

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE EVENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Let us come before the Lord our God in silence,
preparing our hearts to worship!*

December 20, 2020

5:30 PM

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF THE CONGREGATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP-*PSALM 100:1-3*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE-*NO. 199*

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

**See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years.**

**Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail redemptions happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

**Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:
He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. (Refrain)**

**Say, ye holy shepherds, say – what's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? (Refrain)**

**“As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing, ‘Peace on earth,’ told us of the Savior's birth.” (Refrain)**

**Sacred infant, all define, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! (Refrain)**

**Teach, O teach us, holy child, by thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility. (Refrain)**

THE INVOCATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING- *I SAMUEL 5:1-12*

The Reader: The Word of the Lord!

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL- *MATTHEW 1:21*

The Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

The Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

*(This evening, we are receiving offerings in support
of the mercy ministries of our deacons.)*

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 201*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON-*EXODUS 22:1-15*

THE SERMON-PASTOR BARNES

Principles of Justice #7 “Restitution”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION-*NO. 465*

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.**

**Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.**

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. (Refrain)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Whiter than snow you may be today. (Refrain)

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH-*THE NICENE CREED*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men, and for our salvation, He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. [*universal]

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION-*1 CORINTHIANS 11:23F*

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE READING OF THE LAW

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord Your God, Who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord Your God in vain.

4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor and do all you have to do, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.

THE SILENT CONFESSIONS OF SIN

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need Your help. We confess that we have wandered from Your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON-*ROMANS 5:1*

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SACRAMENT-*NO. 246*

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

The Bread:

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

The Wine:

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE EVENING PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

(The Congregation is encouraged to join in a corporate "Amen.")

THE CLOSING HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 227*

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

**Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;
Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.**

**When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.**

**All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen.”**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE