

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

“Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God.” Isaac Watts

December 20, 2020

10:45 AM

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS-PASTOR BARNES

THE SERVICE OF PRAISE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP-ISAIAH 9:2-7

Minister: The people who walk in darkness will see a great light!
Those who live in a dark land the light will shine on them.

**Congregation: You shall multiply the nation! You shall increase
their gladness; they will be glad in Your presence as with the
gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil!**

Minister: For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of
their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian! For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult,
and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire!

**Congregation: For a child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us;
and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor! Mighty God! Eternal Father! Prince of Peace!**

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-NO. 195

Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

THE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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 HYMN OF DEVOTION
We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
 hearts re - stored, He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther.
 We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be
 2. In the dark of
 3. Ev - cry vow we've
 burned by the fire, He is the Lord out
 night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
 bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful
 God. We are not con - sumed by the flood, up -
 fraid, for the pro - mised morn - ing o how long, O
 one, and from the gar - den to the grave, bind
 held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
 God of Ja - cob be my strength.
 us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

Sandra McCracken

(Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates on the table at the back of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service, or you may give online by going to www.tpcstatesboro.com.)

THE SERVICE OF FAITH

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH-THE 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.

[*universal]

THE DOXOLOGY-NO. 733

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING-2 *PETER* 3:3-9

The Reader: The Word of the Lord!

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Reader: May God's Word live in us!

The Congregation: And bear much fruit to His glory!

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: Let us pray that we will not be careless about our lives, forgetting that Jesus will come again to this earth to judge the living and the dead.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, thank You for the fulfillment of Your promises in the first coming of Jesus to be our Savior, and thank You for the promise that Jesus will yet come again to this earth, as the Judge of all men. Grant us grace to remain faithful, as we eagerly await that day; this we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your eternal Son, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

THE PSALM OF PREPARATION-*THE PSALTER* 34C

O Sons and Daughters, Come (*stanzas 6-7*)

**O sons and daughters, come! Give ear! And learn from me the Lord to fear.
Who, seeking good, long life desires? Or who to many days aspires?
From evil make your tongue refrain; from speaking lies your lips restrain,
From every wicked way depart; do good; seek peace with all your heart.**

**The Lord on just men keeps His eyes; his ears are open to their cries.
The Lord on vile men turns His face, from earth their mem'ry to erase.
The righteous cried; the Lord gave heed, and then from all their troubles freed.
To broken hearts the Lord is near, to save the contrite He'll appear.**

THE PRAYERS OF ADORATION

THE PRIVATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do. Have mercy on us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve You and live a new life to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THE PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

THE SERVICE OF WORD

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 210*

Silent Night, Holy Night

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON-*MATTHEW 1:18-25*

THE SERMON-*PASTOR BARNES*

"God with Us"

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 207*

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

**Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now,
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

All are standing

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