

December 28, 2025 At Home Bulletin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;

in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:
'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations."

Let the heavens praise your wonders,

O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?

O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?

Psalm 89:1-8

INVOCATION

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. (*refrain*)

"Fear not, then," said the angel, let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." (refrain)

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind: and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. (*refrain*) Public Domain

His Name is Wonderful

Chorus

His name is Wonderful His name is Wonderful His name is Wonderful Jesus my Lord He is the mighty King Master of everything His name is Wonderful Jesus my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He Bow down before Him love and adore Him His name is Wonderful Jesus my Lord.

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Psalm 122

Tune: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:18-20*

O Lord, we are your children, adopted by grace and made heirs through Christ.

But we are discontent to be children and seek to be masters.

We are unwilling to live in dependence upon Christ.

We have been ashamed to confess that our hope is in a crucified savior.

Hear us as we confess our sin.

We confuse cynicism with maturity, and glorify ambition over humility. We confess that we have allowed our thoughts and words to tear down, instead of building a household of faith knit together in love.

Lord, we have fed on poisoned food and drunk from polluted wells.

Tear down the walls to dependence on you.

May our hunger be solely for Christ, in whom is true nourishment.

Help us to be a holy priesthood, offering our lives in sacrifice to you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christian, how does our story begin?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made, in him was life and the life was the light of men.

Did the Word remain in Heaven with God?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Who is the Word?

The Word is Jesus Christ, and though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Why did Christ do this?

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. He was buried, and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

-Adapted from John 1, Philippians 2, 1 Corinthians 15

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 62:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A New Name"

Pastor Ian Hard

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 Public Domain

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all; go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: A New Name