

Order of worship

December 27, 2020



Prelude

O Come, Let Us Adore Him with He is Exalted
arranged by Carol Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise the One who spoke and made everything!

Let the rivers ripple with joy; let the mountains stomp their feet.

Praise the One who adopts all of us as children!

Let old folks tell familiar stories; let little children swim with dolphins.

Praise God!

We will sing of God's glory; we will shout our joy to the heavens.

Opening prayer

Creation's Father:

Of all that you created and love, you choose us to be your children; of all the places you could love, you make us holy by your Spirit's presence; of all that you could offer to us, you have given us Jesus.

Destiny's Child:

You came to clothe us in salvation's finery; you amazed the wisest with your humility; you know all the thoughts we dare not share with anyone.

Spirit of Abba:

As we celebrate a Birth, be born in us each day; as we sing God's praises, whisper the good news to our ears; as we seek to be faithful to our calling, lead us into the kingdom waiting for us.

Hear our prayer this day in Your name;

Amen

Hymn #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Confession

It is easy to become slaves to our passions, it is harder to live as God's children. Let us confess the easy choices we have made, so God can strengthen us to be faithful sisters and brothers of Christ.

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Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Abba God: we know that given the chance, we rarely praise others. We are guided more by meanness than by your gentleness. And we are seldom wise enough to listen to your voice, preferring instead the sweet, sweet songs of sin. Forgive us, Heart of Heaven. Touch those inner places of hope and joy that they might become the gifts we can offer to those around us, as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news, the time is now; the place is here: God has redeemed us from sin; God has claimed us as the children of Hope. Eternity is our home. Thanks be to God.

Praise God, all people, for life is given to us anew; eternity is our home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Old Testament lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Gospel reading

Luke 2:22-40

Message

New Beginnings

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Benediction:

Song of Simeon Hymn #603

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child is long foretold.
This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light.
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, arr. by Anna Laura Page

*Liturgy in this service from "Where The Broken Gather" by Thom M. Shuman

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AV System Help

Would you like to volunteer to learn how to use the camera and the AV system to stream the service? Bill Martz will be doing some training soon for anyone that is interested. There may also be opportunities to provide pre-recorded music and other content for the service. Anyone interested can contact Bill for further details, williamlmartz1@gmail.com or 585-953-6854.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Your Deacons will be hosting virtual coffee hour via **ZOOM** each Sunday immediately after worship at **11:10am**. The link to join is included in your email and is the same each week. This week's topic is: Share a favorite childhood Christmas memory! Please refill your coffee and join us!

In-Person Sunday morning Worship

We will be welcoming you to in-person worship in the sanctuary each Sunday at **10am**. Details about our safety plan, registration, and participant expectations were sent via email and can be found on our website. This will be limited, so **register early for your space**. Google form to register will be sent by email each week. Please plan to arrive to the building about 15 minutes before the start of worship.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday December 27th

10 am Worship Service (in-person & YouTube/Facebook Live)*

Sunday January 3rd

10 am Worship Service (in-person & YouTube/Facebook Live)*

***Please pre-register to all in-person events, email Courtney in the office at office@victorpres.org if you have any questions.**



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