



**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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***We Prepare Our Hearts***

*“The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

*Habakkuk 2.20*

**Preparation for Worship**

9:30/11:00

*“Rose of Bethlehem”*

Jenni Rasberry, *solo* • Colin Howland, *piano*

*Alexander*

***We Come to Worship at His Bidding***

*“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!”*

**Call to Worship:**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

**Minister:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**People:** **For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

*Isaiah 9.2, 6-7*

***We Praise and Profess Our Faith in God***

*“My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.” Psalm 145.21*

**\*Carol of Praise No. 218** *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

REGENT SQUARE

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00  
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30  
The Rev. Julian Russell 11:00

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten  
of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of  
very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by  
whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin  
Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge  
both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who  
proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the  
Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge  
one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of  
the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**\*Carol No. 207**

**“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”**

*IN DULCI JUBILO*

***We Pray for Our Congregation, the Church, and the World***

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings  
be made for all people . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our  
 Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

*1 Timothy 2.1, 3-4*

**Public Confession of Sin**

**God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things—our hearts are  
filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin  
and brought us with joy and laughter into Your kingdom. Salvation is  
Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with  
our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add  
to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for  
our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful  
lives in return. For Jesus’ sake alone, we pray.**

**Private Confession**

**Words of Assurance and Comfort of the Gospel**

**Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all  
your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judg-  
ments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel,  
the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. The LORD your  
God is in your midst, a mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you  
with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with  
loud singing.**

*Zephaniah 3.14-15, 17*

**Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer**

Dr. Deison 8:00  
Mr. Goebel 9:30  
Mr. Russell 11:00

**Musical Offering**

8:00 “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” arr. Koudelka  
Evelyn Freeman, solo

9:30/11:00 “Shepherd’s Pipe Carol” Rutter  
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, director

*Going through the hills on a night all starry on the way to Bethlehem, far away I heard a shepherd boy piping, on the way to Bethlehem.*

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: ‘Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King is come to bring us peace on earth, and He’s lying cradled there at Bethlehem.’*

*‘Tell me shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily on the way to Bethlehem. Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem?’*

*‘None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem; but a King will hear me play sweet lullabies when I get to Bethlehem.’*

*Angels in the sky came down from on high, hovered o’er the manger where the Babe was lying cradled in the arms of His mother, Mary, sleeping now at Bethlehem.*

*‘Where is this new King, shepherd boy piping merrily, is He there at Bethlehem?’ I will find Him soon by the star shining brightly in the sky over Bethlehem.’*

*‘May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily, come with you to Bethlehem? Pay my homage too at the new King’s cradle, is it far to Bethlehem?’*

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: ‘Dance and sing for joy that Christ the Infant King is born this night in lowly stable yonder, born for you at Bethlehem.’*

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

People: **And also with you.**

**The Service of Friendship**

*If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.*

**We Hear and Respond to God’s Word**

*Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.*

*And all the people answered with one voice and said,*

*“All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” Exodus 24.3*

*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

**The Sermon**

WHY DID CHRIST COME?  
"Christ Came to Destroy Death"

Mr. Williams 8:00  
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue at closing hymn on page six —

**\*The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

**People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-  
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**

**\*The Words of Institution** 8:00

**The Communion** 8:00

*Please come forward down the center aisle.  
Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.  
Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

*During the serving of Communion,  
you may use the following Scripture for private meditation.*

*Psalm 102.12-17*

*But You, O LORD, are enthroned forever; You are remembered throughout all generations. You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. For Your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory. For the LORD builds up Zion; He appears in His glory; He regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.*

—Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00 continue here —

***We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory***

*"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."*

*Hebrews 13.20-21*

**\*Closing Hymn No. 203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

*MENDELSSOHN*

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15.12-13

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

*"Toccata on Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"  
Mr. Howland, organ*

*Willcocks*

*\*The congregation stands.*

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## Personal Prayer and Counsel

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Romans 12.10, 12, 13*

**We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.**

## SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 15.12-26

WHY DID CHRIST COME?  
"Christ Came to Destroy Death"

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## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 16, 2012

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

#### **“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, off-spring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *(one person may read the Scripture aloud)*

**Questions for Discussion** *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. How would you describe heaven?
2. Who goes to heaven?
3. What does the Bible tell us we will do in heaven?
4. What did Jesus do so that we can go to heaven?
5. How does Christmas relate to heaven?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. Describe the sting of death.
2. How does Christ destroy death?
3. What do you think about what the Bible teaches on the bodily resurrection?
4. How does this offer you hope?

**Scripture Memory for December:** *(memorize these verses of Scripture)*

Matthew 1:20-21

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

### Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** *(say together)*