



Jesus said,
“Father, the hour has come;
glorify your Son
that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority
over all flesh, to give eternal life
to all whom you have given him.”

John 17:1-2

10:45 service
December 20, 2015 + 4th Sunday of Advent

Know + Be Known + Make Known

Advent

The colors at the front of the church are now purple. We change these colors to mark the seasons of the church year. These seasons are designed to help us remember the story of Jesus' life and his work for our salvation—the gospel. Purple, a color of royalty, marks the beginning of the story of the fulfillment of God's kingdom in the coming of Jesus the King, which we celebrate in the season of **Advent**. Advent means "coming." It is a four-week period before Christmas Day when the church remembers Jesus' first coming and looks forward to his coming again to finish the work of redemption he has begun.

Cover Art

"Jesus Brings Glory," Paul Reising, 2015

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Music director is Matthew Mazzoni

STANDING (IF ABLE)

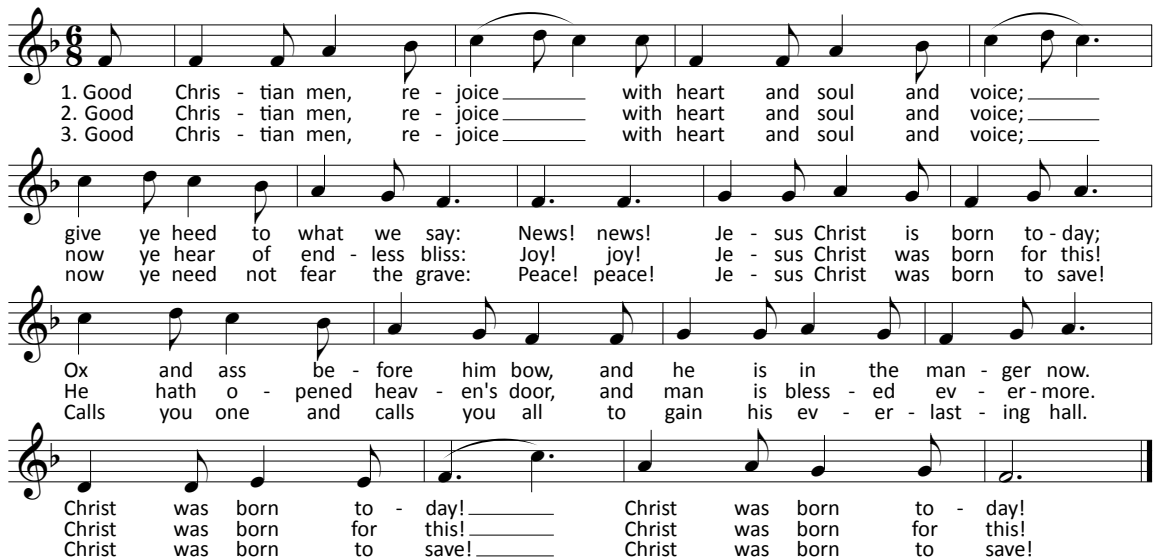
God calls us to worship

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
**All: *the Second Adam and image of God,
the true God become true man.***

Liturgist: Give glory to God in the highest through Jesus,
who is Christ the Lord!
All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Good Christian Men, Rejoice
Text: Medieval Latin carol 14th cent.
Tune: Traditional German melody 14th cent.



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: News! news! Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! peace! Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ was born to - day! Christ was born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

We pray for God to help us worship

Liturgist: Christ is coming!
**All: *He is coming indeed,
and all the earth will see the salvation of our God!***

We confess our sin

The Lindstrom Family:
Mr. Jeff, Mrs. Dawn, Alex, Maxwell, Anna, Maggie

Leader: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' (Jeremiah 33:15-16)

O come, thou Wis-dom from__ on high, and or-der all things far__ and nigh. To
us the path of knowl - edgeshow, and cause us in her ways__ to go. Re -
joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

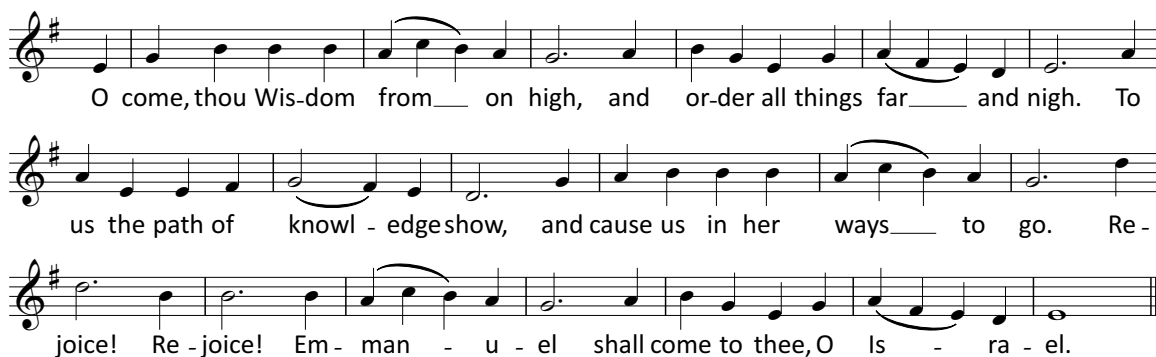
Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, our glory.
Let us confess our sin and sorrow to him with hope.

All: *Father of glory,
you have made us to reflect your glory to the world.
But our lives fail to show the world your goodness and glory.
You have called us to be in the world but not of it.
But we are too much of the world,
meekly following its evil ways.
And we are too removed from the world,
fearfully fleeing its challenges and needs.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Confession continues on the next page.

Leader: Father, set us apart from the world
so that we may serve the world with your truth and love.
Fill us with delight in your glory
so that your joy may flow from us to give the whole world hope
in the good news of Jesus.



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STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Hebrews 2:7, 9, 11

Liturgist: God created us a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned us with glory and honor in Christ, the Son of Man, because by the grace of God he suffered death for us. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!

We praise God

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley 1739; st. 1, George Whitefield 1753

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn 1840



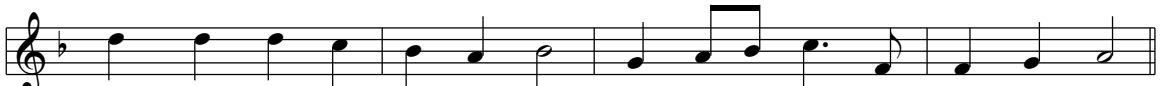
Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, — "Glo-ry to the new-born King;
Christ, by high-est heav'n a-dored; — Christ the ev-er-last-ing Lord!
Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! — Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth and mer-cy mild, — God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!"
Late in time be-hold him come, — Off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb:
Light and life to all he brings, — ris'n with heal-ing in his wings.



Joy-ful all ye na-tions rise, — join the tri-umph of the skies; —
veiled in flesh the God-head see; — hail th'in-car-nate De-i-ty, —
Mild he lays his glo-ry by, — born that man no more may die, —



with th'an-gel-ic hos-pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je-sus our Em-man-u-el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them se-cond birth.



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

John 17:1-5
(pew Bible p. 903)

God instructs us in preaching

“Jesus Came to Glorify the Father”

Rev. Bob Hopper

*Sermon discussion questions are available in paper copies at the main Hanley Road entrance and on the table outside the Choir Room **and** also online at www.centralpres.com as sermon “Notes.”*

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts 1719
Tune: G. F. Handel 1742

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King!
2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ!
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove

Let every heart pre-prepare him room, and heav'n and na-ture sing,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re-peat the sound-ing joy,
He comes to make his ble-sings flow far as the curse is found,
the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness, and won-ders of his love,

and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na-ture sing.
re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
and won-ders of his love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

We praise God

The Song of Zechariah

Text: Luke 1:68-79; trans. Carl Daw 1989, © 1989 Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: Traditional English melody



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all,
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the pro - phets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Advent/Christmas Doxology

Music: Traditional French melody

Praise the Lord, the com - ing King. All his saints, his glo - ry sing.
Praise God all you heav'n - ly host, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - - - - - ri a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

Would you like to pray with someone?

If you would like someone to pray for you about any needs you have,
we invite you to go to the Prayer Room,
which you can reach by exiting through the door by the pulpit
and turning left at the bottom of the steps.

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