

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major" W.A. Mozart

*Allegro and Rondo
Dan Phillips, horn and Chamber Orchestra*

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Megan and Matt Barnes

CHORAL INTROIT: "How Great Our Joy" arr. John Rutter

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.

*How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today.

There shall the Child lie in a stall, this Child Who shall redeem us all.

This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.

*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

PRAISING GOD WITH REJOICING

CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy L. Russell

✦HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 193: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

✦FIRST PROPHETIC READING: Malachi 3:1-4. Candace C. Willis

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.
And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple;

**and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight,
behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.**

But who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,
and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.

**Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
will be pleasing to the Lord
as in the days of old and as in former years.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PICARDY

**With the blessed hope before us,
Let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus
Onward roll from tongue to tongue:
"Christ is coming soon!
The Lord is coming soon!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!"**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

APPROACHING GOD WITH REVERENCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Who rules over all the earth,
and Who judges every transgression of every person,
we acknowledge and bemoan our many sins against You
and against our neighbor:
we have arrogantly ignored Your commandments
and have foolishly violated Your precepts.
We have loved neither You nor our neighbor as we ought,
and we have no excuse.
Please forgive all our trespasses and sins
and create within us clean hearts and submissive spirits
that we may unceasingly praise and glorify Your Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER WHELPTON

**Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob" Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob,
And a sceptre shall rise out of Israel.
With might destroying princes and cities.

As bright as the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.
Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FINLANDIA

**Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,
Where on the Savior of the world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then may we hope, th'angelic throngs among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;
He that was born upon this joyful day
Around us all His glory shall display;
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing
Eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Dan G. Burns

✦ GREETINGS

HEARING GOD WITH REPENTANCE AND FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-25
(page 807 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *You Shall Call His Name Jesus* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣HYMN OF MISSION: No. 224 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT

♣BENEDICTION

♣CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Postlude on ‘Mendelssohn’” D. Willcocks

♣Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Instrumentalists: Paul Turnbow, Long Long Kang, Betty Eubank, Milena Albrecht, and Sara Chiego, strings; Dee Walker and Jenny Compton, flute; Wendy Grew, oboe; Rena Feller and Jim Gholson, clarinet; Dan Phillips, horn; Chris Burgess, timpani; Lenora Morrow, organ

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.