

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold, I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *[Refrain]*

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. *[Refrain]*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. *[Refrain]*

Call to Confession

God's mercies are new every morning. Let us welcome them as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of new beginnings

On the first day of the new year, we come seeking your forgiveness for any of our unconfessed sins of the old year. If we have any regrets, we bring those to you. If we have caused harm or acted in ways contrary to your example, we confess them. If any hatred or hard-heartedness linger in us, we acknowledge them. Lord, give us a new outpouring of your Spirit, that we may begin this year with renewed sense of your grace, and a renewed determination to love you and love our neighbor. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn #146 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled,
to the world a stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place,
can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
who have found His favor.

Angels sang about his birth;
wise men sought and found Him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth,
glory all around him:
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night,
all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled,
but no more a stranger:
Son of God, of humble birth,
beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth,
hail the King of glory!

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon A New Chapter

Offering

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer continues...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



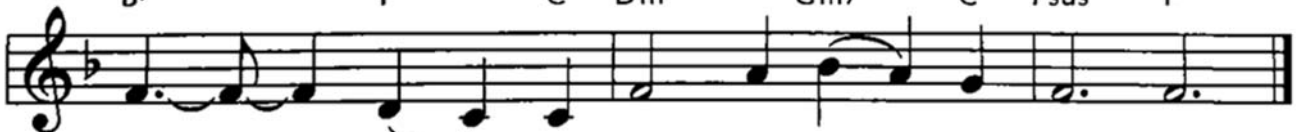
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer continues...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B \flat C Dm B \flat F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G minor, 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). Chords above are: F, C, F, Bb C, F, C, F/A, Am. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). Chords below are: (G) Bb, (A)(Bm) C, (G) Dm, (D) Bb, (A)(Bm) F, (Em7) C, (A)(Dsus)(D) Dm, Gm7, C, Fsus, F.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together.

Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread.

Prayer after Communion

We bless you O God, for the gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

***Benediction**

Postlude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Arr. Becky Mayo

Worship Leaders

Pastor:

Rev. Katja Gruening

Liturgist:

Diane Suarez

Organist:

Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth

Ushers:

Brian Sergeant

Diane Suarez

Zoom Hosts:

John Palframan

Jim Wright

Coffee Hour:

Men's Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 8th, 2023

On this Sunday, we will have the opportunity to reconnect with our identity as baptized children of God. As many of us were baptized as babies, and because we celebrate the sacrament infrequently, it can be difficult to appreciate its ongoing meaning in our lives. We offer the opportunity this Sunday for you to remember and reaffirm God's covenant promises which are sealed to us in baptism. We will have a deep bowl of water filled with shells as a centerpiece of the liturgy.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be held following worship on January 8th.

Meeting Schedule Week of January 1st

1	JAN, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
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2	JAN, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (studio)
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3	JAN, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
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4	JAN, WED	● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
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5	JAN, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group (FH)
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7	JAN, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)