



December 26, 2021 | *Christmastide*

**At Home Bulletin**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

**And let us exalt his name together!**

*Psalm 34:1-3*

**INVOCATION\***

**SONGS OF PRAISE\***

***Angels We Have Heard on High***

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? *(refrain)*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;

come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *(refrain)*

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***Good Christian Men, Rejoice***

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;

earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;

now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;

now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

**Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,**

**the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,**

**our secret and our whispering sins,**

**our presumptuous and our careless sins,**

**the sins we have done to please ourselves,**

**and the sins we have done to please others.**

Forgive us the sins that we know,

and the sins that we know not.

**Forgive them, O Lord,**

**forgive them all because of your great goodness**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to  
Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is  
pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all  
her sins.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is Jesus Christ?

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.**

What has Christ done?

**All things were created through him and for him.  
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the Church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Why should we follow Christ?

**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.  
After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

*-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

#### PRAYER

**Our Father who art 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 evil:  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION \*

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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!"

Refrain:

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, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. (*refrain*)

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. (*refrain*)

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## SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:5-10

*Pew Bible p.619*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Walking in the Light”

Pastor Ian Hard

Shining light on...

1. The truth of who God is

2. The truth of who we are

3. The true foundation for fellowship with God

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

#### ***Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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### **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking  
Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the  
physical presence of the body of Christ*

### **HYMN OF SENDING**

#### ***Go, Tell it on the Mountain***

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger  
our humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

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### **BENEDICTION\***