



CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2011
11:00 a.m.


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preparing for Worship

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

BRASS PRELUDE: "Hodie Christus Natus Est"Giovanni Gabrielli
"Hodie (Christmas Day)" Gustav Holst

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
Ben, Zach, and Ellie Erickson

Praising God with Rejoicing

CALL TO WORSHIPD. Todd Erickson
based on Isaiah 9:2

God is here! The Messiah has come!
We open our eyes to see Him and lift our hearts to worship him.

**The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
On those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.**

Jesus Christ is our life and light!
In His name and in His power, let us worship God!

✦HYMN OF TRIUMPH: No. 195 "Joy to the World"ANTIOCH
stanzas 1-3

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 98William R. Jorgensen

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

**before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEANTIOCH

**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.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Approaching God with Reverence

CALL TO CONFESSION: "Savior of the Nations, Come" German Chorale

Savior of the nations, come, virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh — woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

Thou, the Father's only Son, hast o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be; when shall we its glories see?

Brightly doth Thy manger shine, glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light; ever be our faith thus bright.

Tyler S. Anthony, soloist

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

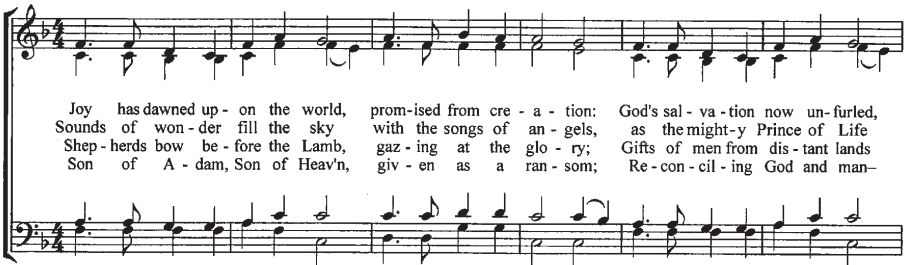
**Generous God,
You have given us the greatest gift of all this day—Yourself,
But often we find it hard to taken notice;
We are caught up with our own gifts, given and received.
Forgive us, generous God,
For the casual way we treat Your gift of love.
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We have carefully kept our gifts
and not freely given our goods and our hearts to You.
Lord, may Your Spirit linger in our hearts
And bring renewal in our lives. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

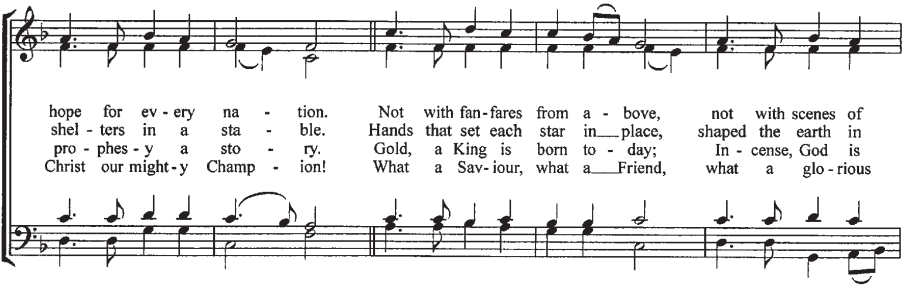
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF JOY: "Joy Has Dawned" Keith and Kristen Getty

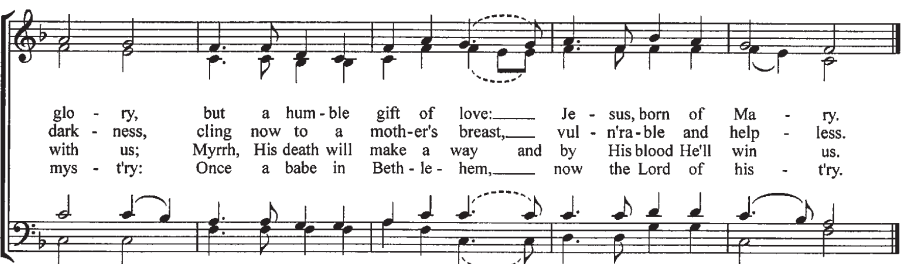
*Our Ensemble will sing the first stanza,
and we invite the Congregation to follow by singing all four stanzas.*



Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom-ised from cre - a - tion; God's sal - va - tion now un - furled,
Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels, as the might - y Prince of Life
Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry; Gifts of men from dis - tant lands
Son of A - dam, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som; Re - con - cil - ing God and man -



hope for ev - ery na - tion. Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of
shel - ters in a sta - ble. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in
pro - phes - y a sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is
Christ our might - y Champ - ion! What a Sav - iour, what a Friend, what a glo - rious



glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus, born of Ma - ry.
dark - ness, cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
with us; Myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.
mys - try: Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - try.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Andrew. P. Wells

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING: "Flourish on Joy to the World" arr. Robert Hobby

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

Hearing God with Repentance and Faith

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Margaret S. Stephens

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:14
(page 886 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 *The Gift* Darrin S. Anthony

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF CHRIST'S BIRTH: No. 207 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" . . . IN DULCI JUBILO

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GO TELL IT

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Joy to the World" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

Instrumentalists: Scott Moore and Ben Lewis, trumpet; Greg Luscombe and Mark Vail, trombone; Frank Shaffer, timpani

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.