

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

December 29, 2019

## The First Sunday After Christmas

### *In Preparation*



*Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.*

#### PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

*Desseins éternels*, from *La Nativité du Seigneur* – Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

God, in his love,  
has predestined us into the adoption of children  
by Jesus Christ unto himself,  
to the praise and the glory of his grace.

(Ephesians 1:5)

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

Luke 2:1-14

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And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 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 among those with whom he is pleased!"

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by your gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in your name, we may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# The Service of Entrance

## ❖ CAROL OF INVOCATION

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous - ness!



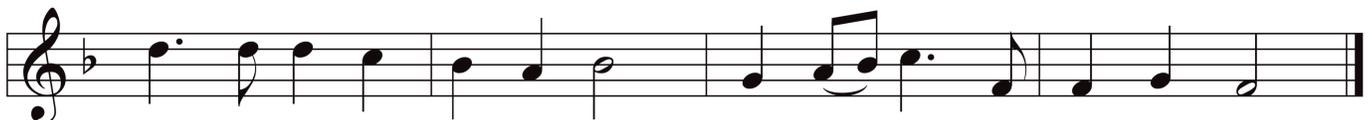
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Minister: Unto us a child is born and unto us a Son is given.

**People: His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray.

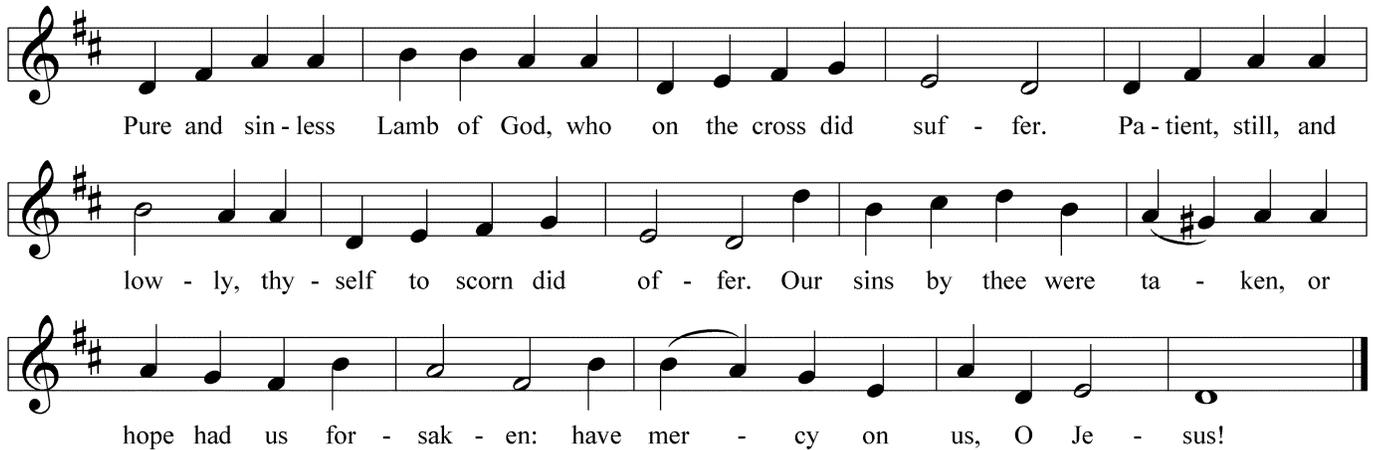
## PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

German chorale, 1540



Pure and sin-less Lamb of God, who on the cross did suf-fer. Pa-tient, still, and  
low-ly, thy-self to scorn did of-fer. Our sins by thee were ta-ken, or  
hope had us for-sak-en: have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus!

Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

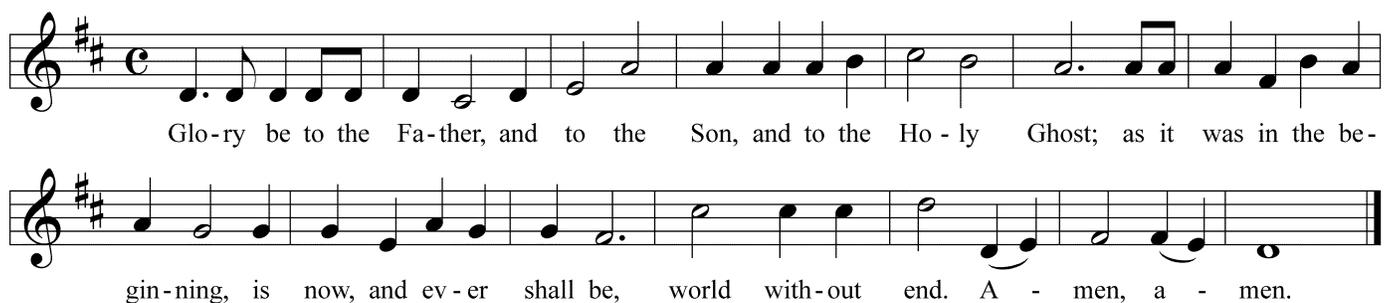
Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

## ❖ THE GLORIA

2nd cent.

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

# The Service of the Word

## ❖ THE PSALTER

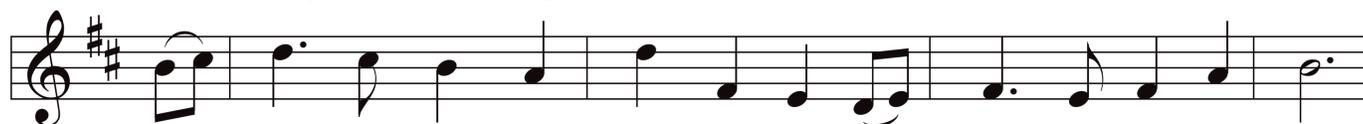
Psalm 98

*The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973*

Leonard R. Payton, 1997



1. O sing a new song to the Lord for wonders he has done,  
2. He mind-ful of his grace and truth to Is-rael's house has been.  
3. With harp make mu-sic to the Lord; with harp a psalm O sing!  
4. O sing a new song to the Lord for wonders he has done,



his right hand and his ho-ly arm the vic-to-ry have won.  
The great sal-va-tion of our God all ends of earth have seen.  
With horn and trum-pet raise a shout be-fore the Lord, the King.  
his right hand and his ho-ly arm the vic-to-ry have won.



The great sal-va-tion wrought by him Je-ho-vah has made known.  
O all the earth, sing to the Lord and make a joy-ful sound.  
Let seas in all their vast-ness roar, the world, its liv-ing horde.  
Be-cause he comes, he sure-ly comes, the judge of earth to be!



His jus-tice in the na-tions' sight the Lord has clear-ly shown.  
Lift up your voice a-loud to him; sing psalms! Let joy re-sound!  
Let riv-ers clap, let moun-tains sing their joy be-fore the Lord!  
With jus-tice he will judge the world, all men with eq-ui-ty.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 62:10-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Anonymous, Philadelphia, 1885, 1892

William J. Kirkpatrick, 1895



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes;  
close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;



the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

**THE FIRST GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

**CAROL FOR SOLOIST**

Jenifer Thyssen

*What Child Is This* – Traditional English Carol

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
The cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

(16<sup>th</sup> Century English)

## THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

### ❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Nahum Tate, 1652-1715

*Este's Psalter, 1592*



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all  
2. "Fear not," said he (for might - y dread had  
3. "To you in Da - vid's town this day is  
4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to



seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the  
seized their trou - bled mind): "Glad tid - ings of great  
born of Da - vid's line a Sav - ior, who is  
hu - man view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in



Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
joy I bring to you and all man - kind.  
Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,  
And on the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men  
Begin and never cease."

**WELCOME**

*At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.*

**INTERLUDE**

**PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

Deacon Micah Koch

**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.**

❖ **THE EPISTLE LESSON**

Titus 3:4-7

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MORNING SERMON**

Rev. Jack Smith

*A Trinitarian Salvation*

Titus 3:4-7

# *The Service of the Table*



## ❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**Unison:** 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.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

## HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

English carol, 18th cent.

English melody, 18th cent.



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;  
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and bro - ther - hood each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all o - thers doth de - face:



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

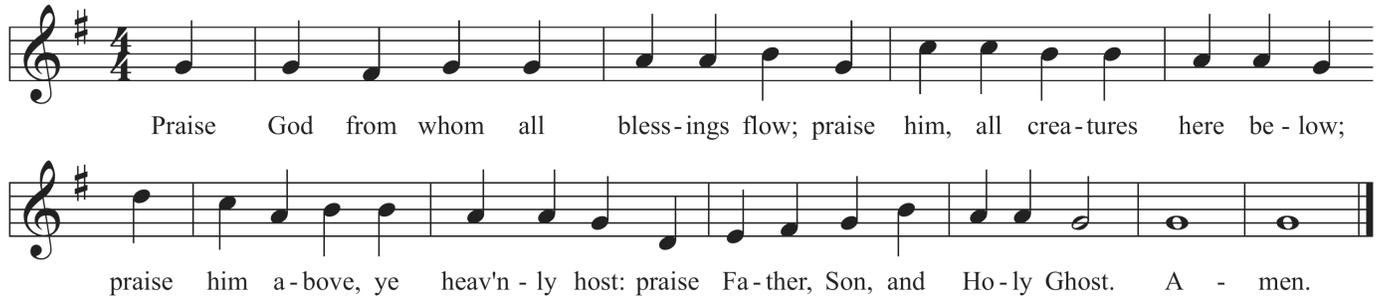


O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Tallis, c. 1567



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.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church, expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.

People: Amen.

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

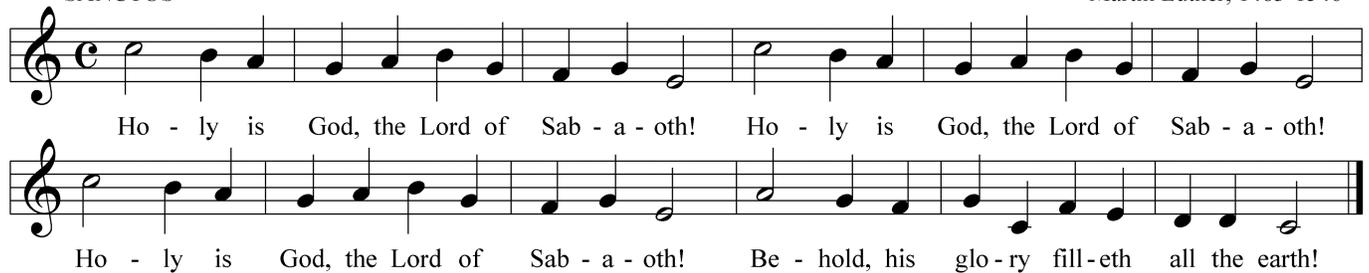
Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Martin Luther, 1483-1546



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!  
 Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!

# INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

Martin Luther, 1535

Martin Luther, 1539



1. From heav'n a - bove to earth I come  
2. *To you this night is born a child*  
3. This is the Christ, our God and Lord,  
4. *These are the tokens ye shall mark:*  
5. Now let us all with glad - some cheer



to bring good news to ev - 'ry - one!  
*of Mar - y, chos - en vir - gin mild;*  
who in all need shall aid af - ford;  
*the swad - dling clothes and man - ger dark;*  
go with the shep - herds and draw near



Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring  
*this lit - tle child, of low - ly birth,*  
he will him - self your Sav - ior be  
*there ye shall find the in - fant laid*  
to see the pre - cious Gift of God,



to all the world and glad - ly sing:  
*shall be the joy of all the earth.*  
from all your sins to set you free.  
*by whom the heav'ns and earth were made.*  
who hath his own dear Son be - stowed.

6. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes!  
What is it in yon manger lies?  
Who is this child, so young and fair?  
The blessed Christ-child lieth there.

7. Welcome to earth, thou noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
Thou com'st to share my misery;  
What thanks shall I return to thee?

8. Ah, Lord, who hast created all,  
How weak art thou, how poor and small,  
That thou dost choose thine infant bed  
Where humble cattle lately fed!

9. Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us his Son hath giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth!

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup**

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:25)

James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Henry Smart, 1813-1879



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2. *Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your*  
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions  
 4. *Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in*  
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
*flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,*  
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
*hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,*  
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and wor - ship,  
*yon - der shines the In - fant Light.*  
 ye have seen his na - tal star.  
*in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.*  
 to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.



come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

*Piae Cantiones, 1582*

*Piae Cantiones, 1582*



1. On this day earth shall ring with the song  
 2. His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came  
 3. God's bright star o'er his head, wise men three  
 4. On this day an - gels sing; with their song



chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to  
 down to earth, Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -  
 to him led; kneel they low to his bed, lay their gifts be -  
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, Heav - en's king, born on earth to



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
 side him from the cold would hide him. I - de - o - o - o,  
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



I - de - o - o - o, I - de - o, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

## LESSONS

### **Psalm 98**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.  
The LORD has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Isaiah 62:10-12**

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

### **Luke 2:1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 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 among those with whom he is pleased!"

### **Sermon Lesson – Titus 3:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.