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December 30, 2012

# Praising His Name

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

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Selections from *Christmas Concerto*" . . . . . A. Corelli

INTROIT: "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn" . . . . . YORKSHIRE

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,  
Whereon 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.

*Terri Theil and Christy Young*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP. . . . . D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S COMING: No. 193 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" . . . . . PICARDY  
*stanzas 1-3*

✦SCRIPTURE LESSON: Revelation 19:1-8. . . . . Bill C. Weber (8:15)  
Blanche P. Tosh (11:00)

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice  
of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,  
"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,  
for his judgments are true and just;  
for he has judged the great prostitute  
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,  
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

**Once more they cried out,  
"Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."**

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down  
and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying,  
"Amen. Hallelujah!"

**And from the throne came a voice saying,  
"Praise our God, all you his servants,  
you who fear him, small and great."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. . . . . PICARDY

**At His feet the six winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

*Catherine Audia Yu, born September 4, 2012, daughter of Rebecca and Lam Yu  
Jasper Leo Hood, born November 1, 2012, son of Emily and Jason Hood*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his/her behalf, and do you look to the Lord  
Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance  
upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you

will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

#### CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" . . . . . JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;  
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!  
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

## Receiving His Grace

#### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: "He Shall Feed His Flock" from *Messiah* . . . . . G.F. Handel  
*Text from Isaiah 40:11, Matthew 11:28-29*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;  
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom,  
And gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labour,  
Come unto Him that are heavy laden,  
And He will give you rest.  
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,

For He is meek and lowly of heart,  
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . GREENSLEEVES

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION . . . . . Dan G. Burns

✦ GREETINGS

## Believing His Word

#### A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

#### 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 2:1-12  
(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)

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE..... KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

**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, voices raising, worshipping God on high.**

*Refrain*

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.**

*Refrain*

**Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.**

*Refrain*

SERMON                      *Restoring Transcendancy in Our Faith:  
Wise Men Worship Jesus*                      A. Mitchell Moore

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF PROCLAMATION: No. 224 “Go Tell It on the Mountain” ..... GO TELL IT

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Prelude in G Major, BWV 542” ..... J.S. Bach

✦Indicates congregation standing                      CCLI License #252778

*Molly Johnson, organist*

*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.*