benediction**

***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, amen.

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Postlude

Selection by Musician

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

**Piano & Organ
Intercessory Prayer**

Emily Thevenin
Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 12/11

9:20 AM
10:30 AM

Sunday School
Worship Service
After Worship Service
Women's Choral Practice

TUES 12/13

1:00 PM

Senior Bible Study (I Pet 2:4-25)

THUR 12/15

9:30 AM

Ladies Morning Study
****Reading not required**
Please join us!

6:30 PM

Men's Bible Study

SAT 12/17

10:00 AM

Cookie Exchange
****Please come join us, the more the merrier!**

SUN 12/18

9:20 AM
10:30 AM

Sunday School
Worship Service
After Worship Service
Women's Choral Practice

Serving the Lord

	12/11	12/18	12/25
AM Nursery	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger	Jenni Gretzinger
Greeters	Dar Stam	Martha Lietchy	Lash Fam
Treats/ Clean Up	at	welcome	desk
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A

Announcements

- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Last Day for Memorial Poinsettia Signups. If interested sign up at the welcome desk. Money can be labeled and put in the offering plate.
- **Annual Good Shepherd Cookie Exchange:** Cookie Exchange on Saturday at 10am on 12/17. Come for the fellowship, there will be soup and salad served, and please don't feel obligated to bring cookies. There will be more than enough to go around. Thanks!
- **Women's Choir practice 12/11 & 12/18:** We will run through the song briefly after church each of the next 2 Sundays as a way to keep practicing it. We will do this in the Sunday school classroom that has the piano in it (halfway down the office hallway).
- **Church directory addendum:** If you are new to Good Shepherd or your contact information has changed, please complete an addendum worksheet/ available in the narthex. Please submit these by the end of the calendar year.
- **Email:** Email is the best way to keep in contact about upcoming events and possible winter weather. Please talk to Cassy or email info@goodshepherdpcna.net to be included.