



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the Gospel that we proclaim.

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.



A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarrassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

We do understand, however, that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families. Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a **cry room** if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an **overflow room** with a live-stream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Lastly, we have a **nursery** downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and trained.

Order of Worship

Preparation

We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.

Preparatory Thought.....

“Our belief of the Scriptures to be the word of God, or a divine revelation, and our understanding of the mind and will of God as revealed in them, are the two springs of all our interest in Christian religion. From them are all those streams of light and truth derived whereby our souls are watered, refreshed, and made fruitful to God.” (John Owen)

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

God's people come because he first calls them. We open our services this way as a reminder that it is God himself who is calling us into his presence this morning.

Call to Worship*.....*Psalm 105:1-5*

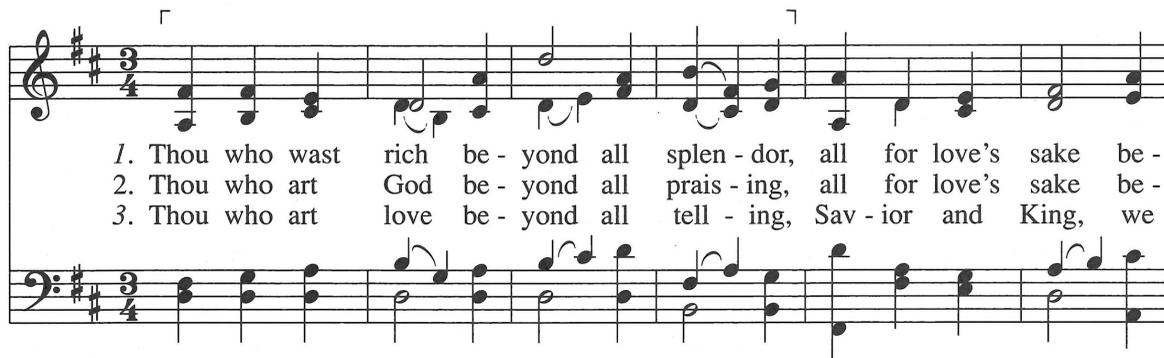
Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Prayer of Adoration*.....

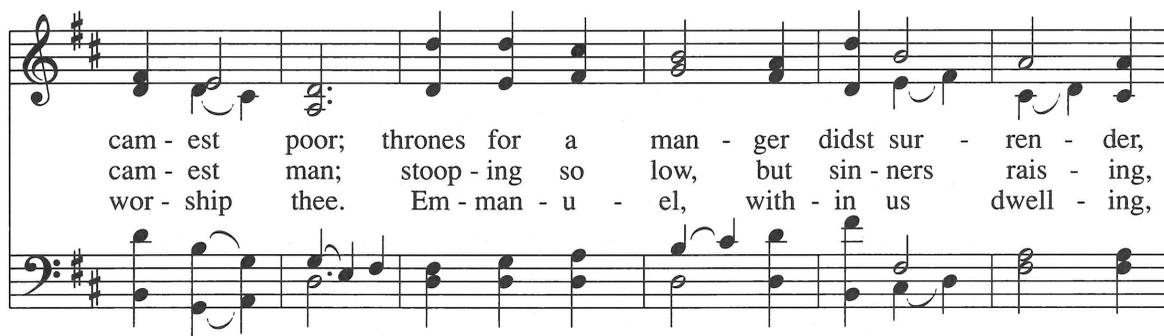
Hymn #230*.....*Thou Who Wast Rich, Beyond All Splendor*

*please stand if able

Thou Who Wast Rich, Beyond All Splendor



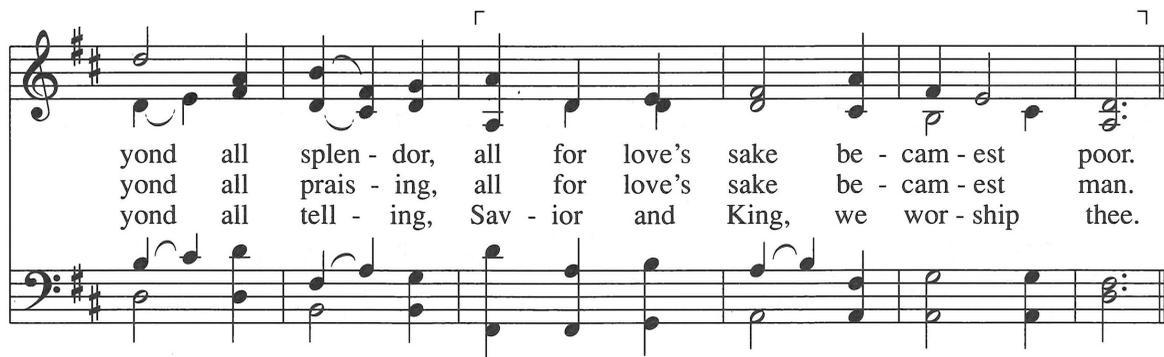
1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we



cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -
make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -



yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

The Word of God is always sufficient to do the work of God. Therefore, each week we continue the practice of God's people listening to the public reading of scripture.

While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has been pardoned.

If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.

Renewal

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....*Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.573)*

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....*Hebrews 9:13-14*

Leader: For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Offering/Hymn #229.....*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Congregational Prayer.....

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth, wise men sought and found him;
3. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics for three different verses. The lyrics are: 1. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; 2. Angels sang about his birth, wise men sought and found him; 3. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger.

there he lay, the Un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
he is still the Un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: there he lay, the Un-de-filed, to the world a stranger. heav-en's star shone bright-ly forth, glo-ry all a-round him. he is still the Un-de-filed, but no more a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav-ior? Shep-herds saw the won-drous sight, heard the an-gels sing-ing; Son of God of hum-ble birth, beau-ti-ful the sto-ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring - ing.
praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glo - ry!

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa-vor. all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring-ing. praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glo-ry!

Proclamation

Song**Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

*"Mary's Magnificat"
Luke 1:46-56 (p.856)*

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper.....

Hymn #218*.....*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Benediction*.....

Postlude.....

*Each week, we preach, verse
by verse through books of the
Bible so that we are
instructed by the full counsel
of God, rather than whatever
the preacher deems most
important.*

*We celebrate the Lord's
Supper every week trusting
that our Lord is truly,
spiritually present
nourishing His people. If you
are a member of a local
church, have been baptized,
and believe that you are
saved by grace through faith,
then we welcome you to
participate with us.*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King;
2. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
3. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree,
4. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



He the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
but no grave could e'er re - strain him, praise the Lord, he is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come;
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man;
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold;
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope;



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in him we stand.
bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be, when he comes.



Sermon Outline

"Mary's Magnificat"

Luke 1:46–56 (p.856)

Big Idea—*The Christian soul is a singing soul whose song overturns the world.*

Introduction: The Loss of Christmas Caroling

When Two Mothers and Two Sons Meet

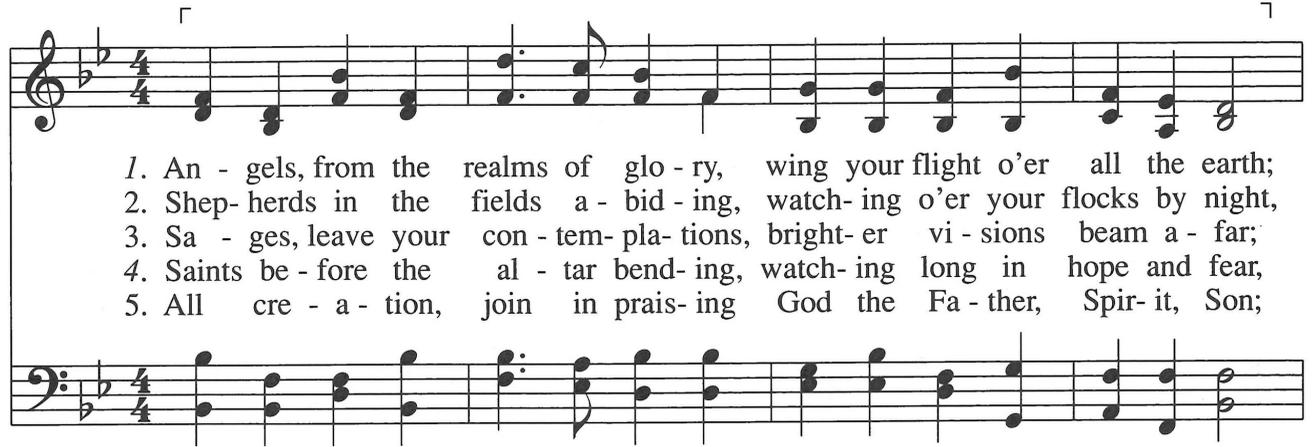
Learning from Mary

- 1. Mary sings.*
- 2. Mary sings the Bible.*
- 3. Mary sings about God's character.*
- 4. Mary sings about God's way of salvation.*
- 5. Mary sings with joy.*
- 6. Mary sings with faith.*

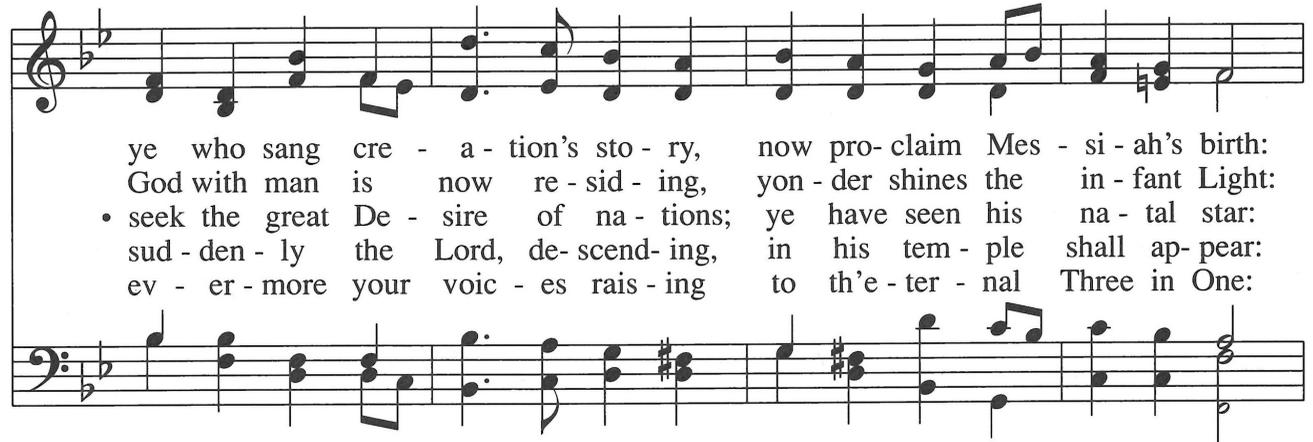
Conclusion: The Song that Overturns the World

Sermon Notes

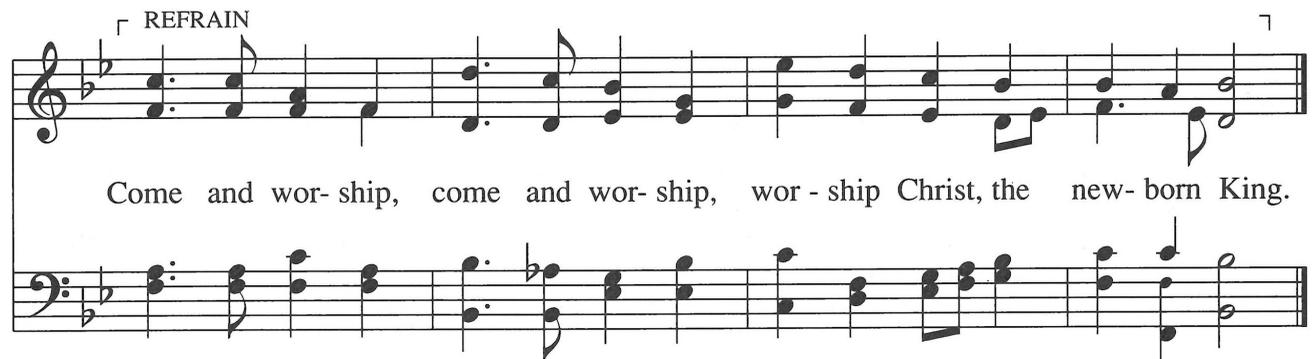
Angels From the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



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Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Announcements

- We will be hosting a joint **Christmas Eve service** with Community OPC at **7:00pm**
- **Presbytery middle school retreat** on 1/13-15 and **high school** on 2/3-5, will be held at Cran Hill Ranch. Contact Ryan Potter for more information if interested.

Financials

- Total Giving through Oct. (\$203,042)
- Total Expenses through Oct. (\$199,927)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$37,784)

Get Involved

- Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other Bible and faith questions you may have.
- **Fellowship groups** meet every other week. Please contact Pastor Ryan if interested.
- **Senior and Junior High** students are invited to attend our weekly catechism class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening time slots.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** practices every Tuesday at 7pm.