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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2021, at 10:30



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

*"Welcome one another as Christ
has welcomed you, for the glory
of God" (Romans 15:7).*

*God, who calls us into his
presence to worship, loves us
and has freed us from our sins
through the blood of Jesus Christ.*

Welcome

Introit

Light the Advent Candles

Words & Music by Mark Clark

Arr. by Brad Nix

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship

From 1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Minister: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • From the Psalter

Shout to the LORD, All Earth (Psalm 100)

DIADEMATA

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever (1 Chronicles 16:34).

† Psalter Reading

Psalm 29

Pew Bible, page 461

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Almighty God, our gracious heavenly Father, though you have loved us and lavished grace upon us by delivering us from the domain of darkness, and transferring us into the kingdom of your beloved Son, we have not responded with gratitude or walked in a manner worthy of our Lord Jesus. We have been content to bear little fruit and have been half-hearted in our devotion to you. We have not loved you as we ought, nor loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In your great mercy, forgive us and grant us the fruit of repentance. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may love you and trust you. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9).

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From 1 Peter 2:24

Minister: This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. Therefore, to all those who repent and believe the gospel, I declare your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ Pastoral Prayer



† Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #98

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

As a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), St. Paul's affirms the doctrinal standards found in the Westminster Confession of Faith, as well as in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

† Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Questions & Answers #101-103

Minister: What do we pray for in the first petition?

People: In the first petition, which is, "Hallowed be thy name," we pray, that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he makes himself known, and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

Minister: What do we pray for in the second petition?

People: In the second petition, which is, "Thy kingdom come," we pray, that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Minister: What do we pray for in the third petition?

People: In the third petition, which is, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," we pray, that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Patrick Doyle

Glo-ry be to thee our Fa-ther, Glo-ry
be to Je-sus Christ His Son, Glo-ry be to thee, Oh
Ho-ly Ghost, the bles-sed three in one! As it
was in the be-gin-ning, is now and e-ver
shall be; for-e-ver-more, world with-out end. A -
men, A - men A - men.

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

† New Testament Lesson

Philippians 1:12-18

Pew Bible, page 980

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† Prayer for Illumination

"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Zachary Cole

The Surprising Power of the Gospel



† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own we have given you" (1 Chronicles 29:14).

Giving to God & Offertory

When I Think Upon Thy Goodness

Franz Joseph Haydn
David Romaine, Soloist

*When I think upon Thy goodness and recall Thy tender care,
Then, O Lord, my heart confesseth, how great Thy bounties are.*

For Thy love, it ever floweth, like the sea, it hath no bound.

When in grief my heart was broken, then, O Lord, was mercy found.

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† Doxology #733

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



him, all crea-tures here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host, praise



Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost: O - praise him, O -



praise him, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn • Trinity Hymnal #196

HYFRYDOL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Postlude

We Plow the Fields

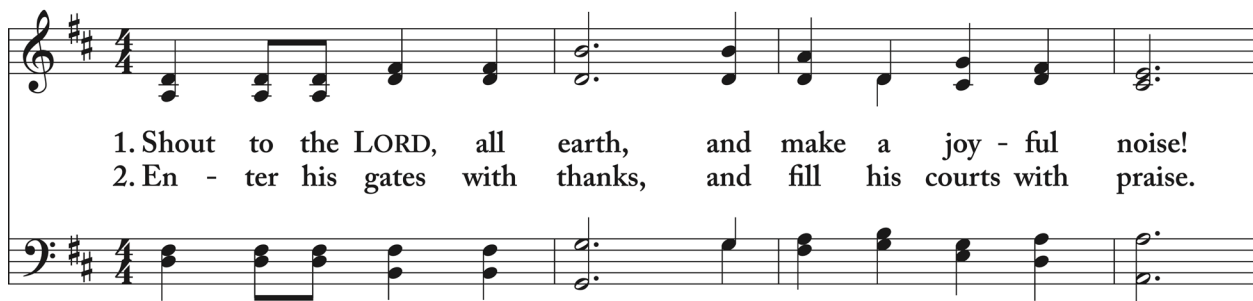
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Please take a moment to greet those around you.

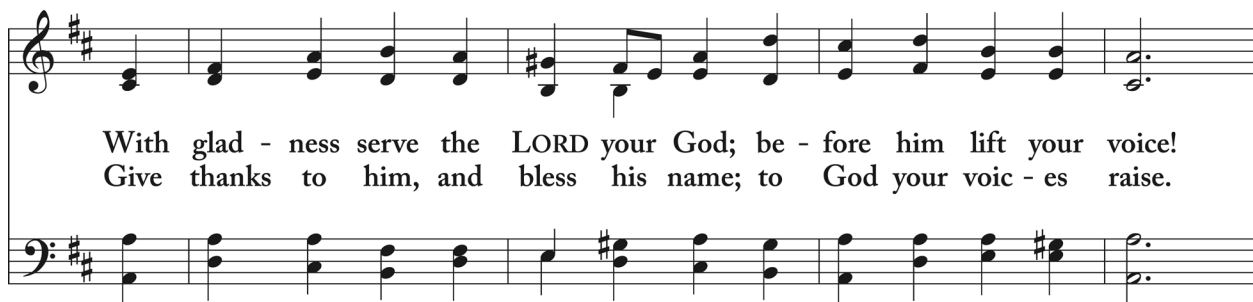
Our liturgy begins with a call to come aside from the world to worship God. It ends with a call to return to the world to pursue the mission of the Church.

Shout to the LORD, All Earth

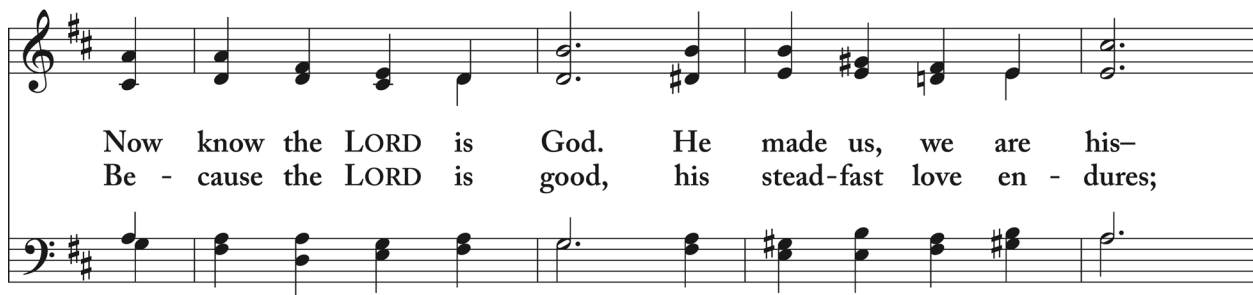
Psalm 100



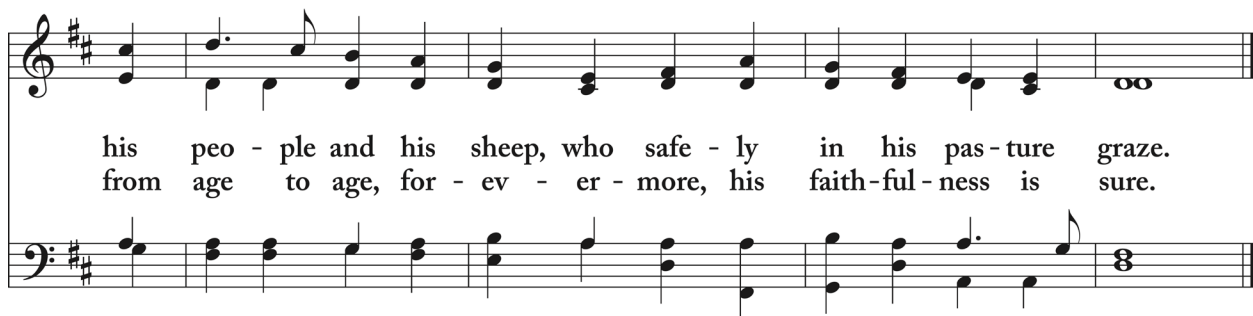
1. Shout to the LORD, all earth, and make a joy - ful noise!
2. En - ter his gates with thanks, and fill his courts with praise.



With glad - ness serve the LORD your God; be - fore him lift your voice!
Give thanks to him, and bless his name; to God your voic - es raise.



Now know the LORD is God. He made us, we are his -
Be - cause the LORD is good, his stead-fast love en - dures;



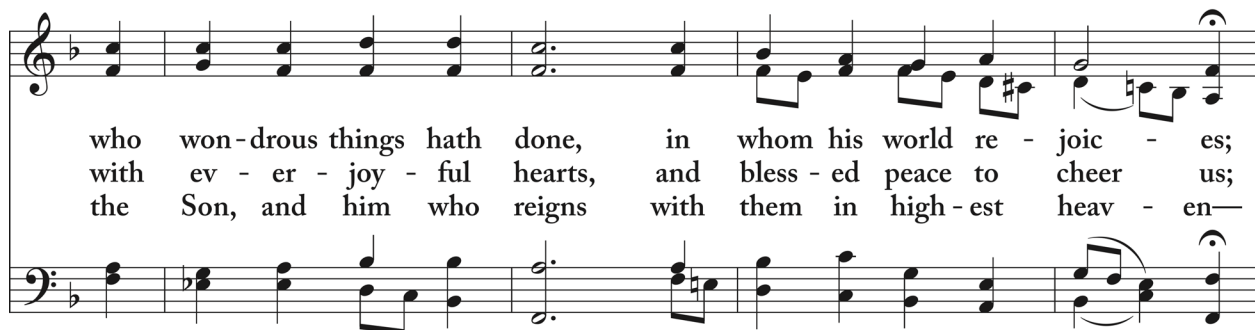
his peo - ple and his sheep, who safe - ly in his pas - ture graze.
from age to age, for - ev - er - more, his faith - ful - ness is sure.

Now Thank We All Our God

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi - ces,
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts, and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—



who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

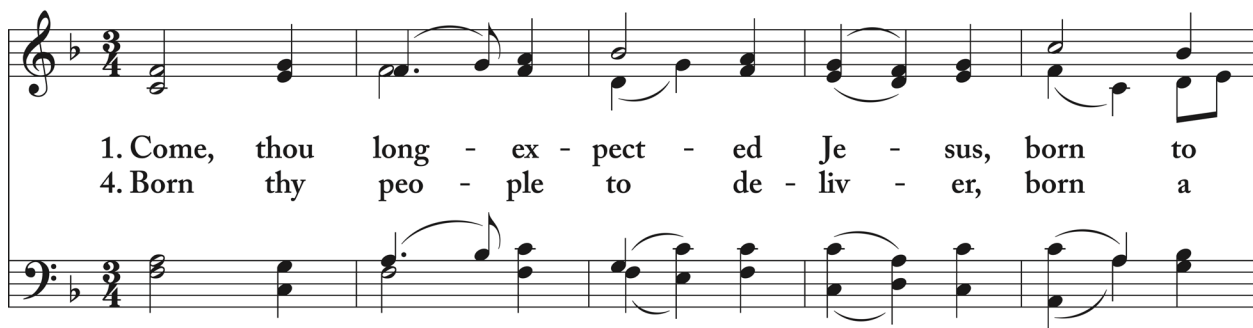


morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro -

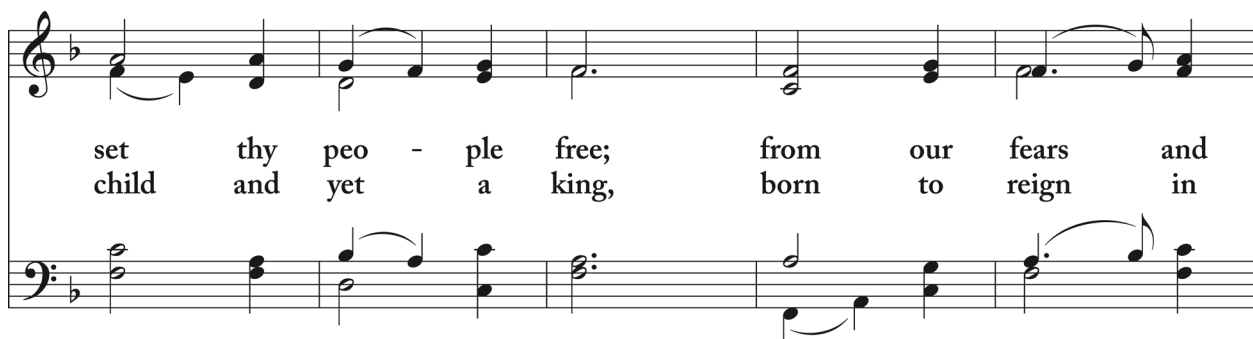
vid-ed— Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a



set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
child and yet a king, born to reign in



sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in

all the earth thou art, dear De - sire of
all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -

ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744

St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978

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HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

The Surprising Power of the Gospel

Philippians 1:12–18a | Dr. Zachary Cole

The Big Idea: As he reflects on his difficult circumstances, Paul shows us the surprising power of the gospel: even when the apostle is chained, the gospel is not. Such power demands that we make the gospel our top priority.

i. Know That the Gospel Cannot be Chained (1:12–14)

ii. Make the Gospel Your Priority (1:15–18a)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- **Sunday, November 27** Deuteronomy 30:11-20 • Psalm 71 • Ezekiel 25:15-17 • Matthew 16:1-12
- **Monday, November 28** Deuteronomy 31:1-8 • Psalm 72 • Ezekiel 26 • Matthew 16:13-28
- **Tuesday, November 29** Deuteronomy 31:9-13 • Psalm 73 • Ezekiel 27 • Matthew 17:1-13
- **Wednesday, November 30** Deuteronomy 31:14-30 • Psalm 74 • Ezekiel 28:1-19 • Matthew 17:14-27
- **Thursday, December 1** Deuteronomy 32:1-47 • Psalm 75 • Ezekiel 28:20-26 • Matthew 18:1-14
- **Friday, December 2** Deuteronomy 32:48-52 • Psalm 76 • Ezekiel 29 • Matthew 18:15-35
- **Saturday, December 3** Deuteronomy 33 • Psalm 77 • Ezekiel 30 • Matthew 19:1-12
- **Sunday, December 4** Deuteronomy 34 • Psalm 78 • Ezekiel 31 • Matthew 19:13-30

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

1. What are some things that appear to restrict the progress of the gospel, and how does God overcome these barriers?
2. How could Paul's imprisonment make others more bold in preaching the gospel?
3. What things prevent believers from speaking boldly about Christ?
4. Why does Paul say he is unconcerned with the selfish motives of the rival preachers, and how can we adopt a similar attitude?
5. Where do we see rivalry, selfish ambition, and pretense in the church today, and how does this passage give us guidance for dealing with it?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

“...for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist” (1 Corinthians 8:6).

ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.



Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

Question: Why are we so often reminded in Scripture to give thanks to the Lord?

Answer: In I Corinthians 4:7, the Apostle Paul asks “What do you have that you did not receive?” Every breath you breathe every moment of your life is a gift from God (cf. Job 33:4 and 34:14-15). It is right to express thanks to the Giver of every good gift. “Gratitude exclaims, very properly, ‘How good of God to give me this’” (C.S. Lewis). As Christians, we know God as the Giver not only of life, but of everlasting life. God has given his Son to redeem us. “Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift” (II Cor. 9:15)!

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our New Visitor Table in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,
for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives
in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel
to the ends of the earth

Children's Ministry that partners with parents to build children up in the
faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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