

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Luke 1:68-72

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.

**People: And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.**

Leader: As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.

**People: That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

**Chorus**

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"  
Chorus

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
Chorus  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord!

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

## O Holy Night (Hear the Gospel Story)

1. O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

2. Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature,  
Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.  
True Son of God, yet bearing human feature,  
He entered earth to reverse Adam's fall.  
In towering grace, He laid aside His glory,  
And in our place, was sacrificed for sin.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

3. Come then to Him Who lies within the manger,  
With joyful shepherds, proclaim Him as Lord.  
Let not the Promised Son remain a stranger;  
In reverent worship, make Christ your Adored.  
Eternal life is theirs who will receive Him;  
With grace and peace, their lives He will adorn.  
Fall on your knees! Receive the Gift of heaven!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, not one of us is better than the rest. Each of us is inclined to live for the desires of our sinful nature. We all alike are dead in our trespasses and sins, and without hope apart from Christ. And, though now alive in him, we find ourselves easily deceived in the face of temptation, lured once again to live for ourselves, without thought of loving you or loving others. Yet you remain gracious and use even our deepest sins to remind us of our desperate need for Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. 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.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and cattle 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.

## What Child is This?

3. 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.

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### SCRIPTURE READING     Luke 1:46-56

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>     and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

## SERMON

“The Sound of Joy”  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## SONG OF RESPONSE

## Go Tell it on the Mountain

### Chorus

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens,  
There shone a holy light.  
Chorus

2. The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.  
Chorus

3. Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation,  
That blessed Christmas morn.  
Chorus

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## BENEDICTION

## DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and  
Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## POSTLUDE

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