



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 27, 2015



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Worshipping the King who sacrificed all to rescue us from sin, death, and hell always involves sacrifice. Today, we offer up the sacrifice of praise which is “the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name” (Hebrews 13:15). In Matthew 2, the Magi from the East demonstrate for us what this type of worship looks like. Take a moment to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the following:

Like the magi, our duty is to adore King Jesus in a spiritual manner:

For the lawful and reasonable worship which He demands is that we consecrate first ourselves, and then all that we have, to His service.

John Calvin

Those who truly desire to know Christ and find Him
will not regard pains or perils in seeking after Him.

What has it cost you to follow Jesus?

Has your devotion to the King cost you anything this past year?

Friends, income, esteem, or reputation?

If not, consider how eagerly you seek after Him.

Matthew Henry

A KING WORTHY OF OUR JOYFUL WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on Christmas Carols arr. Statom

Gabriel C. Statom, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “The Holly and the Ivy” arr. Chip Davis

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabela” arr. Chip Davis

Stephanie Hancock, clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S BIRTH:

No. 218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 95 Rusty Shappley (8:15)

Blanche Tosh (11:00)

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)

*Stephen Rhea Dollahite, born April 16, 2015, son of Emily and John Dollahite
Lillian Jane Warner, born October 21, 2014, daughter of Meghean and Paul Warner
Mary Allison Cowan, born July 14, 2015, daughter of Lizzie and Clint Cowan
Kimberly Clementine Willson, born August 29, 2015, daughter of Kim and Drew Willson*

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 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.**

A KING WORTHY OF OUR HUMBLE REPENTANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Gracious Father,
You are worthy of our full devotion.
Yet we are constantly going astray in our hearts.
We humbly plead for Your forgiveness
for our lack of faith in Your promises,
and for grumbling and complaining against You and others.
Afflictions and difficulties have caused us
to doubt and question Your presence, power, and goodness.
Deliver us from a sour, skeptical spirit
so that we might live a life of restful dependence,
true contentment, and joyful obedience
through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S BIRTH:

No. 211 “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” GOD REST YOU MERRY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Sanders L. Willson

SOLO OFFERTORY: “Gesu Bambino” Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered ‘mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.

Let ev’ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

*Ginger Statom, soloist
Clay Hancock, violin*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Traditional German Carol

**There shall be born, so He did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.**

*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!*

**This gift of God we’ll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Joshua D. Yates

A KING WORTHY OF OUR SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

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 LESSON Matthew 2
(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

After Christmas

Ronnie Stevens

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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



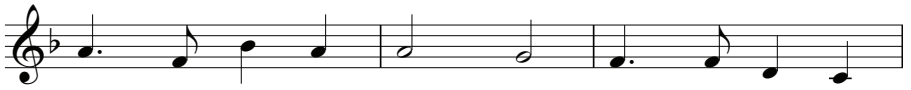
1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, pro - mised from cre -
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, ga - zing at the
 4. Son of A - dam Son of Heav'n, gi - ven as a



a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un - furled hope for
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 glo - ry; gifts of men from dis - tant lands pro - phe -
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ev - ery na - tion. Not with fan - fares from a - bove,
 in a sta - ble. Hands that set each star in place,
 sy the sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day;
 migh - ty Cham - pion! What a Sa - viour, what a Friend,



not with scenes of glo - ry, but a hum - ble
 shaped the earth in dark - ness, cling now to a
 in - cense God is with us; myrrh, His death will
 what a glo - rious mys - t'ry: once a babe in



gift of love: Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
 mo - ther's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 make a way and by His blood He'll win us.
 Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ANTIOCH

**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.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Noël Suisse" Louis Claude Daquin

♠Indicates congregation standing

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